



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

TWELFTH SITTING, SECOND SESSION (2003/2004), EIGHTH PARLIAMENT  
FRIDAY JANUARY 09, 2004 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 a Special Audit of Certain Areas of Internal Control at the Eastern Regional Health Authority.  
*(By the Minister of Trade and Industry who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)*
  - 2. Report of the Auditor General on the Accounts and Financial Statements of the Project Execution Unit of the Ministry of Housing and Settlements for the year ended September 30, 2001 in respect of the National Settlements Programme as required by Loan Contract No. 584/OC-TT between the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and the Inter-American Development Bank.  
*(By the Minister of Trade and Industry who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)*
  - 3. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Strategic Services Agency for the financial year ended September 30, 1999.  
*(By the Minister of Trade and Industry who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)*
  - 4. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Agricultural Society of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended December 31, 1992.  
*(By the Minister of Trade and Industry who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)*

5. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Agricultural Society of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended December 31, 1993.

*(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. 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?
- (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. 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 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?

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\* Question Nos. 1 and 8 were deferred for two (2) weeks on 5/12/2003 .

**\*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?

**Question No. 25 to the Honourable Minister of Housing**

*(By the Member for Siparia)*

Would the Minister please state the criteria used or to be used to compensate farmers who have been in occupation of lands at Ramgoolie Trace, Curepe where such lands are to be used for the construction of houses and when will such compensation be paid?

**Question No. 26 to the Honourable Attorney General**

*(By the Member for Siparia)*

Would the Attorney General state:

- (a) Whether the Attorney General gave instructions to the Solicitor General to settle any court cases since January 2002;
- (b) If the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, the date(s) on which such instructions were given to the Solicitor General, the name(s) of the parties, the name(s) of the Attorney(s) on record and the instructions given by the Attorney General as to the terms and/or quantum of settlement for each of the cases;
- (c) The criteria utilized by the Attorney General in each case for giving the aforesaid instructions?

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\* Question No. 10 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 5/12/2003 .

**Question No. 28 to the Honourable Minister of Finance**

*(By the Member for Oropouche)*

Could the Minister indicate to the House the cost incurred by the National Lotteries Control Board (NLCB) and any other State agency for all advertisements placed in the daily and weekly newspapers in the month of September 2003 to commemorate the historic courtesy call paid by the distinguished Junior Minister of Finance, Senator the Hon. Conrad Enill to the head office of the NLCB?

**Question No. 40 to the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources**

*(By the Member for Naparima)*

- (a) Would the Minister inform this House of the names of Contractors/Associations/Individuals who have been authorised by the Sugar Manufacturing Company Limited (SMCL) to harvest and supply canes that are owned by Caroni (1975) Ltd.?
- (b) Could the Minister inform this House what criteria were used in the selection and award of contracts for the harvesting and supply of canes to Organisations/ Associations/Individuals?
- (c) Could the Minister provide this House with the names of the Individuals/Bodies who were responsible for awarding the contracts and what were the criteria used?
- (d) Would the Minister state the acreage and location of lands owned by Caroni (1975) Ltd., which have been distributed to Contractors/Associations/Individuals for the purpose of harvesting of canes?

**Question No. 43 to the Honourable Minister of Health**

*(By the Member for Caroni Central)*

- (a) Would the Minister give the details as to the financing arrangements for the 55 million dollars medical equipment for the public health sector promised over a year ago?
- (b) Would the Minister inform the House as to when the equipment in (a) will be installed in the Nation's health facilities?

**Question No. 44 to the Honourable Minister of Health**

*(By the Member for Caroni Central)*

- (a) Would the Minister give details as to the financing arrangements for the purchase of the new ambulances promised in the 2004 budget?
- (b) Would the Minister inform this House as to whether advertisements were placed in the media for the purchase of the ambulances?

**Question No. 45 to the Honourable Minister of Health**

*(By the Member for Caroni Central)*

Would the Minister inform this House as to how many neonatal deaths have occurred on a monthly basis at the Mt. Hope Maternity Hospital from January 2002 to the present?

**Question No. 47 to the Honourable Minister of National Security**

*(By the Member for Oropouche)*

With respect to the results of the promotional examinations, conducted in August 2002 for promotion to the ranks of Corporal and Sergeant in the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service:

- (a) Would the Minister state whether these results are available or unavailable as at November 30, 2003;
  - (b) If the answer to (a) is “*unavailable*”, could the Minister give the reasons for this and state whether or not any examination scripts have been lost?
  - (c) If scripts have indeed been lost, could the Minister state the name of the person who lost the scripts, indicate whether this was reported to the Police and what action has been taken to recover the scripts?
- (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 the Senate amendments to the Firearms (Amendment) Bill, 2003 listed in Appendix II, be now considered.

