



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

TWENTY-SECOND SITTING, SECOND SESSION (2003/2004), EIGHTH PARLIAMENT
FRIDAY MARCH 26, 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. Second Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Institutional Strengthening Programme of the Women's Affairs Division of the Ministry of Culture and Gender Affairs (now Ministry of Community Development and Gender Affairs) for the 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)
 - 2. Annual Audited Financial Statements of the National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago 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)
 - 3. Annual Audited Financial Statements of Petroleum Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the Financial year September 30, 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

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

***Question No. 55 to the Honourable Minister of Finance**

(By the Member for Caroni East)

- (a) Would the Minister indicate whether a Committee was set up to review the Memorandum of Understanding between the National Lotteries Control Board (N.L.C.B.) and the Betting Levy Board (B.L.B.) with GTECH for the provision of Video Lottery Terminals in Trinidad and Tobago and all other aspects of the gaming industry?
- (b) If the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, could the Minister provide the following information:
 - (i) A list of the names of the people appointed to this Committee;
 - (ii) The terms of reference of this Committee?

***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. 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. 64 to the Honourable Minister of Public Administration and Information

(By the Member for Oropouche)

- (a) Could the Minister indicate to this House, the Government's Policy as it relates to the winding up/closing down or dismantling of the National Broadcasting Network Limited (NBNL)?

* Question No. 55 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 27.02.2004 and one (1) on 12.03.2004

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- (b) Could the Minister indicate clearly the mandate, operations, nature of ownership and estimated employment levels envisaged for any new broadcasting company to be formed in the aftermath of the NBNL?
- (c) Could the Minister indicate how many workers are to be severed and/or retrenched from the National Broadcasting Network Limited?
- (d) Could the Minister indicate whether existing employees who have accepted their termination packages will be considered for employment in the new the company?

Question No. 68 to the Honourable Minister of Education

(By the Member for Siparia)

- A. Would the Minister state:
 - (i) the estimated and the actual costs for constructing, equipping and furnishing of the Russel Latapy High School?
 - (ii) the start up and completion dates of constructing, furnishing and equipping of this school
 - (iii) the number of students the schools was built to accommodate and the actual numbers presently accommodated?
- B. Could the Minister state:
 - (i) the name/s of the persons/companies and directors of each company awarded contract/s for constructing, equipping and furnishing of the school?
 - (ii) whether tenders were invited for the contracts awarded and if so, the bids made by each tenderer?
 - (iii) the procedure and criteria used to award each contract?

Question No. 69 to the Honourable Minister of Education

(By the Member for Siparia)

Would the Minister state:

- (i) which schools have been de-shifted since January 2003;
- (ii) which schools are still operating on a shift basis and the number of students attending each;
- (iii) the total number of teachers actually employed in each of these schools;
- (iv) the expected date each school will be de-shifted?

Question No. 71 to the Honourable Minister of Education

(By the Member for Siparia)

Would the Minister list:

- (i) the steps and date/s of each step taken, since January 2002 to make operational and improve the Student Support Services Unit of the Ministry of Education and the reasons for the delay in doing so;
- (ii) the date when same would be fully operational?

Question No. 91 to the Honourable Minister of Health

(By the Member for Caroni Central)

- (a) Could the Minister state the quantum of fees or other monies payable to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for the procurement of the 100 UNV Doctors for Trinidad and Tobago?
- (b) Could the Minister state the quantum of fees or other monies payable to United Nations Development Programme (UNPD) for the procurement of ambulances for Trinidad and Tobago?

Question No. 92 to the Honourable Minister of Health

(By the Member for Caroni Central)

- (a) Could the Minister inform this House as to the number of doctors, nurses, nursing assistant, pharmacists and radiographers in the Public Health Sector employed by the Public Service Commission as at January 31, 2004?
- (b) Could the Minister inform this House as to the number of doctors, nurses, nursing assistants, pharmacists and radiographers employed by the Regional Health Authorities as at January 31, 2004?

Question No. 93 to the Honourable Minister of Energy and Energy Industries

(By the Member for Oropouche)

- (a) Can the Minister indicate the cost incurred by Petrotrin or any other state agency for repairs, refurbishment and enhancement recently undertaken to the residence and compound of the Executive Chairman of Petrotrin?
- (b) Can the Minister name the contractors that undertook such repairs, refurbishment and enhancement of the residence and compound of the Executive Chairman of Petrotrin?
- (c) Can the Minister indicate the basis upon which those contractors were selected and whether they are regular and/or registered contractors with Petrotrin?

- (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

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)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5 of the Statistics Act that the Minister may by Order direct that a census shall be taken in Trinidad and Tobago, or any part thereof of any class of inhabitant and that the Order may specify-

- (a) the dates on or before which the census is to be taken; and
- (b) the matters in respect of which information is to be obtained in the census:

AND WHEREAS it is provided by the section that the Order be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament:

AND WHEREAS the Minister has on the 8th day of March, 2004 made the Agricultural Census Order, 2004 directing that an agricultural census be held between the 1st day of May, 2004 and the 30th day of September, 2004:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Agricultural Census Order, 2004 be approved.

