



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

TWENTY-SIXTH SITTING, FIRST SESSION (2002/2003), EIGHTH PARLIAMENT
FRIDAY JUNE 06, 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 Petroleum Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the Financial year ended September 30, 2000.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
 - 2. Annual Audited Financial Statements of Petroleum Company of Trinidad and Tobago 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)
 - 3. Report of the Princes Town Regional Corporation for the financial year October 01, 2000 to September 30, 2001.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)
 - 4. Report of the Princes Town Regional Corporation for the financial year October 01, 2001 to September 30, 2002.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)
- (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. 125 to the Honourable Minister of Health***(By the Member for Caroni Central)*

- (a) Would the Minister state whether Ministerial approval was obtained by the North West Regional Health Authority for the employment of persons, from January 01, 2002 to March 31, 2003, with salaries and allowances exceeding \$150,000.00 per annum?
- (b) If not, could the Minister give details of employment not so approved?

Question No. 126 to the Honourable Minister of Health(By the Member for Caroni Central)*

- (a) Would the Minister inform this House of the status of the \$55 million diagnostic equipment being purchased for the health sector?
- (b) Would the Minister inform this House of the financing arrangements for the purchase of the equipment?
- (c) Would the Minister inform this House as to when the equipment would be available for use at the hospitals?

Question No. 127 to the Honourable Minister of Health(By the Member for Caroni Central)*

- (a) Would the Minister inform this House of the number of Doctors by categories on the establishment of each Regional Health Authority in Trinidad and Tobago?
- (b) Would the Minister state how many of these positions are currently filled and how many are vacant?
- (c) Would the Minister inform this House as to the countries where advertisements were placed to fill the vacancies, the media used and the number of responses received to these advertisements?

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?

* Questions Nos. 125, 126 and 127 were deferred for one (1) week on 21.05.2003

* Question No. 131 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 23.05.2003.

***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?

Question No. 133 to the Honourable Minister of Local Government

(By the Member for Chaguanas)

- (a) Would the Minister provide this House with a list of the names, of the roads to be paved in the Borough of Chaguanas?
- (b) Would the Minister state if the Mayor of Chaguanas was consulted in the paving of these roads?

Question No. 134 to the Honourable Minister of Local Government

(By the Member for Chaguanas)

Would the Minister inform this House:

- (i) whether the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer of the Chaguanas Borough Corporation were consulted in the paving of roads in the Enterprise South Electoral District during the period of January to March 2003;
- (ii) if the answer to (i) is in the negative, why were they not consulted?

Question No. 135 to the Honourable Minister of Education

(By the Member for Chaguanas)

Would the Minister inform this House when will the work on the Chaguanas Library commence?

Question No. 138 to the Honourable Minister of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

With regard to the proposed University of Trinidad and Tobago would the Minister indicate:

- (a) whether a Committee has been formed to initiate the establishment of the said University?
- (b) the estimated cost for construction?
- (c) the source of funding?

* Question No. 132 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 23.05.2003

Question No. 140 to the Honourable of Planning and Development

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Would the Minister inform this House of the following:

- (a) the expenditure to date from the US\$20M loan obtained from the World Bank for the HIV Aid Prevention and Control Project;
- (b) the names of staff trained for prevention and clinical management under this project?

Question No. 154 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport

(By the Member for Princes Town)

Would the Minister state when will the St. Julien Road from the vicinity of the St. Julien Presbyterian School to Ayres Village Junction be paved?

Question No. 155 to the Honourable Minister of Community Development and Gender Affairs

(By the Member for Princes Town)

- (a) Is the Minister aware that the Self Help Electrification project number 9025 filed since 20th March, 2000 has not yet commenced?
- (b) Would the Minister state when will this project commence?
- (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 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)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Friday May 23, 2003 will be resumed:**

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 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)

*Jacqui Sampson Jacent
Clerk of the House*

*House of Representatives' Secretariat
The Red House
PORT OF SPAIN
May 28, 2003*

APPENDIX

ORDER PAPER/JUNE 06, 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. 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. 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. 139 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment***(By the Member for Fyzabad)*

- (a) In connection with the rural electrification programme undertaken by T & TEC for the period January 2002 to April, 2003, would the Minister provide the following information:

- (i) a list of the projects and addresses of each;
 - (ii) the works undertaken;
 - (iii) the number of dwelling houses obtaining electricity connection under the programme during the aforementioned period?
- (b) The names of the contractors, the work done by each contractor and the cost of each contract?

Answer due by 10.06.2003

Question No. 141 to the Honourable Minister of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Would the Minister provide this House with:

- (i) a list of officers employed at the Labour Exchange at Point Fortin from January 2002 to April 2003;
- (ii) a list of persons obtaining employment for the same period through the assistance and referral of the said office;
- (iii) the total number of persons registering for employment per month for the same period;
- (iv) a list of persons who registered for employment and did not obtain employment?

