



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

NINETEENTH SITTING, FIRST SESSION (2002/2003), EIGHTH PARLIAMENT
FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2003 AT 1.30 P.M.

- (a) PRAYERS
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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Question No. 41 to the Honourable Minister of Housing and Settlements

(By the Member for Caroni East)

Could the Minister list:

- i. the areas in which Government will be building houses;
- ii. the number of houses in each area;
- iii. the contractors selected to build these houses and the value in Trinidad and Tobago dollars of those contracts.

Question No. 42 to the Honourable Minister of Housing and Settlements

(By the Member for Caroni East)

Could the Minister indicate:

- i. the cost of the refurbishment programme carried by the NHA in 2002;
- ii. the number of apartments/houses refurbished;
- iii. the number of persons employed in this projects?

Question No. 44 to the Honourable Minister of Culture and Tourism

(By the Member for Caroni East)

Would the Minister indicate the Governmental allocation and payments to:

- i. the National Carnival Commission;
- ii. Pan Trinbago;
- iii. TUCO for Carnival 2002 and 2003?

Question No. 62 to the Honourable Minister of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development

(By the Member for Naparima)

- (a) Is the Minister aware that hundreds of members of Friendly Societies whose Societies have been cancelled have not received their share of assets of these Friendly Societies and that some of these members have since died?
 - (b) Could the Minister say how soon will members be paid?
- (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

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 than 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)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 56 (1) (a) of the Customs Act, Chap. 78:01 that the House of Representatives may from time to time by resolution provide that any class of goods specified in the resolution shall be exempt from import duties of customs if such goods are imported or entered for use by any person for any purpose specified in the resolution during any period to be fixed by the Minister in each particular case, not being a period terminating later than the date prescribed in the resolution as the last day on which such exemption shall be operative, and subject to such conditions as the Minister may impose:

AND WHEREAS the House of Representatives by resolution dated 13th March, 1970, provided that certain classes of goods should be exempted from import duty until the 31st December, 1976:

AND WHEREAS the House of Representatives by resolution dated 1st December, 1972, amended the Appendix to the 1970 Resolution to correspond with the class of goods and purpose for which they were to be used specified in the First and second Columns of the Schedule hereto and to substitute for the last date on which the exemption would be operative the 31st December, 1999:

AND WHEREAS by Legal Notice No. 78 dated 31st March, 2000, the last resolution in respect of the class of goods specified in the First Column aforesaid expired on 31st December, 2001:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the said class of goods be exempt from import duties of customs as of 1st January, 2002:

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives in accordance with and subject to the provisions of section 56 of the Customs Act, exempt from import duties of customs the class of goods specified in the First Column of the Schedule, hereto being goods imported or entered for use for the respective purposes specified in the Second Column of the Schedule hereto for the period prescribed in the Third Column of the Schedule hereto but that this resolution shall cease to have effect in respect of any class of goods specified in the First Column that is manufactured in Trinidad and Tobago:

SCHEDULE

First Column	Second Column	Third Column
<i>Class of Goods</i>	<i>Purpose(s) for which goods are to be used</i>	<i>Period of Exemption</i>
Equipment, material and supplies	Imported for use in off-shore petroleum exploration and petroleum operations	From 1 st January, 2002 to 1 st January, 2005

This Resolution is deemed to have come into effect on the 1st January, 2002.

Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Civil Aviation Act, No. 11 of 2001".
(By the Minister of Works and Transport)
2. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Summary Courts Act, Chap. 4:20".
(By the Attorney General)
3. 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)

4. 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)

5. 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)

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ORDER PAPER/MARCH 28, 2003**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER****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 and Settlements

(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?
- (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:

- iv. The names and addresses of all the contractors who were awarded Contracts by WASA for the period January 2002 to December 2003?
- v. The payments made or to be made to each contractor?
- vi. The scope of works and location of each Contract?
- vii. 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 all the persons employed on a monthly basis in the Unemployment Relief Programme (URP) for 2002 and the place of employment?

(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 Finance***(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)

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