



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

TWENTY-FOURTH SITTING, SECOND SESSION (2003/2004), EIGHTH PARLIAMENT
FRIDAY APRIL 16, 2004 AT 1.30 P.M.

- (a) PRAYERS
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 - 1. Report of the Law Revision Commission for the year 2002.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)
 - 2. Annual Report of the Integrity Commission for Trinidad and Tobago for the year 2003.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)
 - 3. Inaugural Report of the Office of the Banking Services Ombudsman for the eight month period ended December 31, 2003.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)
 - 4. Loan Contract No.1523/OC-TT between the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and the Inter-American Development Bank Public Sector Reform Initiation Program March 17, 2004.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)
- (g) PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES
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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

***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 school was built to accommodate and the actual number 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 2002;
- (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?

* Questions Nos. 68, 69, and 71 were deferred for two (2) on 26.03.2004

***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. 72 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

(By the Member for Siparia)

- A. Would the Minister list the steps and date/s of each step taken, since January 2002 to implement the system of Heads and Deans in the nations schools and the reasons for the delay in implementing same;
- B. Could the Minister state the date when the system of Heads and Deans would be fully implemented?

***Question No. 73 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

(By the Member for Siparia)

Would the Minister state:

- (i) the steps and dates of each step taken, since January 2002 to implement the Continuous Assessment Programme (CAP) in the nation's schools and explain the reasons for the delay in full implementation of same;
- (ii) the date when same would be fully implemented?

***Question No. 75 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

(By the Member for Siparia)

Would the Minister state the steps and date/s of each step taken since January 2002 to provide a final curriculum (as distinct from draft curriculum) for each subject area and level in our nation's schools and the reasons for the delay in providing same?

***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

* Questions Nos. 72,73, and 75 were deferred for one (1) week on 02.04.2004

* Question No. 93 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 26.03.2004

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?

Question No. 76 to the Honourable Minister of Education

(By the Member for Siparia)

Would the Minister list:

- (i) the total number of students who wrote the SEA examinations in 2002 and 2003 and the number expected to write in 2004;
- (ii) the number of students who scored less than 30% and 50% in the 2002 and 2003 SEA examinations according to education districts;
- (iii) the steps and date/s of each step taken, since January 2002 to address the educational needs of children who scored less than 50% in the SEA examinations and entered into secondary schools;
- (iv) the steps and date/s of each step taken since January 2002 to reduce the number of children scoring less than 50% in the SEA examination?

Question No. 77 to the Honourable Minister of Education

(By the Member for Siparia)

Would the Minister state:

- (i) the number of students who wrote each of the subjects offered by CXC in 2002 and 2003 and the number expected to write in 2004;
- (ii) the number of students who failed each subject at CXC in 2002 and 2003 according to education districts;
- (iii) the steps taken, including the date/s of each steps since January 2002 to reduce the number of CXC failures?

Question No. 78 to the Honourable Minister of Education

(By the Member for Siparia)

Would the Minister please state:

- (i) the steps and date/s of each step taken, since January 2002 to implement de-linking of the Teaching Service from the Public Service and the creation of a unified teaching service and the reasons for the delay in implementing same;
- (i) the date when the same would be implemented?

Question No. 97 to the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs

(By the Member for Caroni Central)

- (a) Could the Minister inform this House as to the annual contributions paid by the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations and each of its agencies?
- (b) Could the Minister inform this House as to the actual annual contributions being paid to the United National Development Programme (UNDP) office in Trinidad in cash and other assistance including payment to staff, equipment, rental of building, etc.

Question No. 98 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment

(By the Member for Tabaquite)

- (a) Would the Minister inform this House whether or not a Certificate of Environmental Clearance has been issued for the construction of houses by the Government at each of the following locations:
 - (i) Farm Grove - Curepe
 - (ii) Sixth Avenue – Barataria
 - (iii) Green Street - Tunapuna
 - (iv) Madoo Hill, Upper El Dorado Road - Tunapuna
 - (v) Water Pipe Road, Cane Farm – Tacarigua
 - (vi) Caura Valley
 - (vii) Bates Trace – St. Augustine
 - (viii) Oleara Heights, Circular Road – San Fernando
 - (ix) Tarouba
 - (x) Plaisance – Mayaro
 - (xi) St. Joseph Estate – Ortoire
 - (xii) Guanapo Estate - Rio Claro
 - (xiii) Edinburgh 500
 - (xiv) Edinburgh Road – Longdenville
 - (xv) Carlsen Field
 - (xvi) Gran Couva?
- (b) For those locations for which Certificates have been issued, could the Minister indicate the date the application was made and the date the said certificate was issued?

