



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

TWENTIETH SITTING, SECOND SESSION (2003/2004), EIGHTH PARLIAMENT
FRIDAY MARCH 05, 2004 AT 1.30 P.M.

- (a) PRAYERS
- (b) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE OF A NEW MEMBER
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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

***Question No. 57 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

(By the Member for Siparia)

Would the Minister state the total cost of advertisements placed by the Ministry of Education in the print and electronic media and the amounts paid to each media house from January 2002 to date?

* Question No. 57 was deferred for one (1) week on 27.02.2004

***Question No. 58 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

(By the Member for Siparia)

Would the Minister state:

- (a) the number of schools which have already received computers as at January 2002;
- (b) the number of school which are still without computers?

Question No. 61 to the Honourable Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Oropouche)

Would the Minister indicate:

- (a) whether there is a policy in place for the recruitment of Members to the new Special Anti-Crime Unit under Brigadier Peter Joseph?
- (b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, would the Minister outline the policy?

Question No. 62 to the Honourable Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Oropouche)

- (a) Would the Minister confirm whether or not the recruitment of police personnel to the new Special Anti-Crime United is being done, or has been done, on the basis of performance appraisals of those officers?
- (b) Would the Minister confirm whether Police Officers would be reporting to Brigadier Peter Joseph?
- (c) Could the Minister indicate whether those selected officers would be working under new terms and conditions, and if so, what are these new terms and conditions?

Question No. 63 to the Honourable Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Oropouche)

Would the Minister indicate:

- (a) the number of police officers recruited as of January 2004 to the Special Anti-Crime Unit under Brigadier Peter Joseph;
- (b) the names of those Officers above the rank of Corporal recruited to the Special Anti-Crime Unit?

* Question No. 58 was deferred for one (1) week on 27.02.2004

- (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

Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Regional Health Authorities Act, 1994”.
(By the Minister of Health)
2. A Bill entitled “An Act to re-enact and revise the laws respecting Weights and Measures and to give effect to the International System of Units (SI Units)”.
(By the Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment)
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 February 27, 2004 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)

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Ag. Clerk of the House

House of Representatives' Secretariat
The Red House
PORT OF SPAIN
March 01, 2004

APPENDIX**ORDER PAPER/ MARCH 05, 2004****QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER****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. 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. 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. 33 to the Honourable Minister of Trade and Industry

(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. 49 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment

(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)

Would the Minister:

- (i) list the names of the contractors by both Company names and Director's names who have been involved in the CEPEP programme since its inception to the present?

- (ii) state the net monthly payment of salaries to each contractor excluding all payments to worker's salary, uniforms and working instruments?
- (iii) indicate the method used to choose these CEPEP contractors?

Answer due by 19.02.2004

Question No. 50 to the Honourable Minister of Health

(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)

- (a) Could the Minister please itemize the make and function of the X-ray type equipment that was recently bought?
- (b) Could the Minister state:
 - (i) what was the cost of each item?
 - (ii) the name of the local supplier/suppliers of this equipment?
 - (iii) the names of the Members of the Committee who decided on the supplier/suppliers?

Answer due by 19.02.2004

Question No. 51 to the Honourable Minister of Education

(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)

Could the Minister kindly indicate:

- (i) the names of the companies and directors who were involved in school feeding programme from January 2002?
- (ii) the method used to choose those suppliers?
- (iii) the number of those contractors who had on going food businesses and/or experience in food preparation and handling?

Answer due by 19.02.2004

Question No. 59 to the Honourable Minister of Health

(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)

Could the Minister indicate:

- (i) how much is being paid on an average for each case to Caribbean Heart Care for free heart surgeries
- (ii) the number of free heart surgeries that will be done per year;
- (iii) how these patients will be selected;

- (iv) the criteria that will be used by the selection team to determine who can or cannot pay?

Answer due by 06.03.2004

Question No. 60 to the Honourable Prime Minister

(By the Member for Baratara/San Juan)

- (a) Could the Prime Minister indicate whether he was the beneficiary of the use of a private jet by any foreign company?
- (b) If the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, could he name the company and the dates travelled?

Answer due by 06.03.2004

March 01, 2004