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Questions for Oral Answer

***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. 48 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 08.02.2008, for another two (2) weeks on 29.02.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 14.03.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 28.03.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 11.04.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 02.05.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 16.05.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 06.06.2008.

***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 spent 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. 74 to the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources**

(By the Member for Caroni Central)

Could the Minister state:

- (a) how many leases for agricultural land have been given out to and executed by ex-Caroni (1975) Ltd VSEP-availed workers as at February 29, 2008; and
- (b) where the lands in (a) are located?

***Question No. 75 to the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources**

(By the Member for Caroni Central)

Could the Minister state:

- (a) how many leases for residential lands have been given out to and executed by ex-Caroni (1975) Ltd VSEP-availed workers as at February 29, 2008; and
- (b) where the lands in (a) are located?

***Question No. 76 to the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources**

(By the Member for Caroni Central)

Could the Minister state:

- (a) how many residential lots from land previously owned by Caroni (1975) Ltd will be made available by sale/lease/rental to members of the public;
- (b) the price at which the lands in (a) will be sold;
- (c) when the land in (a) will become available; and the criteria for selection of purchasers for the above lots of lands?

* **Question No. 60 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 22.02.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 07.03.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 28.03.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 11.04.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 02.05.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 16.05.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 06.06.2008.**

Questions Nos. 74, 75 and 76 were deferred for two (2) weeks on 28.03.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 11.04.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 02.05.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 16.05.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 06.06.2008.

Question No. 77 to the Honourable Minister of National Security*(By the Member for Caroni Central)**

Could the Minister state:

- (a) how many citizens of Trinidad and Tobago are in possession of the 'old' (non machine readable) passports;
- (b) the deadline for changing all these passports to the machine readable passports; and
- (c) how many passport applications are processed and new passports delivered at present on a weekly basis?

Question No. 87 to the Honourable Minister of Planning, Housing and the Environment*(By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)**

Could the Minister state the process by which Housing Development Corporation (HDC) houses are allotted to applicants?

Question No. 88 to the Honourable Minister of Local Government*(By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)**

Could the Minister state:

- a) when would the St. Marie Emmanuel Road in Cumuto, Sangre Grande be rehabilitated and re-paved by the Sangre Grande Regional Corporation; and
- b) why was this road not previously paved?

Question No. 89 to the Honourable Minister of Local Government*(By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)**

Could the Minister state when would the Sangre Grande Regional Corporation repair the major landslips in Cumuto at:

- (a) Harkoo Trace; and
- (b) Sookoo Trace?

* Questions Nos. 77, 87 and 88 were deferred for two (2) weeks on 04.04.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 18.04.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 02.05.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 16.05.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 06.06.2008.

* Question No. 89 was deferred for two (2) weeks on the 11.04.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 02.05.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 16.05.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 06.06.2008.

Question No. 96 to the Honourable Minister of Health*(By the Member for Caroni East)**

Could the Minister state what sums were paid to individual doctors working in private nursing homes for professional services rendered to public patients in 2006 and 2007 on behalf of the Ministry of Health?

Question No. 101 to the Honourable Minister of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education*(By the Member for Caroni East)**

With regard to all the University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTTI) campuses throughout Trinidad and Tobago, could the Minister state:

- (a) the cost of construction of each; and
- (b) the annual expenditure for 2006 and 2007 on (i) staff, (ii) scholarships to lecturers/professors and (iii) administration?

Question No. 103 to the Honourable Minister of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education*(By the Member for Caroni East)**

Could the Minister state:

- (a) whether any internal audit has ever been done at the University of the West Indies since its inception;
- (b) if the answer to (a) is in the negative, why not;
- (c) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, for what years, and have they been reviewed by the Auditor General; and
- (d) has the Auditor General ever conducted an audit of the University of Trinidad and Tobago?

Question No. 107 to the Honourable Minister of Finance*(By the Member for Chaguanas West)**

- A. What was the actual annual Government expenditure on Official Overseas Travel (airfares) from 2006-2007?
- B. What is the projected expenditure on Official Travel for 2008?
- C. How many aircraft travel hours are envisaged for 2008?

* Question No. 96 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 04.04.2008; for another two (2) on the 18.04.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 02.05.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 16.05.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 06.06.2008.

* Questions Nos. 101 and 103 were deferred for two (2) weeks on 18.04.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 02.05.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 16.05.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 06.06.2008.

* Question No. 107 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 11.04.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 02.05.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 16.05.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 06.06.2008.

