



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

**ORDER PAPER**

**FOURTEENTH SITTING (2006/2007) SESSION, EIGHTH PARLIAMENT  
FRIDAY DECEMBER 15, 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. The Customs (Caribbean Common Market) (Origin of Goods) (Amendment) Regulations, 2006.  
*(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)*
2. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Agricultural Development Bank of Trinidad and Tobago for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2005.  
*(By the Minister of Trade and Industry who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)*
3. Annual Audited Financial Statements of CWC World Cup (2007) T & T Limited for the financial years ended September 30, 2005 and 2006.  
*(By the Minister of Trade and Industry who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)*

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

**Questions for Oral Answer**

**\*Question No. 5 to the Honourable Minister of Sport 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 completed;
  - (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. 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. 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. 15 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Tabaquite)*

Could the Minister inform this Honourable House:

- (a) How many computers have been delivered to the following schools during the period 2005-2006:
  - i. The Mayo Roman Catholic Primary School;
  - ii. The Gasparillo Government Primary School;

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\* Question No. 5 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 27.10.2006, two (2) weeks on 10.11.2006, one (1) week on 24.11.2006 and a further two (2) weeks on 01/12.2006.

\* Questions No. 7 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 01.11.2006, one (1) week on 17.11.06 one week on 24.11.2006 and a further two (2) weeks on 01.12.2006.

\* Questions No. 12 was deferred for one (1) week on 17.11.06, one week on 24.11 2006 and a further two (2) weeks on 01.12.2006.

\* Questions Nos. 15 was deferred for one (1) week on 08.12.2006.

- iii. The St. Stephens Anglican Primary School; and
- (b) What software packages were purchased for the computers?

**\*Question No. 16 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Tabaquite)*

- (a) Could the Minister advise how much money was disbursed by the International Development Bank to the Secondary Education Modernization Programme during the period 2005-2006; and
- (b) How much interest has been paid by the Government on the undisbursed amount of the Secondary Education Modernization Programme loan for the said period?

**\*Question No. 17 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Tabaquite)*

Could the Minister advise:

- (a) How many government secondary schools have been deshifted annually from 2005-2006; and
- (b) The time frame for the completion of the said deshifting exercise?

**Question No. 18 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Tabaquite)*

Could the Minister indicate how many secondary schools have had no Mathematics or English teachers for the year 2006?

**Question No. 19 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Tabaquite)*

- (a) Could the Minister list the preschools that have been constructed annually for the years 2005-2006;
- (b) If no preschools have been constructed could the Minister outline reasons for the delay in construction?

**Question No. 20 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment**

*(By the Member for Tabaquite)*

Could the Minister state:

- (a) what is the annual estimated total level of gaseous emissions from the proposed three (3) Aluminium Smelters; and
- (b) the annual total volume of water required for the operation of the said smelters?

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\* Questions Nos. 16, and 17 were deferred for one (1) week on 08.12.2006.

**\*Question No. 23 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Nariva)*

Would the Minister state:

- (a) whether the building housing the Victoria District Education Office on Sutton Street, San Fernando is state owned or privately owned;
- (b) if privately owned, would the Minister state from whom is the property rented and at what cost to tax-payers; and
- (c) what departments are housed in the building and how is the floor space presently occupied?

**\*Question No. 24 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Nariva)*

- (a) Would the Minister state when will the Swaha Hindu College in Coalmine, Sangre Grande be ready to accommodate students; and
- (b) how much money has been spent up to October 31, 2006 on the building?

**\*Question No. 25 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Nariva)*

Would the Minister state what plans the Ministry of Education has for the opening of the Biche Presbyterian Primary School, now that the Presbyterian School Board has made a formal request for the school to be opened?

**Question No. 26 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Nariva)*

Could the Honourable Minister please state:

- (a) whether school cleaners at Government-run primary schools receive a terminal benefit/pension on retirement;
- (b) if the answer to (a) is negative, would the Minister indicate what steps are being taken by the Ministry to address this anomaly?

**Question No. 27 to the Honourable Minister of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education**

*(By the Member for Caroni East)*

Could the Minister provide this House with a list of the investments made by the Evolving Technologies and Enterprise Development Company Limited (e-Teck) for the period January 2005-October 2006?

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\* Questions Nos. 23, 24 and 25 were deferred for one (1) week on 08.12.2006.

**Question No. 28 to the Honourable Minister of National Security***(By the Member for Caroni East)*

Could the Minister indicate when the Police Station at Piarco will be rebuilt?

**Question No. 29 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment***(By the Member for Caroni East)*

Could the Minister state the following:

- (a) what is the current demand for electricity in Trinidad and Tobago and the projected demand by 2010;
- (b) what measures are being put in place in order to meet the current and projected demand;
- (c) what is the current status of the implementation of Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission proposed Automated Meter Reading System?

**Question No. 30 to the Honourable Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs***(By the Member for Chaguanas)*

With regard to the Alescon Sporting Facility, Charlieville, Chaguanas, could the Minister Inform this House:

- (a) when will work on the facility begin;
- (b) what is the scope of work to be done; and
- (c) when will the work be completed?

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 Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (Amendment) Bill, 2006.

*(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)*

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

### Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** the Government of Trinidad and Tobago has set itself the objective of establishing Trinidad and Tobago as a modern industrialized State;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has identified aluminium manufacturing as an element in the future industrial development of Trinidad and Tobago;

**AND WHEREAS** objections has been raised to the proposed development of such an aluminium manufacturing industry on health and environmental grounds;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House approve the development of an Aluminium Industry in Trinidad and Tobago subject to all the appropriate and necessary safeguards being put in place.

### Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled “An Act to make provision for the transmission of advance passenger information respecting persons traveling to Trinidad and Tobago and for matters related thereto”.

*(By the Minister of National Security)*

2. **The debate on the following Bill which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Friday December 08, 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)*

3. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the National Library and Information Act, 1998”.

*(By the Minister of Public Administration and Information)*

4. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago Act, 2004”.

*(By the Minister of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education)*

## PRIVATE BUSINESS

### Motions:

1. **The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Friday December 01, 2006 will be resumed:**

**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)*

2. **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)*

3. **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)*

*Jacqui Sampson  
Clerk of the House*

*House of Representatives' Secretariat*

*The Red House*

*PORT OF SPAIN*

*December 11, 2006*