



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**ORDER PAPER**

**TWENTY-SIXTH SITTING, SECOND SESSION (2003/2004), EIGHTH PARLIAMENT  
FRIDAY MAY 07, 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 the Financial Statements of the Chaguanas Borough Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1993.  
*(By the Minister of Trade and Industry who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)*
  2. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Chaguanas Borough Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1995.  
*(By the Minister of Trade and Industry who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)*
  3. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Chaguanas Borough Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1996.  
*(By the Minister of Trade and Industry who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)*
  4. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Chaguanas Borough Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2003.  
*(By the Minister of Trade and Industry who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)*

5. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on a Special Audit of the Segment of the National Road Enhancement Programme (NREP) administered by the Urban Development Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (UDeCOTT).

*(By the Minister of Trade and Industry who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)*

6. Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year 2003 (2002 October 01 to 2003 September 30) and on other Selected Audit Activities.

*(By the Minister of Trade and Industry who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)*

7. Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the Financial Year 2003.

*(By the Minister of Trade and Industry who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)*

8. The National Commission for Self-Help Limited Financial Statements for the year ended September 30, 2000.

*(By the Minister of Trade and Industry who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)*

9. The National Commission for Self-Help Limited Financial Statements for the year ended September 30, 2001.

*(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

### **QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN APPENDIX I**

### **QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

#### **\*Question No. 68 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Siparia)*

A. Would the Minister state:

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\* Question No. 68 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 26.03.2004, a further one (1) week on 16.04.2004 and two weeks on 23.04.2004

- (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. 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?

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\* Questions Nos. 72 and 73, were deferred for one (1) week on 02.04.2004 and a further one (1) week on 16.04.2004 and two weeks on 23.04.2004

**\*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?

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\* Question No. 76 was deferred for one (1) on 16.04.2004 and a further two weeks on 23/04/2004

\* Questions Nos. 77 and 78 were deferred for one (1) week on 16.04.2004 and two weeks on 23.04.2004

**\*Question No. 79 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Siparia)*

Would the Minister state:

- (i) the steps and date/s of each step which have been taken since January 2002 to remove the disparity/disadvantage in salaries and pensions of school supervisors as compared to that of school principals and the reasons for the delay in removing same;
- (ii) the date when the said disparity would be removed?

**\*Question No. 82 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 construct the Shiva Boys and Parvati Girls Colleges;
- (ii) the reasons for the delay in construction of the Shiva Boys and Parvati Girls colleges;
- (iii) the estimated cost for construction of each;
- (iv) the start up date of construction and completion date of each?

**\*Question No. 83 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Siparia)*

Would the Minister state:

- (i) the reasons for the termination of the pre-service training programme for teachers and the date when this was done;
- (ii) the steps and dates of each step taken to put a system in place for pre-service training for teachers and what system is being put in place and when will it commence;
- (iii) the procedure and criteria which will be utilized to select persons for pre-service training;
- (iv) the interim measures being taken between the termination of the pre-service programme and the start up of any new system?

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\* Question No. 79 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 23.04.2004

\* Questions Nos. 82 and 83 were deferred for two (2) weeks on 23.04.2004

**\*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?

**Question No. 86 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Siparia)*

Would the Minister state:

- (i) the number of school librarian vacancies and the schools where such vacancies exist as well as the date since each vacancy first arose;
- (ii) the steps and date/s of each step taken, since January 2002 to fill vacancies for school librarians in the nation's schools;
- (iii) the expected date when each vacancy would be filled?

**Question No. 88 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Siparia)*

Would the Minister state:

- (a) whether any steps have been taken since January 2002 to ascertain the safety of the Biche High School and if in the affirmative, what are those steps and the date/s of each step;
  - (b) whether any steps have been taken to prevent deterioration of the Biche High School which may result from abandonment of same and if in the affirmative, what are those steps and the date/s of each step?
- (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

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\* Question No. 99 was deferred for one (1) week on 16.04.2004 and two weeks on 23.04.2004

- (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 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2004 made the Agricultural Census Order, 2004 directing that an agricultural census be held between the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2004 and the 30<sup>th</sup> 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 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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  
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***April 28, 2004***



**APPENDIX****ORDER PAPER/ MAY 07, 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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. 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. 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. 87 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Siparia)*

Would the Minister state:

- (i) the number of students in each primary and secondary school;

- (ii) the total number of teachers actually employed and the number of teachers on the establishment in each school;
- (iii) the schools in which there are librarians;
- (iv) the estimated date/s of construction of a library in each school?

**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**

**Question No. 100 to the Honourable Prime Minister**

*(By the Member for Oropouche)*

- (a) Could the Prime Minister indicate what steps were undertaken and programmes implemented or supported by his Administration to observe, highlight and promote the United Nations Observance of International Women's Day March 08, 2004?
- (b) Could the Prime Minister indicate what steps were undertaken and programmes implemented or supported by his Administration to observe, highlight and

promote the United Nations Observance of International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination March 21, 2004?

**Answer due by 19.05.2004**

**Question No. 101 to the Honourable Minister of Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs**

*(By the Member for Oropouche)*

- (a) Would the Minister provide a list of all National Commission for Self Help (NCSH) projects in the Penal/Debe region which are incomplete as at this date, for which financial resources were provided during the period January 2000 to December 2001?
- (b) Can the Minister state the reasons for the delay, postponement or cancellation of each incomplete project in the Penal/Debe area?

**Answer due by 19.05.2004**

**April 28, 2004**