



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
ORDER PAPER

THIRTY-SIXTH SITTING, SECOND SESSION (2003/2004), EIGHTH PARLIAMENT
WEDNESDAY JUNE 30, 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. White Paper on the Reform of the Financial System of Trinidad and Tobago.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)
 - 2. Seventy-first Report of the Salaries Review Commission of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)
 - 3. Annual Administration Report of the Betting Levy Board for the period July 01, 2002 to June 30, 2003.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)
- (g) PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES
 - 1. First Report of the Public Accounts Committee of the Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.
(By the Member for St. Joseph)
- (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. **The debate of the following bill which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Tuesday June 29, 2004 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled “An Act to make provision for the efficient management of the Police Service, to consolidate, amend and revise the law relating to the Police Service and for other related matters”.

(By the Prime Minister)

2. A Bill entitled “An Act to establish an independent body to investigate criminal offences involving police officers, police corruption and serious police misconduct and for other related matters”.

(By the Prime Minister)

3. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Constitution by providing for the establishment of a Police Management Authority, and for other related matters”.

(By the Prime Minister)

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

(By the Attorney General)

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House adopt the Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to consider and report on the Public Broadcast of Debates and Business of Both Houses.

(By the Minister of Housing)

2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House adopt the Report of the Public Accounts Committee of the Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

(By the Member for St. Joseph)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Friday June 25, 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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Clerk of the House*

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APPENDIX**ORDER PAPER/ JUNE 30, 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. 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. 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?

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

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