



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
ORDER PAPER

EIGHTEENTH SITTING, FIRST SESSION (2002/2003), EIGHTH PARLIAMENT
FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2003 AT 1.30 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
 - 1. Annual Audited Financial Statements of Taurus Services Limited for the Financial year ended September 30, 2001.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
- (g) PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES
- (h) QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN THE APPENDIX

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

***Question No. 24 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment**

(By the Member for Caroni East)

- (a) Would the Minister indicate whether any legal matters were settled by WASA during the period December 2001 to January 2003?
- (b) If so, could he state the terms and conditions of each settlement?

* Question No. 24 was deferred for 1 week on 14.03.2003.

Question No. 38 to the Honourable Minister of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education

(By the Member for Caroni East)

Could the Minister indicate whether students having been admitted to Institutions of Higher Learning will be able to access the Dollar for Dollar plan for Higher Education for the academic year September 2003 to 2004?

Question No. 39 to the Honourable Minister of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education

(By the Member for Caroni East)

Could the Minister indicate the status of the planned Accreditation Commission?

Question No. 40 to the Honourable Minister of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education

(By the Member for Caroni East)

Could the Minister indicate the status of the draft policy report on Science and Technology in Trinidad and Tobago?

Question No. 59 to the Honourable Minister of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development

(By the Member for Naparima)

- (a) Is the Minister aware that the contract of the Registrar of Friendly Societies expired in January 2002?
- (b) Could the Minister advise this House on the mechanisms that are in place to have a Registrar appointed so that there could be continuity of service in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of the Friendly Societies Act, Chapter 32:50?

Question No. 60 to the Honourable Minister of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development

(By the Member for Naparima)

- (a) Could the Minister advise this House on the present status of the appointment of the Advisory Friendly Societies Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 102 of the Friendly Societies Act, Chapter 32:50?
- (b) Could the Minister state how are the functions of that body administered currently in the absence of an Advisory Council?

Question No. 61 to the Honourable Minister of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development

(By the Member for Naparima)

Is the Minister aware that Friendly Societies have not received their free card subsidies for the last two (2) years and could the Minister state the reasons for this?

- (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

Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act to provide for the punishment of Kidnapping for ransom and other related offences and for matters incidental thereto”.
(By the Minister of National Security)
2. 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)
3. 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)
4. 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)

Committee Stage:

1. **The Committee Stage of the following Bill which was adjourned on Friday March 14, 2003 will be resumed:**
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)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Friday March 07, 2003 will be resumed:**

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 mandated to receive and consider comments from the public on constitutional reform:

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)

2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives be referred to the Standing Orders Committee for consideration and report.

(By the Member for Diego Martin Central)

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Clerk of the House*

*House of Representatives' Secretariat
The Red House
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ORDER PAPER/MARCH 21, 2003**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER***** Question No. 22 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment**

(By the Member for Caroni East)

Would the Minister indicate the monthly revenue and expenditure of WASA from December 2001 to January 2003?

(Answer due by 15.02.2003)

*** Question No. 27 to the Honourable Minister of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development**

(By the Member for Nariva)

Would the Minister submit, in writing, a list of the names of persons who secured loans from the National Entrepreneurial Development Company (NEDCO) and state the amount of money loaned to each recipient?

(Answer due by 15.02.2003)

*** Question No. 49 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport**

(By the Member for Chaguanas)

- (a) Would the Minister submit to this House the list of Community Centres and Complexes to be built in fiscal year 2003?
- (b) Would the Minister indicate the dates of commencement of construction and the cost of each such community facility to be built?

(Answer due by 25.02.2003)

Question No. 58 to the Honourable Minister of Housing

(By the member for Naparima)

- (a) Could the Minister provide this House with a detailed list of the names of all contract workers under his Ministry and its Statutory Agencies whose services were terminated prematurely between January 2001 to date and indicate by whom they were replaced?
- (b) Could the Minister provide a list of the names of persons whose contract ended during the said period, indicating by whom were they replaced and what criteria were used in the recruitment process?

* Questions Nos. 22,27 and 49 deferred for one (1) week on 14.03.2003

- (c) Would the Minister inform this House of all the new positions that were created from January 2001 to date in his Ministry and its Statutory Agencies, and the names of persons who were appointed and their qualifications?

(Answer due by 17.03.2003)

Question No. 66 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment

(By the Member for Caroni East)

Could the Minister inform this House of the following:

- i. The names and addresses of all the contractors who were awarded Contracts by WASA for the period January 2002 to December 2003?
- ii. The payments made or to be made to each contractor?
- iii. The scope of works and location of each Contract?
- iv. Whether or not these Contracts were awarded in conformity with WASA's Tendering Rules and Procedure?

(Answer due by 28.03.2003)

Question No. 67 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment

(By the Member for Caroni East)

Could the Minister inform this House of the following:

- i. The names, addresses, salaries, benefits and positions of all the persons employed by WASA, whether contractually or on a permanent or temporary basis from December 24th, 2001 to January 31st, 2003?
- ii. The names, addresses and salaries of all trainees employed by WASA from December 24th, 2001 to January 31st, 2003?

(Answer due by 28.03.2003)

Question No. 68 to the Honourable Minister of Community Development and Gender Affairs

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Could the Minister furnish this House with a list of:

- (a) all projects funded in full or part by the National Commission for Self-Help Limited (NCSH) in 2002 including the addresses of these projects and amount of monies granted?
- (b) the names of suppliers of goods and services to the NCSH and the amounts of monies paid to these suppliers in 2002?

