



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FIRST SESSION (2007/2008), NINTH PARLIAMENT**

ORDER PAPER

**THIRD SITTING
FRIDAY JANUARY 18, 2008 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 to the Government: Seventh Actuarial Review of the National Insurance System as of 30 June 2005.
(By the Minister of Works and Transport who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
2. The National Insurance Board of Trinidad and Tobago Annual Report 2007.
(By the Minister of Works and Transport who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN APPENDIX 1

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 2 to the Honourable Minister of Education

(By the Member for Caroni Central)

Could the Honourable Minister state whether the Preysal Government Primary School, which is over fifty years old, will be reconstructed, and if so, when?

Question No. 3 to the Honourable Minister of Education*(By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)*

With regard to the Swaha Hindu College in Coalmine, could the Minister state:

- a) why after six years it is still under construction;
- b) when the school building would be ready to receive students; and
- c) how much money was spent so far on the construction of the building and how much more is still required for completion?

Question No. 4 to the Honourable Minister of Education*(By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)*

With regard to the Swaha Tulsi Maanus Early Childhood Centre at Coalmine, Sangre Grande, could the Minister state:

- a) why was construction of this centre recently stopped and subsequently abandoned;
- b) how much money was spent on the project at the point when it was abandoned and how was the material on the site of the time disposed of; and
- c) whether the project would be re-started and how early?

Question No. 6 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport*(By the Member for St. Augustine)*

Could the Minister state:

- a) the reasons for the recent unprecedented flooding in the constituency of St. Augustine and environs; and
- b) the steps he intends to take during the current dry season to prevent a recurrence of this situation?

Question No. 7 to the Honourable Minister of Legal Affairs*(By the Member for St. Augustine)*

Could the Minister:

- a) indicate the measures his Ministry has taken to ensure that all consumers benefit from Government measures taken to alleviate the impact of the escalating cost of living e.g. the removal of value added taxes, duties and tariffs on food prices; and
- b) inform this House of the measures his Government has taken and intends to take to combat profiteering by unscrupulous businessmen?

Question No. 8 to the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Land And Marine Resources*(By the Member for St. Augustine)*

Could the Minister inform this House of:

- a) the measures which his Government has taken to increase local food production including dairy and poultry farming; and
- b) the estimated time within which these measures are expected to impact on the cost of living?

Question No. 9 to the Honourable Attorney General*(By the Member for Chaguanas West)*

Could the Attorney General state:

- a) what are the plans of the Government for the redevelopment of the Chaguanas Magistrate Court; and;
- b) whether the Government is at this time paying rent for any facility on Ramsaran Street or in any other location in Chaguanas as an alternative Magistrate Court?

Question No. 10 to the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs*(By the Member for Chaguanas West)*

Could the Minister state what has become of the allocations that were made for the development of the Lange Park Regional Facility after extensive discussion and consensus was reached between the Chairman of the Sports Company, the Chaguanas Borough Corporation as well as the Lange Park Residents Association and the Lange Park Security and Management Company?

Question No. 11 to the Honourable Minister of National Security*(By the Member for Chaguanas West)*

Could the Minister indicate the status of the “Eye in the Sky” at the Busy Corner in Chaguanas and when last was it used?

Question No. 17 to the Honourable Minister of National Security*(By the Member for Princes Town)*

Could the Minister state:

- a) the date the Firearms Interdiction Unit which was headed by Superintendent Chandraban Maharaj was established;
- b) the number of firearms and the amount ammunition retrieved and/or confiscated by the said unit;

Question No. 17 to the Honourable Minister of National Security (cont'd)*(By the Member for Princes Town)*

- c) the areas in Trinidad and Tobago where the above arms and ammunition were retrieved and/or confiscated; and the date the said unit was suspended?

Question No. 18 to the Honourable Minister of National Security*(By the Member for Princes Town)*

Could the Minister state:

- a) the name of the organization and or company which the State has contracted to transport prisoners to and from the courts; and
- b) the sums paid by the State to this company for the years 2006 and 2007 for that purpose?

Question No. 19 to the Honourable Minister of National Security*(By the Member for Princes Town)*

With regard to the blimps and/or sky ships, could the Minister state:

- a) the costs to rent and/or to acquire or to lease each blimp and/or sky ship;
- b) the dates on which each was acquired;
- c) the annual cost of repairs and/or maintenance; and
- d) whether they have assisted in solving any of the murders so far for this year; and if so, which murders?

