



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**ORDER PAPER**

THIRTY-THIRD SITTING, SECOND SESSION (2003/2004), EIGHTH PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY JUNE 23, 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 Accounts and Financial Statements of the National Agricultural Marketing and Development Corporation for the period August 16, 1991 to December 31, 1991.  
*(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 Accounts and Financial Statements of the National Agricultural Marketing and Development Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1992.  
*(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 Siparia Regional Corporation for the period January 01, 1998 to September 30, 1998.  
*(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 Trinidad and Tobago Racing Authority for the year ended July 31, 1998.  
*(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 the Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Racing Authority for the year ended July 31, 1999.

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

6. Annual Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Postal Corporation for the year ended June 30, 2000.

*(By the Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment)*

7. Annual Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Postal Corporation for the year ended June 30, 2001.

*(By the Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment)*

8. Report of the Police Service Commission for the year 2002.

*(By the Minister of National Security)*

(g) PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

(h) QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

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

(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 provide for powers and jurisdiction in relation to pollution of the seas from ships, intervention on the high seas in cases of oil pollution, dumping of wastes at sea, prevention of pollution from ships, preparedness and response for oil

pollution emergencies, liability and compensation for pollution damage and matters incidental thereto”.

*(By the Minister of Works and Transport)*

2. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Family Proceedings Act, 2004”.

*(By the Attorney General)*

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 June 04, 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  
PORT OF SPAIN  
June 18, 2004*

**APPENDIX****ORDER PAPER/ JUNE 23, 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. 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. 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**

**Question No. 108 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment**

*(By the Member for Caroni East)*

Would the Minister:

- (i) state the total amount of money owed to the Water and Sewerage Authority (W.A.S.A) by its debtors;
- (ii) provide a detailed list of all the Authority's debtors who owe in excess of \$1,000 and the amounts owed in each case;
- (iii) indicate the enforcement measures and mechanisms, if any, that are in place to ensure the most effective collection of these monies;
- (iv) state the stipulated time period for the collection of these monies owed?

**Answer due by 25.06.2004**

**Question No. 109 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment**

*(By the Member for Caroni East)*

Could the Minister:

- (i) state the total amount of money that the Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) owes to its creditors;
- (ii) provide a detailed list of all the Authority's creditors who are owed in excess of \$25,000 and the amounts owed in each case;

- (iii) indicate the measures and mechanisms, if any, that are in place to ensure the most effective payment of these monies owed by the Authority;
- (iv) state what is the stipulated time period for the payment of these monies owed to its creditors?

**Answer due by 25.06.2004**

**Question No. 110 to the Honourable Minister of Housing**

*(By the Member for Caroni East)*

Could the Minister:

- (i) provide a detailed list of all the individuals and/or institutions that are indebted to the National Housing Authority in excess of \$1,000 and the amounts owed in each case;
- (ii) indicate what measures are in place for the proper collection of the monies owed;
- (iii) state what is the stipulated time period for the collection of these monies owed?

**Answer due by 25.06.2004**

**June 18, 2004**