- (c) the names of contractors employed by the NCSH, indicating the jobs done, addresses and the amount of monies paid to these contractors in 2002?

(Answer due by 09.04.2003)

Question No. 69 to the Honourable Minister of Public Administration and Information

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Could the Minister:

- (a) Provide a list of the names of all recipients of scholarships in 2002, the value of each scholarship and the place of study?
- (b) State in detail the criteria employed in awarding these scholarships?
- (c) Provide a list of the names of applicants who were unsuccessful in obtaining scholarships and the reasons which guided the decision?

(Answer due by 09.04.2003)

Question No. 70 to the Honourable Minister of Energy and Energy Industries

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Could the Minister provide this House with a list of all motor vehicles, by registration number, that were sold by the National Petroleum Company Limited in 2002, indicating the names of the persons to whom sold and amounts paid?

(Answer due by 09.04.2003)

Question No. 71 to the Honourable Minister of Energy and Energy Industries

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Could the Minister provide a list of all donations/sponsorship granted by National Petroleum Company Limited in 2002, detailing the names of recipients and amounts given?

(Answer due by 09.04.2003)

Question No. 72 to the Honourable Minister of Energy and Energy Industries

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Could the Minister furnish a list of the providers/suppliers of all vehicles rented by the National Petroleum Company Limited and amounts paid for each such rented vehicle in 2002?

(Answer due by 09.04.2003)

Question No. 73 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Could the Minister provide a list of the names of all suppliers of goods and services to CEPEP in 2002, detailing monies paid to each supplier and the criteria employed in awarding these contracts?

(Answer due by 09.04.2003)

Question No. 74 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Could the Minister furnish this House with a list of the addresses and cost of each project done by CEPEP in 2002?

(Answer due by 09.04.2003)

Question No. 75 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Could the Minister also provide a list of the names of the providers of all vehicles rented and/or bought by CEPEP in 2002, detailing the cost of each?

(Answer due by 09.04.2003)

Question No. 76 to the Honourable Minister of Local Government

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Could the Minister also provide a list of the names of the providers of all vehicles rented and/or bought by CEPEP in 2002, detailing the cost of each?

(Answer due by 09.04.2003)

Question No. 77 to the Honourable Minister of Local Government

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Could the Minister provide a detailed list of suppliers of goods and services and amounts bought from each supplier for URP in 2002?

(Answer due by 09.04.2003)

Question No. 78 to the Honourable Minister of Local Government

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Could the Minister furnish this House with a list of the motor vehicles rented in 2002 for URP, the names of suppliers and amounts paid and owing to each supplier for 2002?

(Answer due by 09.04.2003)

Question No. 79 to the Honourable Minister of Planning and Development*(By the Member for Fyzabad)*

Could the Minister furnish this House with a list of:

- (a) all Consultants/Advisors employed and/or contracted by the Government in 2002 indicating the original contract sum as well as the actual amount of monies paid to these Consultants/Advisors?
- (b) the procedures employed in the hiring and/or contracting of Consultants/Advisors?

(Answer due by 09.04.2003)**Question No. 81 to the Honourable Minister of Culture and Gender Affairs***(By the Member for Caroni East)*

Could the Minister inform this House of the following:

- (i) the groups and organisations funded by the Government for carnival 2003?
- (ii) the quantum of funds allocated to each group or organisation, their addresses and their principals?

(Answer due by 09.04.2003)**Question No. 82 to the Honourable Minister of Planning and Development***(By the Member for Caroni East)*

- (a) Could the Minister inform this House whether negotiations are currently being undertaken by the Government with the following multi-lateral funding organisations:
 - (i) The World Bank;
 - (ii) The Inter American Development Bank (IADB);
 - (iii) The European Investment Bank;
 - (iv) The Caribbean Development Bank;
- (b) If the answer to (a) is in the affirmative could the Minister state the quantum and purpose of the loans or proposed loans?

(Answer due by 09.04.2003)**Question No. 83 to the Honourable Minister of Culture and Gender Affairs***(By the Member for Caroni East)*

- (a) Could the Minister inform this House of the donations, grants and sponsorships made by the following Corporations and Statutory Authorities for the period January 2002 to March 10, 2003:
 - (i) The National Lotteries Control Board (NLCB)

- (ii) The Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission (T &TEC)
 - (iii) Petrotrin
 - (iv) The Tourism and Industrial Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (TIDCO)
 - (v) The Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA)
- (b) In each instance, could the Minister state the quantum of monies, names and addresses, and contact numbers of the recipients of these sponsorships, grants and donations?

(Answer due by 09.04.2003)

Question No. 86 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment

(By the Member for Tabaquite)

Would the Minister provide a list of the names of the members of staff and the positions they hold at the Meteorological Services?

(Answer due by 09.04.2003)

Question No. 87 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

- (a) Would the Minister state what was the expenditure in 2002 on road repairs under the Road Improvement Fund?
- (b) Could he list the names and location of roads repaired/built under the Road Improvement Fund in that year?
- (c) Could he indicate the expenditure on each road and the contractor engaged?

(Answer due by 09.04.2003)

Question No. 88 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

- (a) Would the Minister state the locations where Booster Pumps were installed by the Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) in 2002 and advise whether they were installed by contractors?
- (b) If contractors were engaged, could the Minister state the cost of each contract and the names of the contractors who installed the said pumps?

(Answer due by 09.04.2003)

March 17, 2003