



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**ORDER PAPER**

**TENTH SITTING, SECOND SESSION (2003/2004), EIGHTH PARLIAMENT  
FRIDAY DECEMBER 05, 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 Point Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation Limited for the Financial year ended December 31, 2002.  
*(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 Telecommunications Services of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the Financial year ended March 31, 2003.  
*(By the Minister of Trade and Industry who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee.*
- (g) PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES
- (h) QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

**\*Question No. 1 to the Honourable Minister of Finance**

*(By the Member for Caroni East)*

- (a) Would the Minister indicate whether the National Lotteries Control Board (N.L.C.B.) and the Betting Levy Board (B.L.B.) entered into an Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding with GTECH for the provision of Video Terminals in Trinidad and Tobago?

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\* Question No. 1 was deferred for one (1) week on 28.11.2003

- (b) If the answer to (a) is in the affirmative would the Minister:
  - (i) indicate the terms and conditions of this agreement?
  - (ii) advise whether this agreement was approved by the Minister of Finance?

**\*Question No. 3 to the Honourable Minister of Energy and Energy Industries**

*(By the Member for Caroni East)*

Could the Minister indicate:

- (a) Whether the Government of Trinidad and Tobago has entered into an Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.) to build an Aluminum Smelter in Trinidad and Tobago?
- (b) If the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, could the Minister state:
  - (i) the parties to the Agreement/MOU;
  - (ii) the signatories;
  - (iii) the terms and conditions?

**Question No. 4 to the Honourable Minister of Energy and Energy Industries**

*(By the Member for Caroni East)*

Could the Minister state:

- (a) Whether a pre-feasibility survey or a feasibility survey has been conducted or is being conducted on the proposed Caribbean Gas Pipeline?
- (b) If the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, could the Minister indicate:
  - (i) the findings of this survey;
  - (ii) the cost of it;
  - (iii) the name of the entity that was awarded this survey contract?

**Question No. 5 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment**

*(By the Member for Caroni East)*

Could the Minister indicate:

- (a) Whether there has been a criminal investigation into the alleged fraudulent transfer of significant sums of money from the Telecommunication Service of Trinidad and Tobago (T.S.T.T.)?
- (b) If the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, could the Minister indicate the quantum of T.S.T.T. money allegedly transferred?

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\* Question Nos. 3 and 4 were deferred for one (1) week on 28.11.2003

**Question No. 8 to the Honourable Attorney General**

*(By the Member for Siparia)*

Would the Attorney General state:

- (a) The exact amount of money owed to the State by the Mr. Patrick Manning arising out of his unsuccessful 1997 High Court Actions against the State;
- (b) What steps has the Attorney General taken to recover these monies;
- (c) Does the government have a policy position with respect to citizens who have lost legal matters against the State and have been ordered to pay costs;
- (d) If so, can he provide a brief outline of this policy?

**Question No. 9 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Siparia)*

Would the Minister state:

- (a) The number of electronic debit cards already issued to parents and, the number still to be issued with respect to school textbooks;
- (b) The total value of these electronic debit cards;
- (c) The total cost to government for the supply of these electronic debit cards;
- (d) The Head and Sub-head and/or Vote within the Appropriations for fiscal year 2002/2003 and/or 2003/2004 from which monies have been drawn and/or would be drawn to meet the total value and supply cost of these electronic debit cards;
- (e) The name of the supplier of the electronic debit cards;
- (f) Whether tenders were invited for the supply of these electronic debit cards;
- (g) The procedure and criteria used to select the supplier of the electronic debit cards?

**Question No. 10 to the Honourable Attorney General**

*(By the Member for Siparia)*

Would the Minister state:

- (a) The amount of money spent on the installation ceremony and cocktail reception for the Members of the Regional Judicial and Legal Service Commission held on Thursday August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2003;
- (b) What was the source of funding for this expenditure;
- (c) When and by whom were the members of the Regional Judicial and Legal Service Commission appointed;
- (d) What remuneration, privileges and benefits, if any, are the Members of the Regional Judicial and Legal Service Commission being given by the government of Trinidad and Tobago and the Head and Sub-head and/or vote within the

Appropriations for fiscal year 2002/2003 and/or 2003/2004 from which monies have been drawn and/or would be drawn to meet these costs?

- (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 Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to Consider and Report on the:
  - (i) Integrity in Public Life (Prescribed Forms) Regulations, 2003, and
  - (ii) Integrity in Public Life (Furnishing of Information) Regulations, 2003.

*(By the Attorney General)*

#### **Bills Second Reading:**

1. A Bill entitled “ An Act respecting the safety, health and welfare of persons at work”.  
*(By the Minister of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development)*
2. A Bill entitled “ An Act to provide for the Vesting of certain State Lands in the National Housing Authority for a term of 999 years”.  
*(By the Minister of Housing)*
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 repeal and replace the Sentencing Commission Act, 2000”.  
*(By the Attorney General)*

**PRIVATE BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

1. **The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Friday November 28, 2003 will be resumed:**

**WHEREAS** Article 3 of the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination states that “*Particular efforts shall be made to prevent discrimination based on race, colour or ethnic origin, especially in the fields of civil rights, access to citizenship, education, religion, employment, occupation and housing*”; and

**WHEREAS** Article 26 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights asserts that “*Technical and professional education shall be made generally available and higher education shall be equally accessible to all on the basis of merit*”; and

**WHEREAS** on November 3<sup>rd</sup> 1973, Trinidad and Tobago ratified the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination; and

**WHEREAS** section 4 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago recognises and declares that in Trinidad and Tobago there have existed and shall continue to exist, without discrimination by reason of race, origin, colour, religion or sex, certain fundamental human rights and freedoms; and

**WHEREAS** the National Anthem of Trinidad and Tobago resonates with the aspiration that “*Here every creed and race find an equal place*”; and

**WHEREAS** section 7 of the Education Act, Chap. 39:01 states, “*No person shall be refused admission to any public institution on account of religious persuasion, race, social status or language of such a person or of his parent*”; and

**WHEREAS** since December 24<sup>th</sup> 2001 there has been a renewal and an institutionalization of the victimization of and discrimination against employees of State Enterprises, Statutory Authorities, Government Ministries and Public Authorities by the PNM Government; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout our nation, through victimization and discrimination by the PNM government, citizens are denied the opportunity to access jobs, contracts and loans in the Unemployment Relief Programme (URP); the Community Environmental Protection and Enhancement Programme (CEPEP) and the National Entrepreneurship Development Company Limited (NEDCO) and other public programmes; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the nation, citizens are denied equality of treatment in accessing training opportunities in the Youth Apprenticeship Programme in Agriculture (YAPA); On the Job Training (OJT); Helping You Prepare for Employment (HYPE); Geriatric Adolescent/Partnership Programme (GAPP) and other public programmes; and

**WHEREAS** the Honourable Member for Diego Martin West and Minister of Housing has publicly affirmed a policy of racial and gender discrimination as contained in the *Social and Economic Framework 2004* policy document, notwithstanding its deletion as an “Errata”:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House re-affirm its commitment to the elimination of discrimination in all its forms and the right of the individual to equality of treatment from public authorities.

*(Member for St. Joseph)*

*Jacqui Sampson Jacent  
Clerk of the House*

*House of Representatives’ Secretariat  
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