Answer due by 10.06.2003

Question No. 142 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Would the Minister please provide this House with a list of all contractors who obtained work and the amounts of monies paid to each contractor under the Road Improvement Fund for the period January 2002 to April 2003?

Answer due by 10.06.2003

Question No. 143 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

With reference to WASA and having regard to the answer given to Question No. 66, would the Minister please provide this House with:

- (a) the list of addresses at which public stand pipes were installed for the period February 2002 to April 2003;
- (b) the list of public stand pipes closed off and/or disconnected from January 2002 to April 2003;

- (c) the list of contractors installing public stand pipes and amounts of monies paid to each from January 2002 to April 2003?

Answer due by 10.06.2003

Question No. 144 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Would the Minister please indicate when will paving and repairs be completed at the National Housing Authority (NHA) Developments at Bay View, Bien Venue, La Romain, and provide:

- (i) the names of contractors employed to do same;
- (ii) the cost of the works to be carried out;
- (iii) the details of works to be undertaken?

Answer due by 10.06.2003

Question No. 145 to the Honourable Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Would the Minister please indicate when work will commence on the rebuilding of the Oropouche Police Station, and state:

- (i) the amount of monies to be spent on same;
- (ii) the names of contractors engaged for this purpose;
- (iii) the details of works to be carried out?

Answer due by 10.06.2003

Question No. 146 to the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Would the Minister please provide this House with:

- (a) a list of agricultural access roads re-paved, built and paved from January 2002 to April 2003;
- (b) the names of contractors engaged in effecting same and monies paid to each contractor;
- (c) the number of farmers benefiting from same;
- (d) the types of crops and cultivation done by farmers serviced by the roads identified in (a) above?

Answer due by 10.06.2003

Question No. 147 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Would the Minister please provide the list of contractors engaged to install streetlights during January 2002 to April 2003, indicating:

- (i) the number of streetlights installed by each contractor;
- (ii) the amount of monies paid to each contractor and the areas of installation?

Answer due by 10.06 2003

Question No. 148 to the Honourable Minister of Local Government

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Would the Minister please state the number of lifeguards employed by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and provide the following details:

- (i) the beaches at which Lifeguards work;
- (ii) the number of Lifeguards assigned to each beach and the work timetables;
- (iii) a list of equipment purchased for use by Lifeguards from January 2002 to march 2003;
- (iv) a list of vehicles assigned for use by Lifeguards and the beaches at which these are utilised?

Answer due by 10.06.2003

Question No. 149 to the Honourable Minister of Trade and Industry and Minister in the Ministry of Finance

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

With respect to the National Flour Mills (NFM), could the Minister provide the following information:

- (a) the number of vehicles rented in 2002 and cost of same;
- (b) a list of all sponsorship/grants/donations issued by the NFM in 2002 in excess of \$5,000;
- (c) details of foreign travel undertaken by officials of the NFM in 2002 and the cost of same, including airfare, hotel accommodation, entertainment and other costs met by the NFM?

Answer due by 10.06.2003

Question No. 150 to the Honourable Minister of Education

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

With respect to the arrangements for the transport of school children by the Public Transport Service Corporation, would the Minister provide the following information:

- (a) the list of the schools benefiting from such transport arrangements;
- (b) the number of buses and maxi taxis assigned to each school;
- (c) the number of children from each school qualifying for transport;
- (d) the names of providers of the maxi taxis service;
- (e) the monthly cost to the Public Transport Service Corporation of this service?

Answer due to 10.06.2003

Question No. 151 to the Honourable Minister of Local Government

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

- (a) With respect to the Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation for the year 2002, could the Minister list all grants/funding and all other assistance provided for the hosting of the following:
 - (i) Carnival celebrations;
 - (ii) Steel pan events;
 - (iii) Eid celebrations;
 - (iv) Labour Day celebrations;
 - (v) Hosay celebrations; and
 - (vi) Divali celebrations?
- (b) Could the Minister list the names of the recipients of the above funding?

Answer due by 10.06.2003

Question No. 152 to the Honourable Minister of Planning and Development

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Could the Minister inform this House the status of the Highway proposed to be built from San Fernando to Point Fortin, indicating:

- (i) proposed cost and commencement date;
- (ii) the consultants and firms engaged to work on this highway?

Answer due by 10.06.2003

Question No. 153 to the Honourable Minister of Energy and Energy Industries

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Could the Minister provide a list of all monies/grants/donations obtained by the National Energy Skills Centre (NESC) for 2002 and indicate the donors and value of each donation?

Answer due by 10.06.2003

Question No. 156 to the Honourable Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister (Social Services Delivery)

(By the Member for Princes Town)

- (a) Could the Minister identify how many social programmes are being run by the Ministry and list each programme?
- (b) Could the Minister state the procedure to be used to access each programme?

Answer due by 10.06.2003

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 26, 2003