



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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ORDER PAPER

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OATH OF ALLEGIANCE OF A NEW MEMBER

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1. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Chaguanas Borough Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2005.

(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)

2. A Green Paper on Local Government Reform: Roles and Responsibilities of Local Government Bodies.

(By the Minister of Local Government)

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

1. The Second Report (2007/2008) Session of the Finance Committee of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on proposals for the Supplementation and Variation of the 2008 Appropriation.

(By the Minister of Finance)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN APPENDIX 1

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 140 to the Honourable Minister of National Security**(By the Member for Mayaro)**

With respect to the Mayaro Police Station, could the Minister state:

- (a) what is the initial estimated cost of the project, the cost on completion, the reasons for the overruns, the initial project date of the completion, the actual date of completion, the names of the contractors and subcontractors employed on the project, the value of their contracts and the actual amounts paid to each;
- (b) the number of police officers to be assigned to the police station, the ranks of these officers,
- (c) the number and types of vehicles to be assigned to the station; and
- (d) other resources to be assigned to the station?

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1. The Finance (Supplementation and Variation of Appropriation) Bill, 2008.

(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the next stage of the Bill be taken later in the proceedings)

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**Motions:**

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House adopt the Second Report (2007/2008) Session of the Finance Committee of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on proposals for the Supplementation and Variation of the 2008 Appropriation.
(By the Minister of Finance)
2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate amendments to the Immigration (Advance Passenger Information) Bill, 2008, listed in Appendix III, be considered.
(By the Minister of National Security)
3. **WHEREAS** resolution of the House of Representatives which was passed on March 14, 2008 was considered by the Senate and amended;

AND WHEREAS on Tuesday May 06, 2008, the Senate agreed to the following:

- (a) to appoint six (6) Members to serve with an equal number from the House of Representatives to inquire into and report to Parliament on Municipal Corporations and Service Commissions with the exception of the Judicial and Legal Service Commissions on their administration, manner of exercise of their powers, methods of functioning and on any other criteria adopted by them in the exercise of their powers and functions;
- (b) to appoint six (6) Members to serve with an equal number from the House of Representatives to inquire into and report to Parliament on Government Ministries (Part I) and all Statutory Authorities/Enterprises falling under these Ministries and owned or controlled by or on behalf of the State or which received funding from the State of more than two-thirds of their total income in any one year; and
- (c) to appoint six (6) Members to serve with an equal number from the House of Representatives to inquire and report to Parliament on Government Ministries (Part II) and all Statutory Authorities/Enterprises falling under these Ministries and owned or controlled by or on behalf of the State or which received funding from the State of more than two-thirds of their total income in any one year;

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives appoint six (6) Members to serve with an equal number from the Senate to inquire into and report to Parliament on Municipal Corporations and Service Commissions with the exception of the Judicial and Legal Service Commissions on their administration, manner of exercise of their powers, methods of functioning and on any other criteria adopted by them in the exercise of their powers and functions;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives also appoint six (6) Members to serve with an equal number from the Senate to inquire into and report to Parliament on Government Ministries (Part I) (*as listed in Appendix II*) and all Statutory Authorities/Enterprises falling under these Ministries and owned or controlled by or on behalf of the State or which received funding from the State or more than two-thirds of their total income in any one year;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives also appoint six (6) Members to serve with an equal number from the Senate to inquire and report to Parliament on Government Ministries (Part II) (*as listed in Appendix II*) and all Statutory Authorities/Enterprises falling under these Ministries and owned or controlled by or on behalf of the State or which received funding from the State of more than two-thirds of their total income in any one year.

(By the Minister of Works and Transport)

4. **The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Friday May 23, 2008 will be resumed:**

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives appoint three (3) Members to serve with an equal number from the Senate to inquire into and report to Parliament on the Urban Development Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago (UDeCOTT) with regard to its administration, operations, functions, manner of exercise of its powers, performance of its duties and responsibilities and method of functioning, with particular reference to its procurement procedures and practices;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Committee be empowered to send for persons, papers and records; appoint specialist advisers to provide information and elucidate matters of complexity and to adjourn from place to place; and that the meetings of this Committee shall be held in public and shall be broadcast live via both television and radio, and that this Committee report its findings to the Parliament by September 30, 2008.

(By the Minister of Works and Transport)

5. **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)

6. **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)

Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Pensions Act, Chap. 23:52".

(By the Minister of Public Administration)

2. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Teachers' Pensions Act, Chap. 39:02".

(By the Minister of Public Administration)

3. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Assisted Secondary School Teachers' Pensions Act, Chap. 39:03".

(By the Minister of Public Administration)

4. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Children's Authority Act, 2000".

(By the Minister of Social Development)

5. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Children's Community Residences, Foster Homes and Nurseries Act, 2000".