Question No. 111 to the Honourable Minister of National Security*(By the Member for Princes Town North)**

- A. Could the Minister give the name(s) of the person(s) and /or organization(s) which negotiated the purchase and /or lease of each blimp/sky ship on behalf of the State?
- B. Could the Minister give the name(s) of the person(s) and /or organization(s) which negotiated the purchase and /or lease of each blimp/sky ship on behalf of the suppliers?
- C. Were anti-corruption clauses inserted in the contracts for the purchase and/or lease of each blimp and/or sky ship?

Question No. 115 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 names of those constituencies, which are approved for infrastructure project to be undertaken by that company;
- (b) the criteria used to identify constituencies for approval for PSAEL projects; and
- (c) the quantum of monies spent in 2007 on projects undertaken by the company?

Question No. 118 to the Honourable Minister of Finance*(By the Member of Chaguanas West)**

- A. What was the cost to the state for the Prime Minister to travel to Jamaica by private jet on or around March 19, 2008?
- B. What was the purpose of this visit to Jamaica?

Question No. 119 to the Honourable Attorney General*(By the Member for Chaguanas West)**

Could the Attorney General advise when will the Chaguanas Magistrates' Court become functional in the premises rented by Government on Ramsaran Street, Chaguanas?

Question No. 125 to the Honourable Minister of Education*(By the Member for Siparia)**

Could the Minister state:

- (a) the government schools in which the Local School Board has been constituted and the date each Board was constituted;

* Question No. 111 were deferred for two (2) weeks on 11.04.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 02.05.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 16.05.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 06.06.2008.

* Question No. 115 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 18.04.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 02.05.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 16.05.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 06.06.2008.

* Questions Nos. 118 and 119 were deferred for two (2) weeks on 23.04.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 09.05.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 23.05.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 06.06.2008.

* Question No. 125 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 02.05.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 16.05.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 06.06.2008.

- (b) whether any of the Boards listed in (a) were constituted by Order in accordance with section 23(1) of the Education Act, and the date(s) of the respective Order(s); and
- (c) the government schools in which no School Board has been appointed and the reason(s) for failure to constitute Local School Boards for each of these schools?

***Question No. 126 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

(By the Member for Siparia)

Could the Minister state:

- (a) the Local School Boards which have submitted annual reports in accordance with section 23(1) of the Education Act, and the date(s) of each report;
- (b) what were the major areas of concern raised in the annual reports submitted and the steps taken by the Ministry to address these concerns;
- (c) the Local School Boards which have not submitted the requisite annual reports and indicate what steps have been taken to have these Boards act in accordance with the law; and
- (d) the amounts paid to each Local School Board to date?

***Question No. 128 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport**

(By the Member for Oropouche East)

Could the Minister indicate:

- (a) when construction will begin on a new bridge to replace the old, dilapidated, wooden bridge currently at the Harripaul Village intersection with the M2 Ring Road ,Debe;
- (b) what is the estimated cost for construction of the new bridge;
- (c) when is construction of the said bridge schedule to be completed?

***Question No. 134 to the Honourable Minister of Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs**

(By the Member for Mayaro)

With respect to the National Commission for Self Help, could the Minister state:

- (a) the numbers and types of projects funded and undertaken, within the region of Mayaro/Rio Claro for the period January 2006 –February 2008; and
- (b) the cost of each project undertaken, the location and the status/outcome of these activities?

***Question No. 135 to the Honourable Minister of Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs**

(By the Member for Mayaro)

With respect to the Community Centers Programme, could the Minister state:

- (a) whether new community centers will be built within the Mayaro/Rio Claro region during the period 2008-2010;
- (b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, at what locations and what is the proposed cost of each;
- (c) whether refurbishment/repairs will be undertaken to the existing community centers within the Mayaro/Rio Claro region; and

***Question No. 126 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 02.05.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 16.05.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 06.06.2008.**

*** Questions Nos. 128, 134 and 135 were deferred for two (2) weeks on the 16.05.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 06.06.2008.**

- (d) if the answer to (c) is in the affirmative, which centres are earmarked for development, what is the budget for these works and what are the proposed dates for commencement?

***Question No. 136 to the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs**

(By the Member for Mayaro)

With respect to the Mayaro Indoor Sport Facility, could the Minister state:

- (a) the cost of works undertaken on the facility to date, the status of works thus far and the due date for completion and handover; and
- (b) the name/s of the contractor/s employed on this project, the services provided and at what cost?

