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2. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo Regional Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2002.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
3. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo Regional Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2003.
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4. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo Regional Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2004.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)

5. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Tobago Regional Health Authority for the year ended September 30, 2001.
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10. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Environmental Management Authority – Environmental Trust Fund for the year ended September 30, 2007.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
11. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad Nitrogen Company Limited for the Financial year ended December 31, 2007.
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QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN APPENDIX I

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; for another two (2) weeks on 06.06.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 27.06.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 11.07.2008.

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. 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. 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. 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; for another two (2) weeks on 06.06.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 27.06.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 11.07.2008.

*Questions Nos. 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; for another two (2) weeks on 06.06.2008, for another two (2) weeks on 27.06.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 11.07.2008.

*Question No. 77 was 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; for another two (2) weeks on 06.06.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 27.06.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 11.07.2008.

***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?

***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 (UTT) 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. 87 was 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; for another two (2) weeks on 06.06.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 27.06.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 11.07.2008.

*Question No. 88 was 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; for another two (2) weeks on 06.06.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 27.06.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 11.07.2008.

* 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; for another two (2) weeks on 06.06.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 27.06.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 11.07.2008.

*Question No. 101 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; for another two (2) weeks on 06.06.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 11.07.2008.

***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. 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. 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. 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. 103 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; for another two (2) weeks on 06.06.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 11.07.2008.**

*** Questions Nos. 107 and 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; for another two (2) weeks on 06.06.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 27.06.08 and a further two (2) weeks on 11.07.08.**

***Question No. 119 was 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; for another two (2) weeks on 27.06.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 11.07.2008.**

***Question No. 134 was deferred for two (2) weeks on the 16.05.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 06.06.200; for another two (2) weeks on 27.06.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 11.07.2008.**

***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
- (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. 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. 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. 135 was deferred for two (2) weeks on the 16.05.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 06.06.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 27.06.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 11.07.2008.**

*** Question No. 137 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 23.05.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 06.06.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 27.06.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 11.07.2008.**

*** Questions Nos. 143 and 144 were deferred for two (2) weeks on 13.06.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 27.06.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 11.07.2008.**

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. 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. 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;

*Question No. 145 were deferred for two (2) weeks on 13.06.2008; for another two (2) weeks on 27.06.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 11.07.2008.

* Question No. 148 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 18.06.2008, another two (2) weeks on 04.07.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 18.07.2008.

* Question No. 149 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 27.06.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 11.07.2008.

* Questions Nos. 150 and 151 were deferred for two (2) weeks on 27.06.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 11.07.2008.

- (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. 152 to the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources**

(By the Member for Caroni Central)

Could the Minister state how many of the 2 acre agricultural plots reserved for the ex-employees of Caroni (1975) Limited are ready for distribution with the necessary infrastructural work, e.g. access roads, drainage, irrigation as at May 12, 2008?

***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?

Question No. 174 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport

(By the Member for Princes Town North)

- (a) Is the Minister aware that the M1 Tasher Road which leads from Ste. Madeline to Craignish Village is in a deplorable condition?
- (b) Could the Minister state, if and when, the said road will be rehabilitated?

Question No. 175 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) if she is aware that five (5) housing units which were constructed at Sea View Lane, Plaisance, Mayaro were recently demolished;
- (b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, what were the reasons for this?

* Question No. 159 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 13.06.2008, for another two (2) weeks on 27.06.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 11.07.2008.

* Question No. 160 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 13.06.2008; another two (2) weeks on 27.06.2008 and a further two (2) weeks on 11.07.2008.

Question No. 176 to the Honourable Minister of Planning, Housing and the Environment**(By the Member for Mayaro)**

With respect to the units at Sea view Lane, Plaisance, Mayaro, could the Minister state:

- (a) who were the contractors responsible for the construction of these units, in the first instance, and what were the sums paid to them for the work done on these units;
- (b) will penalties be imposed upon the said contractors to recover losses incurred as a result of the demolition; and
- (c) the status of the occupants of the demolished units; whether compensation was paid to them; whether and to where they have been relocated; and what arrangements have been made to secure their tenancy?

Question No. 177 to the Honourable Minister of Planning, Housing and the Environment**(By the Member for Mayaro)**

Could the Minister state what infrastructural and drainage works have been done, to date, to alleviate the flooding and environmental degradation concerns in the Plaisance Gardens area, Mayaro, especially where HDC units are sited?

Question No. 182 to the Honourable Minister of Energy and Energy Industries**(By the Member for Caroni East)**

Could the Minister state:

- (a) is Mr. Francis Bertrand currently employed with Petrotrin, and if so, in what capacity; and
- (b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, where is Mr. Bertrand's office located and what salary and benefits are paid to him?

Question No. 183 to the Honourable Minister of Planning, Housing and the Environment**(By the Member for Chaguanas West)**

With respect to the Performing Arts Centre, could the Minister state:

- (a) on what date did the EMA and/or Town and Country Planning give approval for the construction of the Centre;
- (b) when did construction of the centre commence; and
- (c) did the approval obtained from the EMA and/or Town and Country include the construction of a 60-room hotel?

Question No. 184 to the Honourable Minister of Local Government**(By the Member for Chaguanas West)**

With respect to the Performing Arts Centre, could the Minister state:

- (a) did the Public Health Inspectorate give approval for the construction of the 60-room hotel as forming part of the Centre, and if so on what date; and
- (b) did his Worship the Mayor of Port-of-Spain give approval for the 60-room hotel, and if so, on what date?