Question No. 25 to the Honourable Minister of National Security*(By the Member for Tabaquite)*

Could the Honourable Minister state:

- a) whether at any time during his tenure in office as Minister of National Security he made a public statement that there were in Trinidad and Tobago 66 criminal gangs with about 300 criminals and that he proposed to take steps to bring them to justice;
- b) if the Minister made that statement or stated words to that effect could the Minister state what steps, if any, he took to have them brought to justice; and
- c) if the answer is in the negative, could the Minister say whether he took steps to identify the criminals gangs in Trinidad and Tobago. If he did, could he state the result of the exercise and state what action (if any) was taken by him in respect of his findings?

Question No. 26 to the Honourable Minister of National Security*(By the Member for Tabaquite)*

Could the Minister state:

- a) whether there exists a Witness Protection Programme in Trinidad and Tobago;
- b) if the answer to (a) is yes, whether the Witness Protection Programme comprised witnesses who abandoned the programme. If the answer is yes, could the Minister give the number of persons who comprised the programme for each of the years from 2003 to 2007 and could the Minister state for each year the number of persons (if any) who abandoned the programme; and
- c) the reasons, if any, given by them for abandoning the programme?

Question No. 27 to the Honourable Minister of National Security*(By the Member for Tabaquite)*

Could the Minister state:

- a) whether government has started to implement the DNA Act;
- b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, could the Minister state:
 - i. the implementing stages which have been completed;
 - ii. progress (if any) made in establishing a DNA Bank to obtain and store the DNA records of individuals;
 - iii. whether the government is at present causing the use of DNA by the police to detect crimes;
- c) if the answer to b(iii) above is in the affirmative, could the Minister state whether the use of DNA assisted in detecting any crimes giving the nature of the crimes detected; and
- d) if the answer to b(iii) above is in the negative, could the Honourable Minister state whether the government intends to use the DNA to detect crimes, and if so, to give the time frame in which DNA will be used for the detection of crimes?

Question No. 30 to the Honourable Minister of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development*(By the Member for Oropouche East)*

- A. Can the Minister indicate whether the Occupational Health and Safety Agency has conducted and/or received a report on the death of contract worker Finbar Adonis in December 2007?
- B. Could the Minister indicate the findings of such a Report?

Question No. 31 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport*(By the Member for Oropouche East)*

- A. Can the Minister state the reasons for the inordinate delay in the commencement of rehabilitation work by his Ministry on the Cuchawan Trace West roadway, which was due to be undertaken in March 2007?
- B. Will the Minister indicate to the House the new date for commencing work on the Cuchawan Trace West landslip and the repairs and paving of the said road?

Question No. 32 to the Honourable Minister of Health*(By the Member for Oropouche East)*

- A. Can the Minister inform the House of the revised completion date for the Debe Health Center?
- B. Can the Minister indicate the revised cost for the Debe Health Center and the reasons for the cost overruns?

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

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**Motions:**

- 1. The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Monday January 07, 2008 will be resumed:*

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House take note of the Government's efforts to combat crime.

(By the Minister of National Security)

2. **WHEREAS** the Government of Trinidad and Tobago has made tremendous progress in the tertiary education sector over the last six years by expanding capacity and ensuring accessibility, affordability, relevance and excellence in the sector;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House commend the Government for its far reaching and visionary initiatives in the field of tertiary education.

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

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 related matters”.
(By the Minister of National Security)
2. A Bill entitled “An Act to provide for the application on Trinidad and Tobago of The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction and to provide for matters connected with or related thereto”.
(By the Minister of Social Development)

*Jacqui Sampson
Clerk of the House*

*House of Representatives’ Secretariat
The Red House
PORT OF SPAIN
January 14, 2008*

ORDER PAPER/FRIDAY JANUARY 18, 2008**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER****Question No. 1 to the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Land And Marine Resources**

(By the Member for Caroni Central)

With regards to the Caroni (1975) Ltd, could the Minister state:

- a) the assets held immediately before it was closed;
- b) whether the said assets referred to in (a) were disposed of by lease, rental, sale or other methods;
- c) the names of the individuals or companies which acquired same or acquired any interest in same or were in possession of or were permitted to have occupation of any of the assets including land of the said Caroni (1975) Ltd.; and
- d) the particulars of any such acquisition or acquisition of any such interest of delivery of possession or giving occupation of any such assets by each individual or company; giving the dates of such acquisitions and/or delivery of possession and/or occupation of any such asset, the price paid and the terms of the acquisition or delivery of occupation and/or possession.

(Answer due on 18.01.2008)

Question No. 5 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities

(By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)

Could the Honourable Minister list the projects undertaken under the Rural Electrification Programme in 2006 and 2007 and the projects proposed under this programme for 2008?

(Answer due on 18.01.2008)

January 14, 2008