***Question No. 137 to the Honourable Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs**

(By the Member for Mayaro)

With respect to the Sport Company of Trinidad and Tobago (SPORTT), could the Minister state:

- (a) the total expenditure incurred to date by this Special Purpose Company, all projects undertaken and completed for inspection from the inception of this entity to March 2008;
- (b) the individual cost for each project identified and the names of the various contractors; and
- (c) all ongoing projects, its estimated cost thus far, location and proposed completion dates?

***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?

***Question No. 141 to the Honourable Minister of Local Government**

(By the Member for Princes Town North)

Could the Minister state:

- a) how many consultations were held on local government reform; and
- b) the venues, dates and public attendance at each consultation listed in (a)?

***Question No. 136 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 16.05.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 06.06.2008.**

*** Questions Nos. 137 and 141 were deferred for two (2) weeks on 23.05.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 06.06.2008.**

*** Question No. 140 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 26.06.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 13.06.2008.**

Question No. 143 to the Honourable Minister of Finance*(By the Member for Caroni Central)**

Could the Minister:

- (a) state how much money was spent on the functions for the inauguration of His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago in 2008; and
- (b) give a breakdown of the expenses in (a) under the different items of expenditure?

Question No. 144 to the Honourable Minister of Finance*(By the Member for Caroni Central)**

Could the Minister:

- (a) state how much money was spent on the swearing in ceremony for the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago in 2007;
- (b) how much money was spent on the swearing in ceremony for the Ministers of Government in 2007; and
- (c) give a breakdown of the expenses in (a) and (b) under the different items of expenditure?

Question No. 145 to the Honourable Minister of Finance*(By the Member for Caroni Central)**

Could the Minister state:

- (a) whether the Government intends to increase the pension paid to former employees of Caroni (1975) Limited; and
- (b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, when will the increase be effected and by how much?

Question No. 149 to the Honourable Minister of Social Development**(By the Member for Caroni Central)**

Could the Minister state:

- (a) how many persons by Region/District have been given Debit Cards and how many persons are in possession of cards which are still valid and usable as at April 30, 2008; and
- (b) the criteria by which these cards are accessed and the process for accessing them?

Question No. 150 to the Honourable Minister of Social Development**(By the Member for Caroni Central)**

- A. Could the Minister state how many persons in Trinidad and Tobago by Region/District are living below the poverty line?
- B. Could the Minister state the criteria used to determine the "poverty line"?
- C. If the answer to (B) involves a "basket" of goods, could the Minister state the composition of the basket?

Question No. 151 to the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources

(By the Member for Caroni Central)

With regard to the demonstration farms, could the Minister state:

- (a) how many farms will be allocated to the Cuban farmers for cultivating/management;
- (b) the size and location of each farm in (a);
- (c) the expected date of commencement and the expected date of completion of work by the Cuban farmers on these farms;
- (d) how many Cubans will be coming to Trinidad and Tobago to work in these farms and the amount of money that will be paid to them; and
- (e) whether there will be any subsidies or any other incentives given to the Cubans working on these farms?

***Question No. 158 to the Honourable Minister of Health**

(By the Member for Princes Town North)

Could the Minister state:

- (a) the names of the company/s from which the South-West Regional Health Authority under the present Chairman has been purchasing vehicles;
- (b) the make and model of each vehicle purchased; and
- (c) the cost to the South-West Regional Health Authority of each vehicle purchased?

***Question No. 159 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport**

(By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)

Could the Minister state;

- (a) what roads have already been repaired or proposed to be repaired by the Programme for Upgrading Road Efficiency (PURE) in the constituency of Cumuto/Manzanilla;
- (b) the length of the roads already repaired or proposed to be repaired; and
- (c) the cost or estimated cost involved in each?

***Question No. 160 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities**

(By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)

With regard to the Fishing Pond Turtle Patrol, could the Minister state:

- (a) why employees on the patrol gang have been forced to pay \$30 from their wages to meet the salary of the patrol supervisor; and
- (b) what steps would be taken to stop this practice and refund money deducted to affected employees?

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE ON
DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

* Questions Nos. 158, 159 and 160 were deferred for two (2) weeks on 13.06.2008.