- (c) For those locations without Certificates, could the Minister identify the reason(s) why the Certificate of Environmental Clearance was not issued?

Question No. 99 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment

(By the Member for Tabaquite)

- (a) Would the Minister inform this House if a Certificate of Environmental Clearance was issued for the expansion of the Crown Point International Airport?
- (b) If the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, would the Minister indicate the date the application was made and also the date the said Certificate was issued?
- (c) If the answer to part (a) is in the negative, would the Minister state the reason(s) why the said Certificate was not issued?
- (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. **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. 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)

- 2. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Telecommunications Act, 2001.”**

(By the Minister of Public Administration and Information)

- 3. A Bill entitled “An Act to repeal and replace the Sentencing Commission Act, 2000”.**

(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 March 26, 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)

***Jacqui Sampson Jacent
Clerk of the House***

***House of Representatives’ Secretariat
The Red House
PORT OF SPAIN***

April 06, 2004

APPENDIX**ORDER PAPER/ APRIL 16, 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. 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. 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. 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 date 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 Deeds would be completed for distribution to relocated residents of Oropune Village, Piarco

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. 81 to the Honourable Minister of Education

(By the Member for Siparia)

- A. Would the Minister state:
- (i) the estimated costs of construction, furnishing, and equipping of each of the second batch of SEMP secondary schools?
 - (ii) the names of the persons/companies contracted, the names of the directors of each company and the contracted cost of construction, furnishing and equipping of each?
 - (iii) the start up and completion dates of construction, furnishing and equipping of each school?
 - (iv) in the case of completed schools the actual cost of construction, furnishing and equipping of each?
- B. Would the Minister also state:
- (i) whether tenders were invited for the contracts awarded and if so, the bids made by each tenderer for construction, furnishing and equipping of each of the schools?
 - (ii) the procedure and criteria used to award each contract?

Answer due by 31.03.2004

Question No. 84 to the Honourable Minister of Education

(By the Member for Siparia)

- A. Would the Minister state:
- (i) the names of the schools selected for technical upgrades and a description of the technical upgrade proposed to be carried out;
 - (ii) the estimated cost of each technical upgrade;
 - (iii) the start up construction dates and completion dates for each upgrade;
- B. Would the Minister also state:
- (i) whether tenders were invited for each upgrade and if so, the bids of each tenderer;
 - (ii) the procedure and criteria used or to be used to award contracts for each

technical upgrade;

- (iii) in the cases where awards of contracts for technical upgrades have already been made, the contracted cost of each and the names of the persons and companies awarded contracts and the names of the directors of each company;
- (iv) the actual cost in the cases where the technical upgrades have been completed?

Answer due by 31.03.2004

Question No. 85 to the Honourable Minister of Education

(By the Member for Siparia)

- A. Would the Minister state:
 - (i) the names of the schools selected for expanded construction to increase student population capacity and the number of students already in those schools;
 - (ii) the procedure and criteria used to select each school;
 - (iii) the nature of the expanded construction and capacity to be created;
 - (iv) the estimated cost of each expansion;
- B. Would the Minister also state:
 - (i) whether tenders were invited for the award of contracts for such construction and if so, the bids of each tenderer;
 - (ii) the procedure and criteria used or to be used to award contracts for each school expansion;
 - (iii) the name/s of the persons, and/or companies and the names of the directors of each company awarded contracts?
 - (iv) the start up of construction and completion dates of each;
 - (v) the actual cost in the case of completed expansion construction;

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

Question No. 96 to the Honourable Prime Minister

(By the Member for Caroni East)

- (a) Could the Minister provide a full and complete list of all state agencies, statutory authorities, state enterprises and other public institutions that are subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act?
- (b) Of the above named organisations, please state which of these have complied with Sections 7, 8 and 9 of the Freedom of Information Act by publishing the relevant statements?
- (c) Of those that have not complied with Sections 7, 8 and 9, please specify the reason for non-compliance and the time frame within which the public can expect compliance?

Answer due by 16.04.2004

April 06, 2004