



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

**ORDER PAPER**

**ELEVENTH SITTING**

**FRIDAY MARCH 14, 2008 AT 1:30 P.M.**

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**Questions for Oral Answer**

**\*Question No. 12 to the Honourable Minister of National Security**

*(By the Member for Chaguanas West)*

With regard to the Office of Disaster Preparedness Management, can the Honourable Minister inform the House what is the recurrent cost in 2007 in relation to the operations of this office and what has the office achieved thus far?

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\* Question No. 12 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 30.01.2008, for another two (2) weeks on 15.02.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 29.02.2008.

**\*Question No. 20 to the Honourable Minister of National Security**

*(By the Member for Princes Town North)*

With regard to the services of Professor Mastroski and his team, could the Minister state:

- a) the amount of money paid to date to obtain his services and those of his team;
- b) how many recommendations did he propose for the solving of serious crimes;
- c) briefly, the recommendations;
- d) whether the Government implemented all of his recommendations;
- e) if the answer to (d) is in the negative, can the Minister list the recommendations which were not implemented; and
- f) the reasons why the recommendations listed in (e) were not implemented?

**\*Question No. 48 to the Honourable Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs**

*(By the Member for Caroni Central)*

With regards to the Brian Lara Sporting Complex in Tarouba, could the Minister state:

- a) the projected cost;
- b) how much money has been expended on the project so far; and
- c) the expected date of completion of the entire project?

**\*Question No. 49 to the Honourable Minister of Planning, Housing and the Environment**

*(By the Member for Mayaro)*

With respect to the Housing Development Corporation, could the Minister state:

- a) how many housing units were constructed in the Mayaro Constituency during the period 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2006 – 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2007;
- b) the geographical location of these units;
- c) the total expenditure on construction of these units to date; and
- d) how many of these units are still unoccupied?

**\*Question No. 50 to the Honourable Minister of Planning, Housing and the Environment**

*(By the Member for Mayaro)*

Could the Minister state what new housing units are earmarked for construction in the Mayaro Constituency?

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\* Question No. 20 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 30.01.2008, for another two (2) weeks 15.02.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 29.02.2008.

\* Question No. 48 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 8.02.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 29.02.2008.

\* Questions Nos. 49 and 50 were deferred for two (2) weeks on 15.02.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 29.02.2008.

**\*Question No. 51 to the Honourable Minister of Planning, Housing and the Environment**

*(By the Member for Mayaro)*

Could the Minister state:

- a) whether she is aware of the plight of families in Plaisance Park, Mayaro who have been severely affected by regular flooding of their Housing Development Corporation Units (recent advertisement December, 2007); and
- b) what the Housing Development Corporation is doing to bring relief and comfort to these homeowners in the short and long term?

**Question No. 65 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport**

*(By the Member for Chaguanas West)*

- A. Is the Minister aware that the landslip on the southern end of the new Caroni bridge has caused the steel truss bridge to move resulting in damage to some of the steel members; and
- B. if the answer to (a) is yes, could the Minister briefly state the extent of the damage and the measures that are being taken to ensure public safety?

**Question No. 66 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport**

*(By the Member for Chaguanas West)*

With respect to the Caroni Bridge:

- a) could the Minister furnish details of the cost of construction;
- b) who were the designers of the local bridge works, specifically, river alignment, bridge supports and associates road works; and
- c) was the Ministry of Works Highways Division given any responsibility for the bridge?

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE ON  
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PUBLIC BUSINESS

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\* Question No. 51 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 15.02.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 29.02.2008.

**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 its 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)*

3. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House approve the decision of the President to acquire the lands described in Appendix II to the Order Paper for the public purposes specified.

*(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources)*

**Bills Second Reading:**

1. A Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Copyright Act, 1997".

*(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)*

2. **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)*

3. A Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Legal Profession Act, 1986".

*(By the Attorney General)*

**Committee Stage:**

1. **The Committee Stage of the following Bill which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Friday March 07, 2008 will be resumed:**

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

*(By the Attorney General)*

**PRIVATE BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Friday February 22, 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)*

2. **WHEREAS** there exists no comprehensive, logical, fair, humane and equitable pension plan to ensure that persons who have worked for the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and retired are able to live a life of dignity without experiencing hardships during their retirement, a period when they are least equipped to cope with these hardships;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Government take immediate steps to establish a comprehensive pension plan for all categories of persons who have worked for the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and who have retired; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that such a pension plan be linked to the cost of living and the wage and salary increases for government workers to ensure that government retirees are able to live out their retirement years with dignity and without being subjected to financial hardships.