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

PRIVATE BUSINESS**Motions:**

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Friday June 06, 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)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**Motions:**

1. **WHEREAS** section 123 (3) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Chap. 1:01 ("the Act") provides that the Police Service Commission shall submit to the President a list of the names of the persons nominated for appointment to the offices of Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner of Police;
- AND WHEREAS** section 123 (4) of the Act provides that the President shall issue a Notification in respect of each person nominated under subsection (3) and the Notification shall be subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives;

AND WHEREAS the Police Service Commission has submitted to the Acting President the name **Mr. Stephen Williams** as the person nominated for appointment to the office of Commissioner of Police;

AND WHEREAS the Acting President has on the 13th day of June, 2008 issued a Notification in respect of the nomination;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the Notification:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Notification of the nomination of **Mr. Stephen Williams** be approved.

(By the Leader of the House)

2. **WHEREAS** the 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)

3. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House approve the decision of the President to acquire the lands described in Appendix III to the Order Paper for the public purposes specified.
(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources)

4. **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)

5. **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)

6. **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)

Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago Act, Chap. 39:06".
(By the Minister of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education)

2. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Pensions Act, Chap. 23:52".
(By the Minister of Public Administration)

3. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Teachers' Pensions Act, Chap. 39:02".
(By the Minister of Public Administration)

4. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Assisted Secondary School Teachers’ Pensions Act, Chap. 39:03”.

(By the Minister of Public Administration)

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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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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)**Question No. 161 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities****(By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)**

With regard to the Government's street lighting programme, could the Minister:

- (a) list the company/companies awarded the contract to **supply** street lights to the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission for the street lighting programme from January 2007 to April 30, 2008;
- (b) list the names of the contractor/s or company/companies awarded contracts to **install** the street lights as at March 31, 2008;
- (c) state the number of street lights to be installed by each contractor or company for the period January 2007 to April, 2008; and
- (d) the cost of each contract awarded for the supply and installation of street lights?

(Answer due on 24.06.2008)**Question No. 162 to the Honourable Minister of Education****(By the Member for Caroni East)**

With regard to the Education Facilities Company Limited, for the period 2006 to date, could the Minister state:

- (a) the developmental projects undertaken;
- (b) the cost of each project and the company awarded the contract;
- (c) the percentage completed, the cost overruns so far, if any and the estimated cost at completion; and
- (d) the internal audit findings on these projects?

(Answer due on 01.07.2008)**Question No. 163 to the Honourable Minister of Finance****(By the Member for Caroni East)**

With regard to the Estate Management Business Development Company Limited, for the period 2006 to date, could the Minister state:

- (a) the developmental projects undertaken;
- (b) the cost of each project and the company awarded the contract;
- (c) the percentage completed, the cost overruns so far, if any and the estimated cost at completion; and
- (d) the internal audit findings on these projects?

(Answer due on 01.07.2008)

Question No. 164 to the Honourable Minister of Trade and Industry**(By the Member for Caroni East)**

With regard to the Evolving Tecknologies and Enterprise Company Limited, for the period 2006 to date, could the Minister state:

- (a) the developmental projects undertaken;
- (b) the cost of each project and the company awarded the contract;
- (c) the percentage completed, the cost overruns so far, if any and the estimated cost at completion; and
- (d) the internal audit findings on these projects?

(Answer due on 01.07.2008)**Question No. 165 to the Honourable Minister of Finance****(By the Member for Caroni East)**

With regard to the National Insurance Property Developmental Company Limited, for the period 2006 to date, could the Minister state:

- (a) the developmental projects undertaken;
- (b) the cost of each project and the company awarded the contract;
- (c) the percentage completed, the cost overruns so far, if any and the estimated cost at completion; and
- (d) the internal audit findings on these projects?

(Answer due on 01.07.2008)**Question No. 166 to the Honourable Minister of Energy and Energy Industries****(By the Member for Caroni East)**

With regard to the National Energy Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago, for the period 2006 to date could the Minister state:

- (a) the developmental projects undertaken;
- (b) the cost of each project and the company awarded the contract;
- (c) the percentage completed, the cost overruns so far, if any and the estimated cost at completion; and
- (d) the internal audit findings on these projects?

(Answer due on 01.07.2008)**Question No. 167 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport****(By the Member for Caroni East)**

With regard to the National Infrastructure Development Company Limited, for the period 2006 to date, could the Minister state:

- (a) the developmental projects undertaken;
- (b) the cost of each project and the company awarded the contract;
- (c) the percentage completed, the cost overruns so far, if any and the estimated cost at completion; and
- (d) the internal audit findings on these projects?

