



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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ORDER PAPER

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(By the Speaker of the House)

2. The Notification of His Excellency, the President, in respect of the nomination of Mr. Stephen Williams for appointment to the Office of Commissioner of Police.

(By the Speaker of the House)

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Questions for Oral Answer

***Question No. 146 to the Honourable Minister of Finance**

(By the Member for Caroni Central)

Could the Minister state:

- (a) whether the Government intends to remove the subsidy on gasoline and other fuels in Trinidad and Tobago; and

* Question No. 146 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 18.06.2008.

- (b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative when would the subsidy be removed and what would be the new price of gasoline and other fuels to the motorist?

***Question No. 147 to the Honourable Minister of Planning, Housing and the Environment**

(By the Member for Caroni Central)

Could the Minister state:

- (a) how many houses the Government intends to construct in Carlsen Field; and
 (b) the expected date of completion of construction of the housing units stated in (a)?

***Question No. 148 to the Honourable Minister of Planning, Housing and the Environment**

(By the Member for Caroni Central)

With respect to the high rise housing complexes being constructed in the Edinburgh 500 area in Chaguanas, could the Minister state:

- (a) whether the necessary approvals were obtained from the Chaguanas Borough Corporation;
 (b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, what were the dates of such approvals;
 (c) what is the cost of construction of the housing units; and
 (d) at what price will these units be sold or rented?

Question No. 155 to the Honourable Minister of Health

(By the Member for Caroni Central)

Could the Minister state:

- (a) how many persons in Trinidad and Tobago are in need of renal hemodialysis;
 (b) how many persons are receiving renal hemodialysis on a regular basis; and
 (c) how many successful kidney transplant operations have been performed in Trinidad and Tobago from cadavers since the inception of the programme?

Question No. 156 to the Honourable Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Caroni Central)

Could the Minister state:

- (a) why the passport office in Chaguanas has not yet been reopened; and
 (b) how many passports will be processed on a weekly basis at the Chaguanas passport office when it is reopened?

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

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

* Questions Nos. 147 and 148 were deferred for two (2) weeks on 18.06.2008.

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

1. The Prison Service (Amendment) Bill, 2008.

(By the Minister in the Ministry of National Security)

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

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 President has on the 1st day of July, 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 President of the nomination by the Police Service Commission of Mr. Stephen Williams to the Office of Commissioner of Police be approved.

(By the Leader of the House)

2. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 3(1) of the Development Loans Act, that the Government is authorized, inter alia, for the purposes of financing general development in Trinidad and Tobago or repayment of borrowings effected for general development, inter alia, by a statutory authority within the meaning of the Statutory Authorities Act, Chap. 24:01 or by an enterprise that is controlled by or on behalf of the State, from time to time to borrow money externally or internally in a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate thirteen thousand million dollars in the currency of Trinidad and Tobago and thereafter such sum in such currency as may from time to time be specified by resolution passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary for the Government to borrow further sums of money for the purposes stated in the said section;

BE IT RESOLVED that for the purposes stated in the said section, the Government is hereby authorized to borrow money externally or internally in a further sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate seven thousand million dollars in the currency of Trinidad and Tobago.

(By the Minister of Finance)

3. **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)
- (d) 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. **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)

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)

7. **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 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)

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)

Neil Jaggassar
Clerk of the House (Ag.)

House of Representatives' Secretariat
The Red House
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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. 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. 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;
- (a) 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. 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)**July 02, 2008**

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

PART I

- Ministry of the Attorney General
- Ministry of Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Finance
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ministry of National Security
- Ministry of Public Administration
- Ministry of Information
- Ministry of Public Utilities
- Ministry of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education
- Ministry of Social Development
- Ministry of Trade and Industry

PART II

- Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources
- Ministry of Tourism
- Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development
- Ministry of Legal Affairs
- Ministry of Local Government
- Ministry of Planning, Housing and the Environment
- Office of the Prime Minister
- Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs
- Ministry of Works and Transport

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.