



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

**ORDER PAPER**

**TWENTY-SECOND SITTING, FIRST SESSION (2002/2003), EIGHTH PARLIAMENT  
FRIDAY, MAY 02, 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. Final Report of the Committee appointed to Review the Financial Sector of Trinidad and Tobago.  
*(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)*
  - 2. Annual Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Securities and Exchange Commission for the year ended September 30, 2002.  
*(By the Minister of Trade and Industry who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)*
  - 3. The Annual Report of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2002.  
*(By the Minister of Trade and Industry who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)*
  - 4. Instruments adopted by the International Labour Conference of the International Labour Organisation at the 89<sup>th</sup> Session held from May 5-20, 2001 and the 90<sup>th</sup> Session held on June 3-20, 2002:
    - i. Convention 184 concerning Safety and Health in Agriculture;
    - ii. Recommendation 192 concerning Safety and Health and Agriculture;
    - iii. Protocol of 2002 to the Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981;
    - iv. Recommendation concerning the Promotion of Cooperatives;

- v. Recommendation 194 concerning the List of Occupational Diseases and the Recording and Notification of Occupational Accidents and Diseases;
- vi. Withdrawal of 20 Recommendations adopted by the Conference at its Ninetieth Session.

*(By the Minister of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development)*

- (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. 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. 45 to the Honourable Minister of Culture and Tourism**

*(By the Member for Caroni East)*

Could the Minister indicate the allocation and payments to Ramleela groups for the years 2002 to 2003?

**\*Question No. 51 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment**

*(By the Member for Caroni East)*

- (a) Could the Minister indicate what is the remuneration and compensation package of the current Executive Chairman of the Solid Waste Management Company Limited (SWMCOL)?
- (b) Could the Minister state what was the equivalent package of the last Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Solid Waste management Company Limited (SWMCOL)?

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- Question No. 44 was deferred for one (1) week on 11.04.2003 and Questions Nos. 45 and 51 were deferred for two (2) weeks on 04.04.2003

**\*Question No. 52 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment**

*(By the Member for Caroni East)*

Would the Minister please state:

- (a) What was the cost of WASA's Beetham Sewerage Project as contractually agreed with Biwater International at the inception of the Contract in 2001?
- (b) Whether there have been any variations to this contract and if so, what are these variations and the reasons to support them?

**Question No. 56 to the Honourable Minister of Finance**

*(By the Member for Caroni East)*

Could the Minister inform this House:

- (a) What are the terms of reference of the Audit Report on the Water and Sewerage Authority contracted to Panell Kerr Foster?
- (b) The amount in Trinidad and Tobago dollars paid or to be paid to Panell Kerr Foster for this work?
- (c) Will this audit by Panell Kerr Foster cover the period Deember 2001 to December 2002?

**Question No. 63 to the Honourable Minister of National Security**

*(By the Member for Caroni East)*

Could the Minister inform this House:

- (i) Whether or not the Police have been able to trace the missiles found at the home of the former Member of Parliament for San Fernando West? and
- (ii) Whether the services of Interpol have been used in this quest?

**Question No. 64 to the Honourable Prime Minister**

*(By the Member for Caroni East)*

Could the Prime Minister inform this House what is the cost to the Government of Trinidad and Tobago thus far of the Commission of Inquiry into the Piarco Airport Development Project with respect to the following:

- (i) The monies paid to the Chairman and other member Commissioners?
- (ii) The fees paid to the Attorneys at Law listing how much each Attorney at Law received?
- (iii) The administrative cost?
- (iv) The cost of television time?

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\* Question No. 52 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 04.04.2003.

**\*Question No. 84 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment**

*(By the Member for Tabaquite)*

- (a) Would the Minister tell this House what is the current status of the Water Pollution Rules and the Air Pollution Rules?
- (b) Would the Minister indicate a projected time within which these said rules will be laid in Parliament for Negative Resolution?