Question No. 185 to the Honourable Minister of Finance**(By the Member for Chaguanas West)**

With respect to the Performing Arts Centre, could the Minister state:

- (a) what was the original estimated cost for the construction and furnishing of the Centre;

- (b) is there any anticipated cost overrun given the present state of the construction of the Centre;
and
(c) were there any tendering procedures followed for this project?

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

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

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

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate amendments to the Children's Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2008, listed in Appendix III be considered.
(By the Minister of Social Development)
2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate amendments to the Children's Community Residences, Foster Homes and Nurseries (Amendment) Bill, 2008, listed in Appendix IV be considered.
(By the Minister of Social Development)
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)
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 Income Tax Act, Chap. 75:01”.

(By the Minister of Finance)

2. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Prison Service Act, Chap. 13:02”.

(By the Minister in the Ministry of National Security)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Representatives declare that it has no confidence in the Prime Minister.

(By the Member for Tabaquite)

2. **WHEREAS** the Member of Parliament for Couva North was suspended from the services of the House of Representatives on March 29, 2008;

BE IT RESOLVED that the suspension of the Honourable member be terminated forthwith.

(By the Member for Tabaquite)

3. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House annul/rescind the Regional Health Authorities (Conduct) Regulations, 2008.

(By the Member for Caroni East)

4. **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)

5. **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)

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the House adopt the First Interim Report of the Committee of Privileges of the House of Representatives (2007-2008).

(By the Deputy Speaker)

*Jacqui Sampson
Clerk of the House*

*House of Representatives' Secretariat
The Red House
PORT OF SPAIN
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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. 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. 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. 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. 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)**Question No. 203 to the Honourable Minister of Public Administration****(By the Member for Chaguanas West)**

Could the Minister state:

- (a) the number of private properties being rented by the Government as at July 30, 2008;
- (b) the initial date of each lease and the name of the lessor; and
- (c) the total sums paid in rental from the initial date of each lease to July 30, 2008?

(Answer due on 17.09.2008)**Question No. 209 to the Honourable Minister of Planning, Housing and the Environment****(By the Member for Chaguanas West)**

Could the Minister :

- (a) list the name and address of each CEPEP Contractor from the year 2007 to date;
- (b) the amount of moneys paid to each CEPEP Contractor for the period mentioned in (a)?

(Answer due on 17.09.2008)**August 29, 2008**

APPENDIX II

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.

4. The parcel of land comprising 1,368.1 square meters more or less, situate at Culloden Road, in the Parish of St. David, in the Ward of Tobago and described in the Schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated June 13, 2005 and in filed in his office, is required for a public purpose: improvement works to the Providence/ Culloden Road.

Improvement work to the providence/ Culloden Road

SCHEDULE

A parcel of land comprising 1,368.1square metres, more or less, situate at Culloden Road, in the Parish of St. David, in the Ward of Tobago and said to belong now or formerly to Harold Sebro.

This parcel of land is more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a Survey Plan filed in Book 1290 as Folio 195 under Survey Order 233/2003, in the Vault of the Lands and Surveys Division, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.

August 29, 2008

THE CHILDREN'S AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2008

List of Amendments made in the Senate on Tuesday July 29, 2008

First Column

Second Column

Clause

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| 10(2) | Insert the word “ professional ” after the word “following”. |
| 10(2A) | Delete the word “ and ” at the end of paragraph (b).

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Delete the word “.” at the end of paragraph (c) and substitute the word “; and”.2. Insert the following after paragraph (c):
<p style="margin-left: 40px;">“(d) a representative of a Non-Governmental Organization which promotes the welfare and protection of children.”.</p> |
| 11(2) | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Insert the word “professional” after the word “following”.2. Insert the words “and skills” after the word “qualifications”. |
| 14 (1A) | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. In line 1, delete the word “two” occurring after the word “appoint” and substitute the words “at least one”.2. Delete the words “Directors and an Assistant Director” and substitute the word “Director”. |
| 14(b) | Delete the word “ Directors ” at the end of paragraph and substitute the word “ Director ”. |
| 33 | Delete the words “ and (2) and substituting the following subsections: ” and substitute the following:

<p style="margin-left: 40px;">“, (2) and (3) and substituting the following subsections:”.</p> |
| 45(b) | In the new subsection (2), delete the word “ negative ” and substitute the word “ affirmative ”. |

**THE CHILDREN’S COMMUNITY RESIDENCES, FOSTER HOMES AND
NURSERIES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2008**

List of Amendments made in the Senate on Wednesday July 30, 2008

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In new section 31:

- (a) delete the words “**suitably trained**” before the words “to be made”; and
- (b) insert the word “**suitably**” before the words “trained in the roles”.

Insert new clause
45A

45A. The Act is amended by inserting after section 52 the following new section:

“Inapplicability of Part V 52A.(1) This Part shall not apply to -

- (a) infant and nursery schools or departments of schools providing education suitable for children under the age of five years in the Public School System under section 12(1)(a) of the Education Act;
- (b) primary schools or primary departments of schools providing education suitable for children of age five to twelve years in the Public School System under section 12(1)(b) of the Education Act; and
- (c) private institutions providing early childhood care and education to children between the ages of three to six years.”.

July 30, 2008