(By the Minister of Social Development)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Friday May 02, 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)

3. **WHEREAS** between 2002 to the present time, serious allegations of improper conduct, unauthorized and unaccountable behavior have been made against the Urban Development Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago (UDeCOTT) and its Chairman;

AND WHEREAS the public interest demands that there be conducted an open and transparent investigation into the said allegations;

AND WHEREAS the government has a duty to the people to cause an open and transparent investigation to be done in respect of the said allegations;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House call upon the government to cause to be appointed an independent and impartial Commission of Enquiry to sit in public to inquire into the said allegations, for the Commission to report within a reasonable time and for such report to be made public.

(By the Member for Tabaquite)

Neil Jaggassar
Clerk of the House (Ag.)

House of Representatives' Secretariat
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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 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. 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. 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. 81 to the Honourable 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 Honourable 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. 84 to the Honourable 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. 90 to the Honourable Minister of Local Government****(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

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

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

(Answer due on 08.04.2008)

Question No. 93 to the Honourable Minister of Planning, Housing and the Environment**(By the Member for Princes Town North)**

Could the Minister give a detailed list, including names, addresses, date of the application, type of unit and/or plot of all the persons (excluding the tenants and/or occupiers) who have applied to the Housing Development Corporation (HDC) and the National Housing Authority (NHA) for housing units or building plots in Fairfield Estate, Princes Town?

(Answer due on 08.04.2008)**Question No. 116 to the Honourable Minister of Local Government****(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

With respect to the Palo Seco Agricultural Enterprises Limited (PSAEL), could the Minister state:

- (a) the number and types of projects undertaken by the company between January 01, 2007 and December 31, 2007;
- (b) the total expenditure on each of these projects;
- (c) the names of all the contractors employed to undertake these said projects ; and
- (d) what new projects are being proposed specifically for the Penal/Debe area and when they are scheduled to commence?

(Answer due on 25.04.2008)**Question No. 130 to the Honourable Minister of Local Government****(By the Member for Mayaro)**

With respect to the Rural Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited, could the Minister state:

- (a) what is the mandate, functions and specific geographic area of operations of this Special Purpose Company;
- (b) what is the total expenditure incurred by this agency from its inception to March 2008;
- (c) all the projects which have been undertaken, to date, and the attached costs for each;
- (d) the names of contractors employed and the status of works executed; and
- (e) what new projects are proposed and /or are being undertaken, the areas in which they are to be implemented and the total budget for these works ?

(Answer due on 21.05.2008)**Question No. 131 to the Honourable Minister of Local Government****(By the Member for Mayaro)**

With respect to the Community Improvement Services Limited, could the Minister state:

- (a) what is the mandate and specific geographical area of operation of this entity;
- (b) what is the total expenditure incurred to date, the type of projects undertaken, the areas in which they were implemented and the status of these works;
- (c) the names of contractors employed, the services they provided and at what cost; and

- (d) what new projects are proposed, the areas in which they are to be undertaken, the total budget for these works and projected commencement and completion dates?

(Answer due on 21.05.2008)

Question No. 132 to the Honourable Minister of Local Government

(By the Member for Mayaro)

With respect to the Palo Seco Agricultural Enterprises Limited, could the Minister state:

- (a) what is the mandate of this entity, its specific geographical area of operation and the total expenditure incurred from January 2006 – March 2008;
- (b) the total number and type of projects undertaken, January 2006 –March 2008, the areas in which they were implemented and the status of these works; and
- (c) what new projects are being proposed, the areas in which works will be executed, the budget for these works and the projected commencement and completion dates?

(Answer due on 21.05.2008)

Question No. 133 to the Honourable Minister of Local Government

(By the Member for Mayaro)

With respect to the East Port of Spain Development Company Limited, could the Minister state:

- (a) what is its mandate, functions and specific geographic area of operation;
- (b) what is the total expenditure incurred to date, the type of projects undertaken, the areas in which they were implemented and the status of these works; and
- (c) what new projects are being proposed, the areas in which they are to be implemented and the projected commencement and completion dates

(Answer due on 21.05.2008)

Question No. 142 to the Honourable Minister of Local Government

(By the Member for Princes Town North)

Could the Minister list the recommendations for Local Government reform received from members of the public at the public consultations held?

(Answer due on 28.05.2008)

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Appointment of Joint Select Committees – Section 66A of the Constitution

PART I

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- Ministry of Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs
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- Ministry of Trade and Industry

PART II

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- Ministry of Tourism
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- Office of the Prime Minister
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THE IMMIGRATION (ADVANCE PASSENGER INFORMATION) BILL, 2008

List of Amendments made in the Senate on Tuesday May 13, 2008

First Column	Second Column
Clause 3	<p>(i) In subclause (1), delete the word “provide” and substitute the word “transmit”.</p> <p>(ii) In subclause (2), delete the word “an” and substitute the word “a summary”.</p> <p>(iii) In subclause (3), delete the full stop and insert thereafter the following words:</p> <p>“, where the vessel is –</p> <p>(a) a military vessel; or</p> <p>(b) on official state business.”</p>

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