**\*Question No. 85 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment**

*(By the Member for Tabaquite)*

Would the Minister inform this House of the current status of the plan for the establishment of a Weather Radar Station at Brasso Venado?

**Question No. 90 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Tabaquite)*

- (a) With request to the I.D.B. secondary Education Modernization Programme Loan, could the Minister indicate:
  - i. the date this loan was signed, and what was the amount involved;
  - ii. what are the main conditionalities and obligations of the loan;
  - iii. how much money has been drawdown from this loan, to date;
  - iv. what was the date of the last drawdown on this loan?
- (b) Has the Government of Trinidad and Tobago met the conditionalities and deadlines required for the drawdowns on this loan?
- (c) If the answer to (b) is in the negative, could the Minister explain what conditionalities have not been met and why?

**Question No. 91 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Tabaquite)*

- (a) Would the Minister inform this House of the terms of employment, inclusive of salary, of Mr. Kenrick Burgess, a Project Management Consultant in the Ministry of Education?
- (b) Would the Minister identify the areas of responsibility of this Project Management Consultant?

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\* Questions Nos. 84 and 85 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 04.04 2003

**Question No. 94 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment**

*(By the Member for Tabaquite)*

- (a) Would the Minister indicate the amount of money collected to date from the Green Fund levy?
- (b) Would the Minister inform this House if the Green Fund has been operationalized?
- (c) If the answer to (b) is in the affirmative, would the Minister list the projects approved together with the names and addresses of the NGO's involved and the location of each project?
- (d) If the answer to (b) is in the negative, would the Minister give a time frame for the operationalisation of the Green Fund?

**Question No. 95 to the Honourable Minister of Finance**

*(By the Member for Fyzabad)*

- (a) Would the Minister list every instance since January 2002 when the Government has provided a guarantee or issued a letter of comfort, resulting in the State or any of its agencies or State Enterprises borrowing money with the Government as guarantor?
- (b) Would the Minister state:
  - (i) how much money was borrowed in each instance?
  - (ii) what is the total cost of each loan including all interest and charges?
  - (iii) the legal cost and any other cost for each loan?

**Question No. 99 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment**

*(By the Member for Fyzabad)*

- (a) Would the Minister provide this House with the names of all suppliers/providers of mechanical equipment and heavy vehicles rented by his Ministry from January 2002 to February 2003 and the amounts of monies paid to each supplier/provider?
- (b) Would the Minister state the amounts of monies owing to each supplier/provider as at March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2003?

**Question No. 101 to the Honourable Minister of Local Government**

*(By the Member for Fyzabad)*

- (a) Would the Minister indicate the proposed date for the commencement of construction of the Siparia market?
- (b) Would the Minister also indicate whether:

- (i) a contract has been awarded and if so, whether the award was made by the Central Tenders Board?
- (ii) if the answer to (i) is in the affirmative, could the Minister provide:
  - (a) the name of the contractor;
  - (b) the estimated cost of construction of the market?
- (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 28, 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. **WHEREAS** Section 4(a) of the Constitution of Trinidad and Tobago preserves the right of the individual to life, liberty, security of the person and enjoyment of property and the right not to be deprived thereof except by due process of law;

**AND WHEREAS** the Minister of National Security is specifically responsible for formulating policy to deal with the issue of National Security and is a key member of the National Security Council of Trinidad and Tobago which is chaired by the Prime Minister;

**AND WHEREAS** based on statistical data it is evident that incidents of crime, especially and including the offences of kidnapping and false imprisonment are rising to alarming proportions evidencing the dismal failure of the Government to formulate effective policies to combat crime;

**AND WHEREAS** the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago are victims of the escalating criminal activity and cannot depend on the Government to provide adequate national security;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the present Minister of National Security be removed with immediate effect from his Office;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a Committee be formed comprising persons selected by the Government in consultation with the Opposition to formulate an Action Plan to fight escalating crime in Trinidad and Tobago.

*(By the Member for Point a Pierre)*

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

### Bills Second Reading:

1. **The debate on the following Bill which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Friday April 11, 2003 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Summary Courts Act, Chap. 4:20".

