



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

SIXTH SITTING, (2006/2007) SESSION, EIGHTH PARLIAMENT  
FRIDAY OCTOBER 27, 2006 AT 1:30 P.M.

PRAYERS

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE OF A NEW MEMBER

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

PETITIONS

PAPERS

1. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2002.  
*(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 Princes Town Regional Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2002.  
*(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 Princes Town Regional 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)*
4. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Mayaro Civic Centre for the year ended September 30, 2002.  
*(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 Mayaro Civic Centre 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)*

6. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Mayaro Civic Centre for the year ended September 30, 2004.

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

## PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

### QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

#### Questions for Oral Answer

##### Question No. 1 to the Honourable Minister of National Security

*(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)*

Could the Minister indicate:

- (a) the individual cost of each Airship used over the past four (4) years;
- (b) who supplied the Airships; and
- (c) whether the contract to purchase the Airships were subject to open tender, and if not, how were they procured?

##### Question No. 2 to the Honourable Minister of National Security

*(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)*

Could the Minister advise the House of:

- (a) the location of the 'eye in the sky' equipment;
- (b) the individual cost of each 'eye in the sky';
- (c) who supplied the 'eye in the sky' equipment; and
- (d) were they obtained by open tender?

##### Question No. 3 to the Honourable Minister of Social Development

*(By the Member for Chaguanas)*

Could the Minister indicate when the Children's Authority would become functional?

##### Question No. 4 to the Honourable Minister of Social Development

*(By the Member for Chaguanas)*

Could the Minister indicate the status of the Remand Home for young male offenders at Aripo?

##### Question No. 5 to the Honourable Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs

*(By the Member for Chaguanas)*

- (a) With regards to the Brian Lara Stadium, could the Minister advise:

- (i) the status of work being conducted;
- (ii) the expected completion date; and
- (iii) the cost overruns to date.

(b) Could the Minister state what would the Stadium be used for in relation to Cricket World Cup 2007?

**Question No. 9 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Nariva)*

- (a) Is the Minister aware whether any Member of the Board of the Education Facilities Company Limited also serves as a director of any construction company that has tendered for and has been awarded contracts to construct or renovate schools;
- (b) If the Ministry is so aware could the Minister further advise what steps are being taken to avoid such conflicts of interest?

**Question No. 10 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Nariva)*

- (a) Could the Minister state whether the Ministry is aware that cleaners at Denominational and Government Assisted Schools are not provided with terminal benefits or pensions when they retire notwithstanding their lengthy years of service;
- (b) If so aware, could the Minister advise what steps would be taken to ensure that cleaners at Denominational and Government Assisted Schools are provided with terminal benefits at the end of their service?

**Question No. 11 to the Honourable Minister of Housing**

*(By the Member for Nariva)*

Could the Honourable Minister please state:

- (a) the reasons for the delay in completion of the Roy Joseph Housing Project in San Fernando;
- (b) the name(s) of the contactor(s) on the project;
- (c) the estimated cost of the project when the contract was awarded and the revised cost for completion of the project;
- (d) how many families from the Roy Joseph Housing Scheme have been placed in private homes at the expense of the State and the cost to date; and
- (e) the contribution that displaced families are making towards rental of private homes?

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE ON  
DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

## PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

1. The ICC Cricket World Cup West Indies 2007 Bill, 2006.  
*(By the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs)*

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE AND  
MOVED BY A MINISTER OR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY

## PUBLIC BUSINESS

**PRIVATE BUSINESS****Motions:**

1. **WHEREAS** it is acknowledged that political parties play a vital role in the functioning of democratic government;

**AND WHEREAS** there is at present no legislative framework regarding the registration of political parties or the disclosure, by political parties, of contributions made to them by individuals or corporations;

**AND WHEREAS** the financing of political parties is an issue of major public concern;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the House do appoint a Special Select Committee to make recommendations as to what principles and systems of financing of political parties would be appropriate in the public interest.

*(By the Member for Caroni East)*

2. **WHEREAS** the IADB funded Scarborough Hospital Project is a vital part of the Health infrastructure of Tobago;

**AND WHEREAS** the construction of the One Hundred (100) Bed Hospital was contracted to NHIC for the sum of TT \$135 Million;

**AND WHEREAS** this project has become entangled in allegations of conflict of interest, corruption and massive cost overruns;

**AND WHEREAS** the project is incomplete and there is no construction work taking place and no resumption in sight;

**AND WHEREAS** this delay in the delivery of the Scarborough Hospital is causing severe hardship and suffering to the people of Tobago;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has been silent on the progress or lack thereof of this project;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House do condemn the Government for its failure to act in the public interest with respect to the construction and delivery of the Scarborough Hospital.

*(By the Member for Caroni East)*

3. **WHEREAS** the Government has taken the unprecedented decision to close down the operations of BWIA and in the process retrenched, through VSEP, hundreds of BWIA workers as at December 31, 2006;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government in the mid-1990's initiated a failed policy of the privatization and sell-out of BWIA to Edward Acker;

**AND WHEREAS** air transport is crucial and vital to the economic and social interest of the people of Trinidad and Tobago, and by extension, the people of the region;

**AND WHEREAS** it is the intention of the Government to seek private sector participation on a national and regional basis in the ownership of the new airline;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Government provide to the Parliament a detailed account, explanation and rationale for its decision to close down the operations of BWIA as at December 31, 2006.

*(By the Member for Nariva)*

### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

#### **Bills Second Reading:**

1. A Bill entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment and management of the Heritage and Stabilisation Fund and for matters related thereto".

*(By the Minister in the Ministry of Finance)*

2. A Bill entitled "An Act to revise the law relating to bankruptcy to make provision for corporate and individual insolvency; to provide for the rehabilitation of the insolvent debtor and to create the office of Supervisor of Insolvency".

*(By the Minister in the Ministry of Finance)*

3. A Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50".

*(By the Minister of Works and Transport)*

*Jacqui Sampson  
Clerk of the House*

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

*October 23, 2006*



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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

**Question No. 14 to the Honourable of National Security**

*(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)*

In relation to the funds paid to the Centre for Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of the West Indies since 2002, can the Minister provide a breakdown of the amounts disbursed and to whom?

**Answer due by 18.11.2006**

**October 23, 2006**