



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

**TWENTY-THIRD SITTING, FIRST SESSION (2002/2003), EIGHTH PARLIAMENT**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 09, 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
- (g) PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES
  - 1. First Report of the Committee of Privileges of the House of Representatives for the 2002-2003 Session.  
*(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)*
  - 2. Second Special Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to consider and report on the Bills entitled:
    - i. The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2002;
    - ii. The Police Service Bill, 2002;
    - iii. The Police Complaints Authority Bill, 2002.*(By the Attorney General)*

## (h) QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN THE APPENDIX****QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER****Question No. 65 to the Honourable Minister of Public Administration and Information***(By the Member for Caroni East)*

Could the Minister indicate to this House when will the Public Library at St. Helena Village, Piarco, be operational?

**Question No. 80 to the Honourable Minister of Energy and Energy Industries***(By the Member for Caroni East)*

Could the Minister inform this House what is the Government's policy with respect to Government's proposal to build a pipeline to convey natural gas to several Caribbean Islands? Could he further state:

- (i) whether a feasibility study is being conducted on this proposal?
- (ii) if the answer to (i) is in the affirmative, what organisation is conducting this feasibility study?
- (iii) what is the cost thus far of this feasibility study and what is the final projected cost?

**Question No. 89 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment***(By the Member for Caroni East)*

Could the Minister inform this House of the detailed costing of the launch on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2002, of the Dead Animal retrieval Team (DART) by the Solid Waste Management Company Limited?

**Question No. 102 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 Fyzabad 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 contractor;

- (b) the estimated cost of construction of the market?

**Question No. 113 to the Honourable Prime Minister**

*(By the Member for Fyzabad)*

Could the Prime Minister advise this House of the sums of monies available within the social programmes for religious bodies and identify sums available to each religious body?

**Question No. 115 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport**

*(By the Member for Fyzabad)*

Would the Minister please state:

- (a) the roads scheduled to be repaired under the Road Improvement Fund in 2003?
  - (b) the total revenues collected under the Road Improvement Fund in 2002?
  - (c) the revenues anticipated from the Road Improvement Fund for 2003?
- (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. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House adopt the First Report of the Committee of Privileges for the 2002-2003 Session.  
*(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)*
2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House adopt the Second Special Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to consider and report on the Bills entitled:
  - i. The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2002;
  - ii. The Police Service Bill, 2002;
  - iii. The Police Complaints Authority Bill, 2002.

*(By the Attorney General)*

**Bills Second Reading:**

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Income Tax Act, Chap. 75:01”.  
*(By the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance)*
2. **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)*
3. **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)*
4. 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)*
5. 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)*
6. 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 May 02, 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 Pointe a Pierre)*

*Jacqui Sampson Jacent  
Clerk of the House*

*House of Representatives' Secretariat  
The Red House  
PORT OF SPAIN  
May 05, 2003*

**APPENDIX****ORDER PAPER/MAY 09, 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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.

**May 05, 2003**