*(By the Attorney General)*

**2. The debate on the following Bill which was adjourned on Friday April 04, 2003 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Civil Aviation Act, No. 11 of 2001".

*(By the Minister of Works and Transport)*

**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)*

*Jacqui Sampson Jacent  
Clerk of the House*

*House of Representatives' Secretariat  
The Red House  
PORT OF SPAIN*

*April 24, 2003*



**APPENDIX**

**ORDER PAPER/MAY 02, 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 Community Development and Gender Affairs**

*(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?
- (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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2001 to January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2003?
- ii. The names, addresses and salaries of all trainees employed by WASA from December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2001 to January 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 the 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. 81 to the Honourable Minister of Culture and Tourism**

*(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 with the exception of the National Carnival Commission, Pan Trinbago and TUCO?
- (ii) the quantum of funds allocated to each group or organisation, their addresses and their principals?

**(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. 88 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment**

*(By the Member for Fyzabad)*

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?

**(Answer due by 09.04.2003)**

**Question No. 92 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Tabaquite)*

- (a) Would the Minister list the staff of the Secondary Education Modernization programme Co-ordinating Unit indicating the positions they occupy?
- (b) Would the Minister identify any vacancies in the said unit and also identify a time-frame for the filling of the these vacancies?

**(Answer due by 25.04.2003)**

**Question No. 93 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment**

*(By the Member for Tabaquite)*

Would the Minister provide a list of the Certificates of Environmental Clearance approved for the years 2002 and 2003 and also identify those pending for the said years?

**(Answer due by 25.04.2003)**

**Question No. 96 to the Honourable Minister of Local Government**

*(By the Member for Fyzabad)*

- (a) Would the Minister indicate the names and location of the roads paved in the Siparia Regional Corporation by the Ministry of Local Government during the financial year 2002?
- (b) Would the Minister also indicate the following:
  - (i) name(s) of the contractor(s) who paved the roads;

- (ii) whether the contracts were awarded by the Central Tenders Board;
- (iii) the cost of each paved road;
- (iv) in each case, whether the Ministry had the approval of the Siparia Regional Corporation to carry out the project;
- (v) under which allocation of the Ministry of Local Government were the funds identified to make payments for the said contracts;
- (vi) the source of the authority for the Ministry of Local Government to undertake road paving in areas under the control of Regional Corporations.

**(Answer due by 01.05.2003)**

**Question No. 97 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment**

*(By Member for Fyzabad)*

- (a) Would the Minister identify the legal team at the CEPEP?
- (b) Would the Minister further:
  - (i) list the companies that obtained assistance with VAT registration and incorporation of their companies from the CEPEP legal team;
  - (ii) list the names of the panel members and the criteria used for selecting contractors and awarding contracts;
  - (iii) list all contractors with names of their principals and addresses who applied for but were not awarded contracts for CEPEP?

**(Answer due by 01.05.2003)**

**Question No. 98 to the Honourable Minister of Culture and Tourism**

*(By the Member for Fyzabad)*

- (a) Would the Minister list the names of all the individuals and groups who were recipients of funds for the hosting of Phagwa 2003, including addresses and amounts of monies granted?
- (b) Would the Minister list the names of all the individuals and groups who were recipients of funds for the hosting of Hoosay 2003, including addresses and amounts of monies granted?

**(Answer due by 01.05.2003)**

**Question No. 100 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Fyzabad)*

- (a) Would the Minister list all Elementary and Secondary Schools scheduled to be repaired or renovated in 2003 and the amount of monies to be spent on each?

(b) Would the Minister list the contractors selected to be engaged for these works?

**(Answer due by 01.05.2003)**

**Question No. 103 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Tabaquite)*

Would the Minister provide a list of the repairs undertaken to primary and secondary schools for the year 2002 identifying the name of each contractor and the value of each contract?

