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***Question No. 23 to the Honourable Minister of Local Government**

(By the Member for Princes Town North)

Is the Minister aware that a person was injured when he fell through a dilapidated, rotten wooden bridge in the jurisdiction of the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation?

Could the Minister state:-

- a) the number of wooden bridges under the jurisdiction of each Municipal Corporation;
- b) whether funds have been allocated to Municipal Corporations for the conversion of these wooden bridges into concrete bridges;
- c) the allocations for conversion of wooden bridges into concrete bridges in each Municipal Corporation, if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative; and
- d) the number of wooden bridges she expects to be converted into concrete bridges utilizing the said allocation?

* Question No. 23 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 08.02.2008

Question No. 24 to the Honourable Prime Minister(By the Member for Princes Town North)*

Could the Honourable Prime Minister state:

- a) the allocations given to the Special Purpose Companies for carrying out infrastructure works for the years 2006 and 2007;
- b) what criteria and/or mechanisms are used in determining the type of work and the areas in which such works are to be carried out by the Special Purpose Companies;
- c) the various Ministries under which each Special Purpose Company fall; and
- d) the criteria and procedures adopted by these companies in awarding contracts; and
- e) the persons and/or organizations which supervise and/or monitor the performance and the quality of work carried out by them?

Question No. 35 to the Honourable Minister of Health(By the Member for Caroni East)*

Could the Minister indicate when the construction of the Point Fortin Hospital will commence, the projected date of completion and estimated cost of the above mentioned?

Question No. 36 to the Honourable Minister of Health(By the Member for Caroni East)*

Could the Honourable Minister indicate the expenditure to date on the Scarborough Hospital, the work completed, the projected date of completion and the estimated total cost of the project?

Question No. 37 to the Honourable Minister of Health(By the Member for Caroni East)*

- A. Could the Honourable Minister indicate whether any projects and plans outlined for the improvement and development in the Health Sector, in the Prime Minister's Budget Statement of 2006-2007 inclusive, have been unfulfilled?
- B. If so, could the Minister list them and indicate their status?

Question No. 43 to the Honourable Minister of Finance(By the Member for Naparima)*

Could the Minister indicate:

- a) why coverage of self employed persons has not been introduced under the National Insurance Board; and
- b) whether this will be done in the future, and if so when?

Question No. 53 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport

(By the Member for Mayaro)

Could the Minister give a status report on road paving works along the Naparima Mayaro Road to Rio Claro inclusive of the present condition of the road, scope of works still needed to be done and projected completion date?

Question No. 54 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport

(By the Member for Mayaro)

Could the Minister state:

- a) what roads within the Constituency of Mayaro are earmarked for road paving, restoration/rehabilitation; and
- b) when these works are expected to commence?

Question No. 57 to the Honourable Minister of Tourism

(By the Member for Mayaro)

With respect to Carnival 2008, could the Minister state:

- a) how much money has been spent by the Ministry of Tourism and the Tourism Development Company Ltd to promote Carnival 2008, inclusive of expenditure on advertising, foreign consultancies, foreign media coverage, sponsorships etc; and
- b) whether Black Entertainment Television (BET), a US based Cable Channel, was used again to promote Carnival 2008, and if yes at what cost ?

Question No. 60 to the Honourable Minister of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education

(By the Member for Caroni Central)

Could the Minister state:

- a) how much money was spend in 2007 to support needy students seeking tertiary training abroad;
- b) how these students were selected for financial support;
- c) whether there was any advertisement with respect to the availability of this fund for assistance to local students studying abroad; and
- d) if the answer to (c) is in the affirmative, could the Minister state the dates and the specific media in which these advertisements were placed?

Question No. 61 to the Honourable Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Caroni Central)

Could the Minister inform this House as to:

- a) how many vehicles are allocated each of the following:
 - i. Freeport Police Station,

- ii. Gran Couva Police Stations;
 - iii. Longdenville Police Stations; and
 - iv. the Flanagin Town and Las Lomas Police Post; and
- b) how many policemen are allocated to work in each of the station and police posts in (a)?

Question No. 62 to the Honourable Minister of Local Government

(By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)

Could the Minister state:

- a) what was the estimated cost of construction of the Sangre Grande Public Market;
- b) when was construction started and when was it scheduled for completion;
- c) which contractor/contracting firm was awarded the contract for the construction of the market; and
- d) is the contractor still on the project and has there been a cost overrun on the construction project?

Question No. 63 to the Honourable Minister of Local Government

(By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)

Could the Minister state:

- a) whether government intends to construct a new complex for the Sangre Grande Regional Corporation at Plum Mitan Main Road, Manzanilla; and
- b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, would the Minister give the scheduled date for the commencement of this project and the estimated cost thereof?

Question No. 64 to the Honourable Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)

Could the Minister state:

- a) whether Government intends to construct a new fire station at Plum Mitan Main Road, Manzanilla; and
- b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, would the Minister give a date for the commencement of this project and the estimated cost thereof?

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Motions:

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Friday January 25, 2008, will be resumed:**

WHEREAS the price of food continues to rise and the poor and low-income earners now find it difficult to feed themselves and their families;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to take adequate measures to keep food prices at an affordable level to all citizens;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House condemn the Government for its failure in containing food prices at affordable levels for the entire population.

(By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Wednesday January 30, 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. **The debate on the following Bill which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Friday February 15, 2008 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled "An Act to provide for the payment of compensation in respect of members of the Teaching Service who suffer injury or die in circumstances arising out of and in the course of employment with the State".

(By the Minister of Education)

2. 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)

3. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Copyright Act, 1997.

(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)

4. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Retiring Allowances (Legislative Service) Act, Chap. 2:03”.

(By the Minister of Attorney General)

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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)

Question No. 52 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport

(By the Member for Mayaro)

With respect to the road works in Mayaro, could the Minister inform this House:

- a) how much money has been spent to date to repair landslips and on road restoration from Rio Claro to New Grant;
- b) the names of the contractors employed on these projects; and
- c) what is the projected completion date of these works?

(Answer due on 20.02.2008)

Question No. 55 to the Honourable Minister of Local Government*(By the Member for Mayaro)*

With respect to the Rural Development Company Limited, could the Minister state:

- a) the number and type of projects undertaken in the Mayaro Constituency between January 01, 2006 and December 31, 2007;
- b) the total expenditure on these said projects;
- c) the names of all contractors employed to undertake these said projects in the Mayaro Constituency;
- d) the status of these projects; and
- e) what new projects are being proposed in the Mayaro Constituency and when are they scheduled to commence?

(Answer due on 20.02.2008)**Question No. 56 to the Honourable Minister of Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs***(By the Member for Mayaro)*

With respect to Carnival 2008, could the Minister state:

- a) the total allocation for Carnival 2008 by her Ministry; and
- b) the total disbursement of grants to all cultural and social organizations, (especially Calypso Tents) for Carnival related activities?

(Answer due on 20.02.2008)**Question No. 58 to the Honourable Minister of Tourism***(By the Member for Mayaro)*

Could the Minister state:

- a) what is the Ministry of Tourism and the Tourism Development Company Ltd doing to promote community based tourism initiatives; and
- b) what monies are allocated for these projects?

(Answer due on 20.02.2008)**Question No. 59 to the Honourable Minister of Information***(By the Member for Caroni Central)*

Could the Minister inform this Honourable House as to how much money was spent by each Ministry on advertisement, promotion and publication to each of the media houses in 2007?

(Answer due on 29.02.2008)**February 18, 2008**