



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

TENTH SITTING, (2006/2007) SESSION, EIGHTH PARLIAMENT  
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2006 AT 1.30 P.M.

PRAYERS

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE OF A NEW MEMBER

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BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

PETITIONS

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1. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Environmental Trust Fund for the year ended September 30, 2005.

*(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. 7 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Chaguanas)*

Could the Minister indicate whether there are plans to construct Early Childhood Care and Education Centres in the Constituency of Chaguanas?

**\*Question No. 8 to the Honourable Minister of Social Development**

*(By the Member for Chaguanas)*

With regards to the targeted Conditional Cash Transfer Programme (Debit Card System) could the Minister explain to this Honourable House:

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\* Questions Nos. 7 and 8 were deferred for two (2) weeks on 1.11.2006.

- (i) how the Debit Card System works;
- (ii) how this system would replace the Share Programme; and
- (iii) the role of the Non Governmental Organizations that support the Share Programme?

**Question No. 12 to the Honourable Minister of Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development**

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

Could the Minister indicate:

- (a) the total amount paid to Aubrey Armstrong Management Associates of Barbados with respect to consultancy services to the Cipriani College of Labour and Cooperative Studies; and
- (b) the names of the consultants who worked on these consultancies?

**Question No. 13 to the Honourable Minister of National Security**

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

Could the Minister indicate the total amount paid to the Centre for Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of the West Indies for research into the problems of crime since 2002?

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

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**Bills Second Reading:**

1. **The debate on the following Bill which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Friday November 10, 2006 will be resumed:**

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)*

**PRIVATE BUSINESS**

**Bills Second Reading:**

1. A Bill entitled “An Act for the incorporation of Freedom House and for matters incidental thereto”.

*(By the Speaker who will put the question that the Bill be read a Second Time)*

**Motions:**

1. **The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Friday October 27, 2006 will be resumed:**

**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)*

*Jacqui Sampson  
Clerk of the House*

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

*November 13, 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**

**November 13, 2006**