



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

**TWENTY-FIFTH SITTING, FIRST SESSION (2002/2003), EIGHTH PARLIAMENT
FRIDAY MAY 23, 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. The Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) Rules, 2002.
(By the Attorney General)
 - 2. The Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) (No.2) Rules, 2002.
(By the Attorney General)
 - 3. The Supreme Court of Judicature (Judicial Review) (Amendment) Rules, 2002.
(By the Attorney General)
 - 4. The Extradition (The Kingdom of the Netherlands) Order, 2003.
(By the Attorney General)
 - 5. The Value Added Tax Order, 2003.
(By the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance)
 - 6. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the North West Regional Health Authority for the year ended December 31, 1995.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)

7. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Arima Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1997.

(By the Minister of Trade and Industry who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts 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. 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. 123 to the Honourable Minister of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education

(By the Member for Nariva)

- (a) Would the Minister state how many trainees were placed in the On-the-Job Training (OJT) Programme in 2002, in the Public and Private Sector?
- (b) Would the Minister state what is the stipend paid to trainees by Government and by the Private Sector?
- (c) Could the Minister advise how trainees are selected for admission on the programme?

Question No. 128 to the Honourable Minister of Housing

(By the Member for Caroni Central)

- (a) Could the Minister state whether there is a current shortage of application forms for National Housing Authority (NHA) houses?

* Question No. 80 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 09.05.2003.

- (b) If so, could the Minister indicate what steps are being taken to ensure that application forms for National Housing Authority (NHA) houses are made available to all citizens of Trinidad and Tobago who wish to apply for National Housing Authority (NHA) houses?

Question No. 131 to the Honourable Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Would the Minister please:

- (a) state the total number of Work Permits from January 2002 to March 2003;
 (b) list of all persons obtaining work permits, detailing country of origin, profession and nature of local employment for the period January 2002 to March 2003?

Question No. 132 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Would the Minister inform this House whether there has been an increase in the cost of electricity from T & TEC to consumers in Trinidad and Tobago between January 2002 and March 2003, and if so, could he provide details?

- (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. **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)

2. **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 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. **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 appoint Mr. Danny Montano to replace Mr. Conrad Enill on the following Committees:
 1. The Joint Select Committee appointed to report on Government Ministries (PART 1) Statutory Authorities and State Enterprises falling under those Ministries;
 2. The Public Accounts Committee.

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. 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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May 21, 2003

APPENDIX**ORDER PAPER/MAY 23, 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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.

Answer due by 07.05.2003

Question No. 136 to the Honourable Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister (Social Services)

(By the Member for Chaguanas)

- (a) Would the Minister provide a list of the names of the persons in receipt of flood relief compensation in the areas of Caroni Village, Frederick Settlement, Warrenville, Endeavour, Guayamere and Bejucal as a result of the flooding that occurred in November and December 2002?
- (b) Would the Minister state whether settlement of all claims have been effected?

Answer due by 06.06.2003

Question No. 137 to the Honourable Minister of Local Government

(By the Member for Chaguanas)

Would the Minister identify the projects and the locality of each project undertaken by the Unemployment Relief Programme (URP) in the constituency of Chaguanas for the period October 2002 to April 30, 2003?

Answer due by 06.06.2003

Question No. 158 to the Honourable Minister of Health

(By the Member for Caroni Central)

- (a) Would the Minister inform this House as to whether the posts of Chief Operating Officer, General Manager, Manager Operations and Manager Clinical Competency of the Emergency Medical Service have been advertised, in which media and when?
- (b) Would the Minister list the names of the persons who applied for the positions in response to the advertisements?
- (c) Would the Minister indicate the names of the candidates selected for the jobs and their total remuneration package?

Answer due by 29.05.2003

Question No. 159 to the Honourable Minister of Health

(By the Member for Caroni Central)

- (a) Would the Minister inform this House of the names of the evaluation Committee which deliberated on the award of the contract for the purchase for the sixteen used ambulances at the South West Regional Health Authority?
- (b) Would the Minister provide the names of the Companies which tendered for the supply of the ambulances and their tender price?
- (c) Would the Minister provide the name of the preferred supplier and the agreed price?

Answer due by 29.05.2003

May 21, 2003