(By the Minister of Planning and Development)

Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Telecommunications Act, 2001.”
(By the Minister of Public Administration and Information)
2. A Bill entitled “An Act to provide for the establishment of an Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago and for related matters”.
(By the Minister of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education)
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)

*Jacqui Sampson Jacent
Clerk of the House*

*House of Representatives' Secretariat
The Red House
PORT OF SPAIN
March 18, 2004*

APPENDIX**ORDER PAPER/ MARCH 26, 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. 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. 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?
 - (i) 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. 60 to the Honourable Prime Minister

(By the Member for Barataria/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

Question No. 65 to the Honourable Minister of Finance

(By the Member for St. Augustine)

Would the Minister state:

- (i) The reasons for the delay in settling compensation packages for relocated residents of Oropune Village Piarco;
- (ii) The names of residents of Oropune Village, Piarco who are on the list for compensation;
- (iii) The amount of monies allocated to each relocated residents of Oropune Village, Piarco;
- (iv) The amount anticipated for payment to the relocated residents of Oropune Village, Piarco

Answer due by 20.03.2004

Question No. 66 to the Honourable Minister of Housing

(By the Member for St. Augustine)

Would the Minister state:

- (i) what is the status with the regularization of lands on the Streatham Lodge Estate, St. Augustine, South;
- (ii) when would Letters of Comfort be distributed to residents of Lower Dookiesingh Street, St. Augustine South;
- (iii) When Deed would be completed for distribution to relocated residents of Oropune Village, Piarco

Answer due by 20.03.2004

Question No. 67 to the Honourable Minister of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development

(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)

- (a) Could the Minister state whether National Entrepreneurship Development Company Limited (NEDCO) has rented a floor in the Melville Shipping building on London Street, Port of Spain?

- (b) Was this rental done by open tender? If no, please indicate how Melville Shipping was chosen.

Answer due by 20.03.2004

Question No. 70 to the Honourable Minister of Education

(By the Member for Siparia)

- A. Would the Minister list:
- (i) the steps and the date/s of each step taken, since January 2002 to implement the law relating to the appointment of school boards in the nation's schools;
 - (ii) the number of schools in which school boards have been appointed and the date of appointment of same;
 - (iii) the number in which no school boards have been appointed;
- B. Would the Minister state:
- (i) the reasons why there is a breach of the provisions of the law in the failure to appoint school boards to each school;
 - (ii) whether school boards have been provided with terms of reference and a manual for their proper functioning and if so, the nature of same?

Answer due by 31.03.2004

Question No. 74 to the Honourable Minister of Education

(By the Member for Siparia)

Would the Minister list:

- (i) the steps and the date/s of each step taken, since January 2002 to fill teacher vacancies in the nation's schools;
- (ii) the names of the secondary and primary schools in which there are teacher vacancies, whether permanent or temporary vacancies or otherwise;
- (iii) the number of vacancies per school and the subject area together with the dates these positions became vacant;
- (iv) the steps and the date/s of each step being taken to fill the vacant positions and the expected date for the filling of each vacancy?

Answer due by 31.03.2004

Question No. 80 to the Honourable Minister of Education*(By the Member for Siparia)*

Would the Minister state:

- (i) as at January 2002 what were the existing School Intervention Strategies (SIS) Committees which had been established to address school violence and indiscipline;
- (ii) the composition and role/functions of each committee as at January 2002;
- (iii) whether there are any changes in relations to (a) and (b) above since January 2002 and could she state the date/s of each change;
- (iv) the dates of and attendance record for each committee meeting since January 2002;
- (v) the specific work actually done by each committee and the record of implementation of each of their recommendations;
- (vi) the actual cost of implementation of each recommendation from January 2002 to date?

Answer due by 31.03.2004**Question No. 89 to the Honourable Minister of Housing***(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)*

Could the Minister state whether the occupants of the newly built Housing Units in Barataria/San Juan, St. Joseph, Tunapuna, San Fernando West, Ortorie/Mayaro have been selected, and if yes, provide a list of the names of the successful applicants and the date of application?

Answer due by 31.03.2004**Question No. 90 to the Honourable Member of Energy and Energy Industries***(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)*

- (a) Could the Minister indicate whether there is/was a delay in the reopening of the Vacuum Distillers Unit Plant at Petrotrin?
- (b) If so, was/is this due to the fault of the contractor CCISL that was chosen?
- (c) Did Cudjoe Construction and Industrial Services Limited meet all the proper tendering requirements?

Answer due by 31.03.2004**Question No. 94 to the Honourable Minister of National Security***(By the Member for Oropouche)*

- (a) Could the Minister provide the House with a list of the names of all persons applying for the position of Special Reserve Police (SRP) during the period January 2003 to December 2003?

- (b) Can the Minister indicate as of the end of January 2004, the list of all those successful applicants and all those unsuccessful applicants, indicating the reasons for rejecting those unsuccessful applicants?

Answer due by 31.03.2004

March 17, 2004