



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

THIRTEENTH SITTING, SECOND SESSION (2003/2004), EIGHTH PARLIAMENT
FRIDAY JANUARY 16, 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 the Collection of Moneys at the Judiciary, Supreme Court, Tobago.
(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. 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

* Question No. 26 was deferred for one (1) week on 9/01/2004.

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?

***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. 46 to the Honourable Minister of Education

(By the Member for Caroni Central)

- (a) Would the Minister inform this House as to whether students who are writing the CAPE Examination in 2005 will be eligible for National Scholarships?
- (b) If the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, would the Minister state what will be the criteria for the selection of these scholarships in 2005?
- (c) Would the Minister state whether a certain number of scholarships will be reserved for the CAPE students in 2005?
- (d) If the answer to (c) is in the affirmative, would the Minister state how many scholarships will be reserved?

***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

• Question Nos. 45 and 47 were deferred for one (1) week on 9/01/2004.

- (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 repeal and replace the Sentencing Commission Act, 2000”.
(By the Attorney General)
2. A Bill entitled “An Act relating to Family Proceedings”.
(By the Attorney General)
3. A Bill entitled “An Act to provide for mediation in Trinidad and Tobago”.
(By the Attorney General)
4. **The debate on the following bill which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Friday January 09, 2004 will be resumed:**
A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Insurance Act and for matters related thereto”.
(By the Minister of Finance)

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 3rd 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 24th 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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January 12, 2004

APPENDIX**ORDER PAPER/ JANUARY 16, 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. 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;
- (i) 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 1st, 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 1st, 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 1st, 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. 15 to the Honourable Minister of Planning and Development*(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 and such contract awarded;

by UNeCOTT since January 1st, 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. 16 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport***(By the Member for Siparia)*

Would the Minister state:

- (a) The names of the persons and/or companies who were awarded contracts for the supply of goods and/or services to the Airport Authority since January 1st, 2002;
- (b) In the case of companies, the names of the directors of each company;
- (c) The nature of goods and/or services supplied and/or to be supplied by each person and/or company;
- (d) The cost of each contract;
- (e) Whether tenders were invited for the contracts awarded and if so, the bids made by each tenderer;
- (f) The procedure and criteria used to award each contract?

Answer due by 18.12.2003**Question No. 17 to the Honourable Minister of Housing***(By the Member for Siparia)*

Would the Minister state:

- (a) The names of the persons and/or companies who were awarded contracts for the supply of goods and/or services to the National Housing Authority since January 1st, 2002;

- (b) In the case of companies, the names of the directors of each company;
- (c) The nature of goods and/or services supplied and/or to be supplied by each person and/or company;
- (d) The cost of each contract;
- (e) Whether tenders were invited for the contracts awarded and if so, the bids made by each tenderer;
- (f) The procedure and criteria used to award each contract?

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. 32 to the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs***(By the Member for Oropouche)*

- (a) Could the Minister inform the House as to whether there is a Committee for the Issuance of Caricom Skills Certificates operating within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs?
- (b) If yes, could the Minister state the date when this Committee was established and the names and job titles of those persons sitting on the Committee?
- (c) Could the Minister present to the House a list of the applicant's names, originating countries, the nature of the jobs being sought and the date of issuance of all certificates between the period January 2002 to the present?
- (d) Could the Minister also present to the House the list of the applicants' names, originating countries and nature of the jobs being sought of all those applicants who have been rejected?
- (e) Would the Minister also state whether those successful applicants have brought dependants into Trinidad and Tobago, and if so, how many?

Answer due by 25.12.2003**Question No. 33 to the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources***(By the Member for Oropouche)*

- (a) Could the Minister provide the House with a full listing of all personnel hired by the Sugar Manufacturing Company to date and their job titles?
- (b) Would the Minister also indicate what was the hiring policy, the names of members of the selection/interviewing panel and their job titles?
- (c) Could the Minister further indicate for each new worker, how many years experience each person had with Caroni (1975) Limited?

Answer due by 25.12.2003

Question No. 34 to the Honourable Minister of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education

(By the Member for Oropouche)

- (a) Can the Minister present to this House the full list of the names and address by region of all participants in the On the Job Training (OJT) programme for the year 2003?
- (b) Could the Minister indicate the criteria for selection to the OJT programme?
- (c) Would the Minister also indicate the workplaces to which the OJT trainees were assigned?

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

January 12, 2004

THE FIREARMS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2003

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

First Column Clause	Second Column Extent of Amendments
3	Delete the definition of “pawnbroker” .
5(aa)	Delete and substitute as follows: “(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.”
7	(i) In paragraph (a) substitute the word “five” for the word “ten” in the last line. (ii) Add a new subsection as follows: “Section 9 subsection 2 is amended by- deleting the word “eighteen” and substituting the word “twenty-five”.”
9	Substitute the word “life” for the word “twenty” in the last line.
10 (1)	Delete and substitute as follows: “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.”
12	Delete and renumber clause 13-19 accordingly.
Renumbered12(2)(h)	(i) Add the words “subject to a negative resolution of Parliament.” at the end thereof.

- Renumbered 12(5) (ii) delete the words “Notwithstanding section 17(6),”.
- 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.”**
- New clause 19 Add a new clause 19 as follows:
- “Section 29 amended **“19. 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. In paragraph (a), insert after the word “**(1)**”, the words **“by inserting before the words ‘A Justice of the Peace’ the words ‘A Magistrate or’ and ”**;
- B. In paragraph (b), subparagraph 3(b) insert the words **“relating to arms and ammunition”** after the word **“record”** in line one.
- C. In paragraph (b), subparagraph 3(c) insert the words **“relating to arms and ammunition”** at the end thereof.
- 21 In subparagraph (b), substitute the word **“3”** for the word **“4”** in line one. Renumber the new subsection (5) as subsection (4).
- 23 In the new subsection (3), substitute the word **“fifteen”** for the word **“ten”**. in the last line.