



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

**SIXTEENTH SITTING, SECOND SESSION (2003/2004), EIGHTH PARLIAMENT
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 28, 2004 AT 1.30 P.M.**

- (a) PRAYERS
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- (n) PUBLIC BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled “ An Act to amend the Public Assistance Act, Chap. 32:03”.
(By the Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister (Social Services Delivery))
2. 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 repeal and replace the Sentencing Commission Act, 2000”.
(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)

***Dawn Dolly
Ag. Clerk of the House***

***House of Representatives’ Secretariat
The Red House
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APPENDIX**ORDER PAPER/ JANUARY 28, 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 UDeCOTT 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. 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. 18 to the Honourable Minister of Education***(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 Education since January 1st, 2002 with the exception of the school feeding programme?

- (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. 19 to the Honourable Minister of Education

(By the Member for Siparia)

Would the Minister please provide a list of the persons and/or companies awarded contracts under the School Feeding Programme since January 1st, 2002, indicating:

- (i) those for the supply of meals;
- (ii) in the case of companies, a list of the names of the directors of each company;
- (iii) the amount of monies paid to each person or company and the number of meals provided by each per month;
- (iv) the procedure and criteria used to select each person and company for supplying meals for the school feeding programme?

Answer due by 18.12.2003

Question No. 22 to the Honourable Minister of Finance

(By the Member for Siparia)

Would the Minister please state:

- (a) Whether government or any of the state enterprises, statutory authorities and/or government agencies borrowed monies since January 1st, 2002;
- (b) If the answer to (a) is in the affirmative:
 - (i) the date(s) and quantum of each borrowing
 - (ii) the source(s) of each borrowing and the criteria and procedure used to select each source;
 - (iii) terms and conditions under which each borrowing was made; and
 - (iv) the specific purpose(s) to which the proceeds of each of the said borrowings were put/will be put?

Answer due by 18.12.2003

Question No. 23 to the Honourable Minister of Housing*(By the Member for Siparia)*

With respect to the agreement entered into by the Government and the IDB on June 21st, 2001 for loan towards financing the Government's housing programme:

- (a) The amount of the loan and the terms and conditions of repayment of same;
- (b) The amount of funding, if any, that is required to be made under the loan agreement by the Government for this housing programme;
- (c) What are the main conditionalities and obligations of this loan and what are the deadline dates for the meeting of each of these conditionalities and obligations;
- (d) Have any of these conditionalities and/or obligations been met and if yes, which ones have been and when;
- (e) If any conditionalities and/or obligations have not been met, the reason(s) for same;
- (f) Have any monies been drawn down from this loan and if yes, the dates and amount of the drawdowns and the purpose(s) to which each drawdown was put/will be put;
- (g) Has any counterpart funding by the Government been utilized and if so, the amount and the purpose(s) to which same was put/will be put?

Answer due by 18.12.2003**Question No. 24 to the Honourable Minister of Housing***(By the Member for Siparia)*

Would the Minister please state with respect to the construction of housing units at Ramgoolie Trace, Curepe:

- (a) The names of the persons and/or companies to whom contract(s) were given for same;
- (b) The names of the directors of the said company/companies;
- (c) Whether the contracts were advertised for tender and if in the affirmative, where and when were the advertisement placed;
- (d) The procedure and criteria used to award each contract;
- (e) The cost of each contract and terms and conditions of same?

Answer due by 18.12.2003**Question No. 27 to the Honourable Attorney General***(By the Member for Siparia)*

With respect to cases against the State concerning compensation for state acquisition of private lands, would the Attorney General please state:

- (a) The number of cases pending and those settled as at January 1, 2002, the names(s) of the parties, the date each of these cases were filed and the quantum of compensation claimed/paid in each;
- (b) Whether the Attorney General gave instructions to the Solicitor General to settle any of the aforesaid cases since January 1, 2002;
- (c) If the answer to (b) is in the affirmative, the names of the parties, the date(s) of such instructions, the instructions given by the Attorney General as to the terms and the actual quantum of settlement made and the criteria utilized by the Attorney General in each case for giving such instructions;
- (d) When would compensations be paid to those whose claims have been agreed to but not yet paid?

Answer due by 18.12.2003

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. 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. 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