*(By the Minister of National Security)*

**Bills Second Reading:**

1. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Insurance Act and for matters related thereto”.  
*(By the Minister of Finance)*
2. A Bill entitled “An Act to repeal and replace the Sentencing Commission Act, 2000”.  
*(By the Attorney General)*
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 relating to Family Proceedings”.  
*(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  
The Red House  
PORT OF SPAIN***

***December 30, 2003***

**APPENDIX****ORDER PAPER/ JANUARY 09, 2004****QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER****Question No. 2 to the Honourable Minister of Finance**

*(By the Member for Caroni East)*

Could the Minister list the name and occupation of all the Members of the Boards of Directors of all State Enterprises and Statutory Authorities?

**(Answer due by 06.12.2003)**

**Question No. 6 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport**

*(By the Member for Caroni East)*

Could the Minister provide this House with a list of all persons employed by the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago indicating:

- (i) the capacity in which they are employed;
- (ii) the salaries which they receive;
- (iii) their starting date of employment?

**(Answer due by 06.12.2003)**

**Question No. 7 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment**

*(By the Member for Caroni East)*

Could the Minister provide this House with a list of all the persons employed by W.A.S.A. indicating:

- (i) the capacity in which they are employed;
- (ii) the salaries which they receive;
- (iii) their starting date of employment?

**Answer due by 06.12.2003**

**Question No. 12 to the Honourable Minister of Energy and Energy Industries**

*(By the Member for Siparia)*

- (a) Would the Minister state:
  - (i) the names, job designations and remuneration packages of each person or company hired on contract;
  - (ii) the names and job description of each person or company awarded contracts for the supply of goods and services and the cost of each such contract awarded;

at Petrotrin since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002?

- (b) In the case of companies, the names of the directors of each company;
- (c) Whether the jobs/tenders were advertised and if they were, where and when were the advertisements placed;
- (d) In the case of tenders, the bid made by each tenderer;
- (e) What was the procedure and criteria used to hire each person and company and/or used to award contracts for the supply of goods and services?

**(Answer due by 18.12.2003)**

**Question No. 13 to the Honourable Minister of National Security**

*(By the Member for Siparia)*

- (a) Would the Minister state:
  - (i) The names, job designations and remuneration packages of each person or company hired on contract;
  - (ii) The names and job description of each person or company awarded contracts for the supply of goods and services and the cost of each such contract awarded;
 by the Ministry of National Security since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002?
- (b) In the case of companies, the names of the directors of each company;
- (c) Whether the jobs/tenders were advertised and if they were, where and when were the advertisements placed;
- (d) In the case of tenders, the bid made by each tenderer;
- (e) What was the procedure and criteria used to hire each person and company and/or used to award contracts for the supply of goods and services?

**Answer due by 18.12.2003**

**Question No. 14 to the Honourable Minister of Finance**

*(By the Member for Siparia)*

- (a) Would the Minister state:
  - (i) the names, job designations and remuneration packages of each person or company hired on contract;
  - (ii) the names and job description of each person or company awarded contracts for the supply of goods and service and the cost of each such contract awarded;
 at the National Flour Mills since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002?
- (b) In the case of companies, the names of the directors of each company;
- (c) Whether the jobs/tenders were advertised and if they were, where and when were the advertisements placed;

- (d) In the case of tenders, the bid made by each tenderer;
- (e) What was the procedure and criteria used to hire each person and company and/or used to award contracts for the supply of goods and services?

**Answer due by 18.12. 2003**

**Question No. 29 to the Honourable Minister of Social Development and Gender Affairs**

*(By the Member for Oropouche)*

- (a) Could the Minister present to this House a full listing of the names of the 450 persons who graduated from the HYPE programme on Sunday May 04, 2003?
- (b) Could the Minister also give a breakdown of the address by region of each graduate and his/her place of work?

**Answer due by 25.12.2003**

**Question No. 30 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment**

*(By the Member for Oropouche)*

- (a) Can the Minister state whether there exists a National Social Development Programme functioning under the aegis of his Ministry?
- (b) If the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, can the Minister state the objectives of the National Social Development Programme?
- (c) Can the Minister inform the House of the structure and functioning of this programme?
- (d) Can the Minister inform the House as to the quantum of expenditure incurred by this programme to date?
- (e) Would the Minister give a breakdown of the social and developmental work undertaken under this programme in terms of constituency, nature of work, and cost of project?

