



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**ORDER PAPER**

**THIRTY-FIFTH SITTING, FIRST SESSION (2002/2003), EIGHTH PARLIAMENT  
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 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. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Regional Corporation for the nine-month period ended September 30, 1998.  
*(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
  - 1. Third Report 2002/2003 Session of the Finance Committee of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Proposal for the Supplementation of the 2003 Appropriation.  
*(By the Minister of Finance)*
- (h) QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS
  - Question No. 175 to the Honourable Minister of National Security and Rehabilitation**  
*(By the Member for Oropouche)*
    - (a) Would the Minister inform this House whether internal examinations for promotion to the ranks of corporal and sergeant in the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service were conducted over the past years?

- (b) If the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, could the Minister inform this House:
- i. when were those examinations conducted?
  - ii. whether the results of those examinations are available to the Police service Commission?
  - iii. whether the results were available to any other related authority concerned with promotion within the Police Service?

**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN APPENDIX I**

- (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
1. The Finance (Supplementary Appropriation) Bill, 2003.  
*(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the next stage of the Bill be taken later in the proceedings)*
- (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 Third Report 2002/2003 Session of the Finance Committee of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Proposals for the Supplementation of the 2003 Appropriation.  
*(By the Minister of Finance)*
2. **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)*

**Bills Second Reading:**

1. A Bill entitled "An Act to amend the National Lotteries Act, Chap. 21:04 to alter the definition of 'financial year'".  
*(By the Minister of Finance)*

2. A Bill entitled “ An Act amend the Trinidad and Tobago Postal Corporation Act, No. 1 of 1999 to extend the period of exemption from taxes and other charges”.  
*(By the Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment)*
3. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Extradition (Commonwealth and Foreign Territories) Act, 1985”.  
*(By the Minister of Foreign Affairs)*
4. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Firearms Act, Chap. 16:01”.  
*(By the Minister of National Security and Rehabilitation)*
5. **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)*
6. 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)*
7. 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)*
8. 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 June 27, 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  
September 11, 2003*

**APPENDIX****ORDER PAPER/ SEPTEMBER 12, 2003****QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER****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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 160 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)*

Could the Minister state:

- (a) the names of the companies and directors who were awarded contracts in the School Feeding programme from January 01, 2002 to April 30, 2003?
- (b) the names of the firms engaged to undertake the legal work associated with these contracts?
- (c) Details pertaining to experience in food preparation and food handling of the companies that were awarded contracts?

**Answer due by 24.06.2003**

**Question No. 167 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment**

*(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)*

- (a) Could the Minister indicate the amount of money paid to CEPEP contractors from January 2003 to June 30, 2003, detailing the amount paid to each contractor?
- (b) Could the Minister list the names of all the companies that currently participate in CEPEP and the names of the Directors of these companies?

**Question No. 171 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Caroni Central)*

Could the Minister state when will the replacement school for the existing Preysal Government School be constructed?

**Answer due by 21.07.2003**

**Question No. 172 to the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources**

*(By the Member for Oropouche)*

- (a) Could the Minister provide this House with a list of all farmers in the ward of St. Patrick and the constituency of Oropouche who applied for monetary compensation in the aftermath of severe flooding which destroyed agricultural crops in March-April 2002?
- (b) Could the Minister provide a list of the names of all those farmers who received compensation, stating the quantum of compensation and the date of payment?
- (c) Could the Minister provide a list of the names of all those farmers who did not receive compensation and state the reasons why they were not compensated?

**Answer due by 06.08.2003**

**Question No. 173 to the Honourable Minister of Social Development**

*(By the Member for Oropouche)*

Would the Minister provide this House with a list of the names of the 450 persons who graduated from the Helping You Prepare for Employment (HYPE Programme on Sunday May 04, 2003)?

**Answer due by 06.08.2003**

**Question No. 174 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment**

*(By the Member for Oropouche)*

- (a) Would the Minister state whether there exists a National Social Development functioning under the aegis of his Ministry?
- (b) If the answer to (a) is in the affirmative:



- i. would the Minister state the objectives of this National Social Development Programme;
  - ii. would the Minister inform this House of the structure and functioning of this Programme;
  - iii. would the Minister inform this House as to the quantum of expenditure incurred by this Programme to date?
- (c) Would the Minister give a breakdown of the social and development work undertaken under this programme in terms of constituency, nature of work and cost of project?

**Answer due by 06/08/2003**

**September 11, 2003**