

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

**NOTICE OF THE THIRTEENTH SITTING OF THE 2001 SESSION  
TO BE HELD IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, THE RED HOUSE, PORT OF SPAIN,  
ON MONDAY MAY 14, 2001 AT 1:30 P.M.**

**ORDER PAPER**

- (a) PRAYERS
- (b) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE OF A NEW MEMBER
- (c) ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER
- (d) BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE
- (e) PETITIONS
- (f) PAPERS
- (g) PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES
- (h) QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

**Questions for Oral Answer**

**\* Question No. 7 to the Hon. Minister of Transport**

*(By the Member for Diego Martin West)*

- (a) Has the Government or any of its agencies entered into a maintenance contract with any person or company for the supply of such services to be carried out on the recently constructed airport terminal building?
- (b) If the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, could the Minister:
  - i. identify the company which received the contract;
  - ii. state the total sum of the contract and the period covered;
  - iii. explain the process used to select the company or person and the date on which the contract was entered into?

**\* Question No. 13 to the Hon. Minister of Infrastructure Development and Local Government**

*(By the Member for Diego Martin East)*

- (a) Would the Minister state the original August 2000 budget for the national road-paving exercise now in progress?

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- Questions deferred for one (1) week on 07.05.01

- (b) Would the Minister state the revised budget, as of March 2001?
- (c) Would the Minister explain why the budget has increased?

**\* Question No. 14 to the Hon. Minister of Infrastructure Development and Local Government**

*(By the Member for Diego Martin East)*

- (a) Would the Minister state what steps he is taking to correct poor workmanship in road-paving work being carried out by his Ministry or other agencies on behalf of his Ministry, including problems with inadequate compaction, rough surfaces and the use of sub-standard materials by contractors?
- (b) Would the Minister state why road-paving work is being done on roads where there is a history of leaking water mains and old and encrusted water supply pipelines, without first repairing or replacing these water lines?

**\* Question No. 17 to the Hon. Minister of the Environment**

*(By the Member for Laventille East/Morvant)*

- (a) Would the Minister kindly indicate whether the Environmental Management Agency (EMA) has investigated and designated categories of circumstances involving accidental spills or other releases of pollutants, or hazardous substances which present risk in accordance with the dictates of S61 (1) of the Environmental Management Act, 1995?
- (b) If the answer to (a) is negative, would the Minister indicate exactly why the EMA has not complied with this aspect of law?
- (c) If the answer to (a) is affirmative, would the Minister say whether ammonia is one of the substances so designated?
- (d)
  - (i) If the answer to (c) is in the affirmative, would the Minister state whether any person or persons in charge of ammonia at the Point Lisas Industrial Development Estate or the Management at PLIPDECO notified the EMA of any ammonia spill on January 01, 2001?
  - (ii) If so, would the Minister give a brief description of the release or spill of ammonia at the Pt. Lisas Estate on the date as at (d)(i); and
  - (iii) Would the Honourable Minister give an assessment of the damage or risk to human health and describe the response measures taken in respect of the spill at (d) (i) above?

**Question No. 18 to the Hon. Minister of National Security**

*(By the Member for Laventille East/Morvant)*

- (a) Would the Minister kindly indicate whether arrangements were in fact made within the State's penal institutions to permit categories of persons who were incarcerated, but eligible to vote in the last General Elections, to do so?
- (b) If the answer is affirmative, could the Minister state whether such eligible persons at (a) in fact voted?
- (c) If the answer is negative, could the Minister indicate the reasons why this important constitutional, legal and moral right was denied to those who were so eligible?

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

**\*Question No. 12 to the Hon. Minister of Infrastructure Development and Local Government**

*(By the Member for Diego Martin East)*

Would the Minister give details of all contracts awarded in the water sector by the Ministry of Public Utilities, the Ministry of Infrastructure, WASA, or any other State Agency, Authority or Corporation for construction work and/or supply and installation of plant and equipment, including pipe lines, storage reservoirs and water treatment facilities, in excess of \$1 million for the years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001 to date, including the nature of the work, the names of the contractors, the location of the work, the amount of the contracts, and the date of awards?

- (i) REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE
- (j) STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS
- (k) PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS
- (l) INTRODUCTION OF BILLS
- (m) MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE AND MOVED BY A MINISTER OR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY
- (n) PUBLIC BUSINESS

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

### Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** it is *inter alia* provided by subsection (1) of section 3 of the Guarantee of Loans (Companies Act, Chap. 71.82 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the government may, in such manner and on such terms and subject to such conditions as may be agreed between it and a Lending Agency, guarantee the discharge by a Company of its obligations under any agreement which may be entered into the Company with a Lending Agency in respect of any borrowing by that Company that is authorised by the Government:

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by subsection (1) of section 4 of the Act, that the aggregate amount of all borrowings by Companies that are guaranteed by the Government under the Act, shall not exceed fifty million dollars (without taking into account any amount in respect of interest, commissions and any other expenses secured by the guarantees) or such greater sum as may from time to time be specified by Resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives:

**AND WHEREAS** by Resolution passed in the House of Representatives on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1979 and in the Senate on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 1979 an aggregate sum of five thousand million dollars was specified:

**AND WHEREAS** it is now necessary to increase the aggregate amount of all borrowings by Companies that are guaranteed by the Government under the Act by a further sum of five thousand million dollars:

### **BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the aggregate amount of all borrowings by Companies that are guaranteed by the Government under the Act shall not exceed ten thousand million dollars.

*(By the Minister of Finance)*

### Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled, ‘An Act respecting the safety, health and welfare of persons at work’.  
*(By the Minister of Labour, Manpower Development and Industrial Relations)*
2. A Bill entitled, ‘An Act to amend the Airports Authority Act, Chap. 49:02 and for matters incidental thereto’.  
*(By the Minister of Transport)*
3. A Bill entitled, ‘An Act to amend the Immigration (Caribbean Community Skilled Nationals) Act, 1996’.

*(By the Minister of Enterprise Development, Foreign Affairs and Tourism)*

4. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Constitution of Trinidad and Tobago'.  
(*By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs*)
5. A Bill entitled, 'An Act for the regulation of telecommunications in Trinidad and Tobago'.  
(*By the Minister of Communications and Information Technology*)

### PRIVATE BUSINESS

#### Motions:

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Friday March 23, 2001 will be resumed:**

**WHEREAS** under the Constitution, the people of Trinidad and Tobago have asserted their belief in a democratic society; and

**WHEREAS** the Elections and Boundaries Commission (**EBC**) and an accurate and acceptable Voters List are essential ingredients of the democratic system required for the conduct of free and fair elections; and

**WHEREAS**, following the recent elections, there is considerable disquiet and anxiety in the country with respect to the role of the **EBC** and the state of the Voters List which was utilised during the General Elections of December 11<sup>th</sup> 2000:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House call on the relevant authorities to take steps to review by way of a **Public Commission of Enquiry**, all the actions of the **EBC** in the preparation of the Preliminary and Final Voters Lists which were used on December 11<sup>th</sup> 2000:

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this House agree that the Government provide, through supplementary allocation, all the necessary financial and other resources to effect an immediate, comprehensive, nationwide voter registration exercise, inclusive of a new voter identification system:

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this exercise be completed in the shortest possible time with a view to having improved procedures and a revised Voters List available well before any other national election becomes due in Trinidad and Tobago.

(*By the Member for Diego Martin West*)

**J. SAMPSON-JACENT  
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