**Answer due by 25.12.2003**

**Question No. 31 to the Honourable Minister of Trade and Industry**

*(By the Member for Oropouche)*

- (a) Would the Minister provide the House with a list of names of all persons to whom lands have been distributed by the Estate Management Business and Development Company Limited (EMBDCL) from January 2003 to the present?

- (b) Could the Minister also indicate the amount of land provided to each recipient, at what cost and for what purpose?

**Answer due by 25.12.2003**

**Question No. 35 to the Honourable Minister of Local Government**

*(By the Member for Princes Town)*

- (a) Could the Minister state how many street lights were installed in the Princes Town Region between January 01, 2002 to July 14, 2003?
- (b) Could the Minister state the date each street light was installed giving the name of the street and light pole number?

**Answer due by 13.12.2003**

**Question No 36 to the Honourable Minister of Local Government**

*(By the Member for Princes Town)*

Could the Minister state what has been the increase in electricity costs to the Princes Town Regional Corporation as a result of the installation of the street lights in the Princes Town Region?

**Answer due by 13.12.2003**

**Question No. 41 to the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources**

*(By the Member for Naparima)*

Would the Minister provide this House with a detail list including registration number, serial numbers and make of all transport, harvesting and ancillary equipment which were owned by Caroni (1975) Ltd. and which have now been distributed to the Organisations/Associations/Individuals to harvest and transport canes owned by Caroni (1975) Ltd.?

**Answer due by 30.12.2003**

**Question No. 42 to the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources**

*(By the Member for Naparima)*

- (a) Could the Minister state the quantum of fertilizers and chemicals distributed to each Organisations/Associations/Individuals who have been authorised to maintain and produce sugar cane on lands owned by Caroni (1975) Ltd.?
- (b) Could he state what was the criteria used to distribute these chemicals?

**Answer due by 30.12.2003**

**THE FIREARMS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2003**

**List of Amendments made in the Senate to the above named Bill  
on Tuesday December 09, 2003**

<b>First Column Clause</b>	<b>Second Column Extent of Amendments</b>
3	Delete the definition of <b>“pawnbroker”</b> .
5(aa)	Delete and substitute as follows:  <b>“(aa) the Director, Trinidad and Tobago Forensic Science Centre and any scientific officer of the Centre (as) (are) designated by him acting in their capacity as such.”</b>
7	(i) In paragraph (a) substitute the word <b>“five”</b> for the word <b>“ten”</b> in the last line.  (ii) Add a new subsection as follows:  <b>“Section 9 subsection 2 is amended by- deleting the word <b>“eighteen”</b> and substituting the word <b>“twenty-five”</b>.”</b>
9	Substitute the word <b>“life”</b> for the word <b>“twenty”</b> in the last line.
10 (1)	Delete and substitute as follows:  <b>“13A A person who while he has a firearm with him, enters or is in any building or part of a building or any land as a trespasser without reasonable excuse, commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of twenty thousand dollars and to imprisonment for two years.”</b>
12	Delete and renumber the subsequent clauses accordingly.
Renumbered12(2)(h)	(i) Add the words <b>“subject to a negative resolution of Parliament.”</b> at the end thereof.

- Renumbered 12(5) (ii) delete and renumber subsequent subclause.
- Renumbered 13 Substitute the word “**16**” for the words “**15A**” in line two.
- Renumbered 14 Insert a new subsection (8) as follows:
- “(8) A licence held by a person prior to the coming into operation of this Act shall continue to be valid after the commencement of this Act.”**
- 19 Add a new clause 19 as follows:  
(New clause 29)
- “Section 29 of the Act is amended –**
- In subsection (2) by deleting the words “one” and “six months” and substituting the words “five” and “two years” respectively.”**
- 20 (a) (i) Insert after the word “**(1)**” the words “**by inserting before the words “A Justice of the Peace” the words “A Magistrate or”.**
- 20 (3)(b) (ii) Insert the words “**relating to arms and ammunition**” after the word “**record**” in line one.
- 20 (3) (b) (ii) Insert the words “**relating to arms and ammunition**” at the end thereof.
- 21 (b) (i) substitute the word “**3**” for the word “**4**” in line one.
- 23(3) Substitute the word “**fifteen**” for the word “**ten**”. in the last line.

*December 10, 2003*