*(By the Member for Naparima)*

*Neil Jaggassar  
Clerk of the House (Ag.)*

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

*March 10, 2008*



**ORDER PAPER/FRIDAY MARCH 14, 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 the 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. 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. 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)****Question No. 80 to the Minister of Planning, Housing and the Environment***(By the Member for Fyzabad)*

With regard to government housing projects, could the Minister provide the following, for the period 2006 to 2007:

- (a) a list of the persons who obtained government houses/ apartments;
- (b) the cost of the same;
- (c) the downpayments made on the same; and
- (d) a list of the persons who obtained same without downpayments?

**(Answer due on 03.04.2008)****Question No. 81 to the Minister of Planning, Housing and the Environment***(By the Member for Fyzabad)*

With regard to government housing projects, could the Minister state:

- (a) whether additional works were done on houses/apartments distributed between 2006 to 2007; and
- (b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, what was the cost of works done ?

**(Answer due on 03.04.2008)****Question No. 82 to the Minister of Planning, Housing and the Environment***(By the Member for Fyzabad)*

With regard to government housing projects, could the Minister provide the following, for the period 2006 to 2007:



- (a) a list of all applicants for government houses/ apartments;
- (b) the dates of the applications; and
- (c) a list of persons who did not obtain same?

**(Answer due on 03.04.2008)**

**Question No. 83 to the Minister of Planning, Housing and the Environment**

***(By the Member for Fyzabad)***

With regard to government housing projects, could the Minister provide the following, for the period 2006 to 2007:

- (a) a list of the persons who obtained financial support for house construction;
- (b) the amount of monies obtained for same; and
- (c) a list of applicants who did not obtained financial support, and the reasons for refusal?

**(Answer due on 03.04.2008)**

**Question No. 84 to the Minister of Planning, Housing and the Environment**

***(By the Member for Fyzabad)***

With regard to government housing projects, could the Minister provide the following, for the period 2006 to 2007:

- (a) a list of citizens whose homes were destroyed by the Land Settlement Agency ;
- (b) the dollar value of the same;
- (c) the number of persons affected by same; and
- (d) the dollar value of compensation awarded to those persons who were affected?

**(Answer due on 03.04.2008)**

**Question No. 85 to the Minister of Planning, Housing and the Environment**

***(By the Member for Fyzabad)***

Could the Minister provide a list of citizens who obtained security of tenure for land via the Land Settlement Agency between 2006 and 2007?

**(Answer due on 03.04.2008)**

**March 10, 2008**



<b>DESCRIPTION OF LAND</b>	<b>PUBLIC PURPOSES FOR WHICH TO BE ACQUIRED</b>
<p>1. The four parcels of land together comprising 791.8 square meters more or less, situate at St. Paul Street, in the County of St. George, in the City of Port of Spain and described in the Schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2004 and filed in the Office of the Director of Surveys, are required for a public purpose: provision of parking facilities for the community centre at St. Paul Street.</p> <p align="center"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Four parcels of land together comprising 791.8 square meters more or less, situate at St. Paul Street, in the County of St. George, in the City of Port of Spain and described as follows:</p> <p>(a) 375 square meters said to belong now or formerly to George Bartholomew;</p> <p>(b) 190.5 square meters said to belong now or formerly to George St. Rose;</p> <p>(c) 135.3 square meters said to belong now or formerly to Phillis Baptiste; and</p> <p>(d) 91 square meters said to belong now or formerly to Phillis Baptiste.</p> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a Survey Plan filed in Book 1243 as Folio 173, in the Vault of the Lands and Surveys Division, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p> <p>2. Two parcels of land together containing 764.1 square metres land more of less, and situate at Lot No. 2, Constabulary Street, Carenage, in the Ward of Diego Martin, in the County of St. George, and described in the Schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2006 and filed in his office, are required for a public purpose: construction of the Carenage Heath Centre.</p>	<p>Provision of Parking Facilities for the Community Centre</p>

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