**(Answer due by 07.05.2003)**

**Question No. 104 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Tabaquite)*

Would the Minister provide a list of the Early Childhood Care and Education Centres constructed over the years 2002 to 2003 indicating the location of each centre, together with the name of each contractor and the value of each contract?

**(Answer due by 07.05.2003)**

**Question No. 105 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Tabaquite)*

Would the Minister provide a list of the names of the students who were upgraded following complaints by their parents to the placement of their children following the 2002 S.E.A examination and identify the secondary schools involved?

**(Answer due by 07.05.2003)**

**Question No. 106 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Tabaquite)*

Would the Minister provide a list of the number of students suspended over the period 2002-2003 identifying the schools involved and indicate the reason(s) for their suspension?

**(Answer due by 07.05.2003)**

**Question No. 107 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Tabaquite)*

Would the Minister provide a list of the secondary schools, if any, that have not received the \$1,000.00 book grant for the current school year?

**(Answer due by 07.05.2003)**

**Question No. 108 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Tabaquite)*

Would the Minister provide a list of the primary schools that have not received free textbooks for the current school year?

**(Answer due by 07.05.2003)**

**Question No. 109 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Tabaquite)*

Would the Minister provide a list of the secondary schools without Mathematics and/or English teachers for the period January 2003 to April 08, 2003?

**(Answer due by 07.05.2003)**

**Question No. 110 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Tabaquite)*

Would the Minister provide a list of the approved textbooks used in primary schools for the years 2002-2003?

**(Answer due by 07.05.2003)**

**Question No. 111 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Tabaquite)*

Would the Minister provide a list of the schools that have received computers from the Ministry over the years 2002-2003?

**(Answer due by 07.05.2003)**

**Question No. 112 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Tabaquite)*

Would the Minister provide a list of the secondary schools under construction that have been delayed and indicate the reasons for the delay?

**(Answer due by 07.05.2003)**

**Question No. 114 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport**

*(By the Member for Fyzabad)*

Would the Minister please submit the following information:

- (a) The total number of contracts issued by MTS from January 2002 to March 2003?



- (b) List of recipients of contracts and the dollar value of each?
- (c) Dates on and medium in which contracts were advertised?
- (d) Lists of contractors who submitted bids and the dollar value of each bid?

**(Answer due by 07.05.2003)**

**Question No. 116 to the Honourable Minister of National Security**

*(By the Member for Fyzabad)*

Would the Minister please give a status report on the investigation into the murder of former Attorney General Selwyn Richardson?

**(Answer due by 07.05.2003)**

**Question No. 117 to the Honourable Minister of Culture and Tourism**

*(By the Member for Fyzabad)*

Could the Minister provide this House with:

- (a) a list of persons issued tickets by the National Carnival Commission for the VIP section of the Queen's Park Savannah during Carnival celebrations 2003; and
- (b) the total cost of hosting guests and others in the VIP section.

**Answer due by 07.05.2003**

**Question No. 118 to Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources**

*(By the Member for Fyzabad)*

Would the Minister please state what is the policy of the Government on the restructuring of Caroni and in particular:

- (a) How many persons will be employed by the new Caroni to produce 70,000 tonnes of sugar?
- (b) How many acres of land will be required?
- (c) The location of these lands?
- (d) How many acres of the remaining land will be put to agricultural use?
- (e) What crops will be cultivated?
- (f) What are the plans for food security and export of agricultural products and where do Caroni and its workers fit into this?

**(Answer due to 07.05.2003)**

**Question No. 119 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport**

- (a) Would the Minister please state what is the total number of persons employed by MTS, with the exception of security officers, from January 2002 to March 2003;
- (b) Would he provide a list of all such persons employed for the said period with an indication of positions and salaries including any additional monetary benefits;
- (c) Would the Minister advise whether any of these positions were advertised and, if so, would the Minister provide:
  - (i) the dates of advertisements and the media in which they appeared;
  - (ii) the list of persons who served on interview panels;
  - (iii) the list of applicants who were unsuccessful in obtaining employment.

**April 24, 2003**