



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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**TWELFTH SITTING, FIRST SESSION (2002/2003), EIGHTH PARLIAMENT
FRIDAY JANUARY 24, 2003 AT 2.00 P.M.**

- (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. 13 to the Honourable Minister of Community Development and Gender Affairs**

(By the Member for Chaguanas)

- (a) Could the Minister of Community Development and Gender Affairs indicate to this House what was the Budgetary Allocation for the CARE project for financial year 2001-2002?
- (b) Could the Minister outline the procedure to access the programme, and indicate how applications are processed and under what authority?
- (c) Could the Minister submit a list of the recipients of CARE subventions for year 2001-2002, the amount paid and for what projects?
- (i) REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE
- (j) STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

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- Question No. 13 was deferred on 17.01.2003

- (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

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motion:

1. **WHEREAS** more that twenty-six years elapsed since the coming into operation of our Republican Constitution (1976); and

WHEREAS during the said twenty-six years many circumstances have arisen highlighting deficiencies in the Constitution and calling into question the adequacy and/or relevance of many of the provisions thereof; and

WHEREAS there is urgent need to redress the inequity and divisiveness inherent in our first-past-the-post electoral system in a plural society such as ours and which have manifestly militated against the development of a truly cohesive and inclusive society; and

WHEREAS to date there have been several previous Constitution Commissions which have already reported on constitutional reform; and

WHEREAS there have been widespread public calls for constitutional reform to include *inter alia*, electoral reform, political reform and parliamentary reform;

BE IT RESOLVED that a Joint Select Committee of Parliament be established to make recommendations for urgent reform of the Constitution of Trinidad and Tobago;

AND BE IT RESOLVED that a non-partisan technical team be established by government in consultation with the Opposition to assist the Joint Select Committee;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Joint Select Committee report to Parliament within one year of its first sitting.

(By the Member for Siparia)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**Bills Second Reading:**

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Freedom of Information Act, 1999”.
(By the Attorney General)
2. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Income Tax Act, Chap. 75:01”.
(By the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance)
3. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Children’s Authority Act, 2000”.
(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)
4. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Adoption of Children Act, 2002”.
(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)
5. A Bill entitled, “An Act to validate certain leases of State lands registered under the Real Property Ordinance Ch. 27 No. 11 and certain leases of State lands registered under the Registration of Deeds Act, Chap. 19:06 and for matters related thereto”.
(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources)
6. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the State Lands Act, Chap. 57:01”.
(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources)
7. A Bill entitled, “An Act to re-enact the Rent Restriction Act, Chap. 59:50 and to validate things done thereunder”.
(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)
8. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Constitution by providing for the establishment of a Police Management Authority, and for other related matters”.
(By the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance)
9. A Bill entitled, “An Act to make provision for the efficient management of the Police Service, to consolidate, amend and revise the law relating to the Police Service and for other related matters”.
(By the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance)

10. A Bill entitled, “An Act to establish an independent body to investigate criminal offences involving police officers, police corruption and serious police misconduct and for other related matters”.

(By the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance)

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