(Answer due on 01.07.2008)

Question No. 168 to the Honourable Minister of Energy and Energy Industries**(By the Member for Caroni East)**

With regard to the National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited, for the period 2006 to date, could the Minister state:

- (a) the developmental projects undertaken;
- (b) the cost of each project and the company awarded the contract;
- (c) the percentage completed, the cost overruns so far, if any and the estimated cost at completion;
and
- (d) the internal audit findings on these projects?

(Answer due on 01.07.2008)**Question No. 169 to the Honourable Minister of Tourism****(By the Member for Caroni East)**

With regard to the Tourism Development Company Limited, for the period 2006 to date, could the Minister state:

- (a) the developmental projects undertaken;
- (b) the cost of each project and the company awarded the contract;
- (c) the percentage completed, the cost overruns so far, if any and the estimated cost at completion;
and
- (d) the internal audit findings on these projects?

(Answer due on 01.07.2008)**June 23, 2008**

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

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- Ministry of Information
- Ministry of Public Utilities
- Ministry of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education
- Ministry of Social Development
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PART II

- Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources
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- Ministry of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development
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- Ministry of Planning, Housing and the Environment
- Office of the Prime Minister
- Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs
- Ministry of Works and Transport

June 23, 2008

APPENDIX III

DESCRIPTION OF LAND	PUBLIC PURPOSES FOR WHICH TO BE ACQUIRED
<p>1. The parcel of land comprising 1,909.3 square metres more or less, situate at Moruga Road, in the Ward of Ortoire, in the County of Victoria and described in the Schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 2nd July 1996 and filed in his office, is required for a public purposed: extension of the St. Mary's Recreation Ground.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SCHEDULE</u></p> <p>A parcel of land comprising 1,909.3 square metres more or less, situate at Moruga Road, in the Ward of Ortoire, in the County of Victoria and said to belong now or formerly to Bridgelal.</p> <p>This parcel of land is more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a Survey Plan filed in Book 1140 as Folio 190, survey order 64/1994 in the Vault of the Lands and Surveys Division, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p>	Extension of St. Mary's Recreation Ground.
<p>2. Eleven parcels of land comprising 3,252 square meters, more or less situate at Las Cuevas and La Fillette, in the Ward of Blanchisseuse, in the County of St.George, and described in the Schedule and colored raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 6th August, 2004 and filed in his Office, are required for a public purpose: extension of the North Coast Road.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SCHEDULE</u></p> <p>Eleven parcels of land comprising together approximately 3,252 square metres, more or less, situate at Las Cuevas and La Fillette, in the Ward of Blanchisseuse, in the County of St. George and further described as follows :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) 364.6 square metres said to belong now or formerly to Thomas Rudolph and Valerie Meyers ;b) 196.4 square metres said to belong now or formerly to John David Whiley ;c) 187.6 square metres said to belong now or formerly to person unknown ;d) 151.7 square metres said to belong now or formerly to Thomas Hermagild Meyer;e) 237.1 square metres said to belong now or formerly to Lionel Roberts;	Extension of the North Coast Road

- f) 261.7 square metres said to belong now or formerly to Hafeeza and Desmond Ali;
- g) 438.4 square metres said to belong now or formerly to Mode Alive Limited;
- h) 447.8 square metres said to belong now or formerly to Phillip Lawrence ;
- i) 554.5 square metres said to belong now or formerly to Glen Regist ,Edward Miller and Fitzroy Dyer;
- j) 36.5 square metres said to belong now or formerly to Conrad Lee Pack and Joan Lee Pack; and
- k) 103.3 square metres said to belong now or formerly to Conrad Lee Pack and Joan Lee Pack.

These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a Survey Plan signed by the Director of Surveys on the 6th August 2004, filed as JD 289 Order 217/2000 in the Vault of the Lands and Surveys Division, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port-of-Spain.

3. The parcel of land comprising 1.9976 hectares , more or less situate at the southern extremity of the Endeavour Estate Development, at the corner of Tenth Avenue and Michael Street Chaguanas, in the Borough of Chaguanas , County of Caroni and described in the Schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 30th November, 2001 and filed in his office, is required for a public purpose :the construction of the Chaguanas North Government Primary School.

Construction of the Chaguanas North Government Primary School.

SCHEDULE

A parcel of land comprising one point nine nine seven six hectares (1.9976 ha) situate at the corner of Tenth Avenue and Michael Street, Chaguanas, in the Borough of Chaguanas, County of Caroni and said to belong to now or formerly to Colonial Homes and Commercial Properties Limited.

This parcel of land is more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a Survey Plan filed in Book 1269 as Folio 103 in the Vault of the Lands and Survey Division, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.