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FIRST SESSION (2007/2008), NINTH PARLIAMENT**

**ORDER PAPER**

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PRAYERS

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE OF A NEW MEMBER

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BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

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1. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Agricultural Society of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended December 31, 1999.

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

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN APPENDIX I**

**Questions for Oral Answer**

**Question No. 178 to the Honourable Minister of Planning, Housing and the Environment**

**(By the Member for Mayaro)**

Could the Minister state:

- (a) the number of persons who have applied for housing units in the Rio Claro/Mayaro region;
- (b) how many of these applicants are residents of Rio Claro/Mayaro; and
- (c) how many of them have been successful in obtaining housing units?

**Question No. 179 to the Honourable Minister of Planning, Housing and the Environment****(By the Member for Mayaro)**

Could the Minister state:

- (a) the estimated costs attached to each housing project in the Rio Claro/Mayaro region;
- (b) the actual expenditure to date;
- (c) whether there have been cost overruns;
- (d) if the answer to (c) is yes, what were the reasons for such overruns?
- (e) the names of all contractors and sub-contractors attached to each HDC project in the Rio Claro/Mayaro region;
- (f) the services provided by each; and
- (g) the actual sums paid to them to date?

**Question No. 180 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities****(By the Member for Mayaro)**

With respect to the National Social Development Programme, could the Minister state:

- (a) how much monies have been spent on this programme to date;
- (b) the disbursement of funding of projects by region;
- (c) if this programme is currently being restructured; and
- (d) if the answer to (c) is in the affirmative, what is the restructuring process and the criteria/requisites for persons accessing this programme?

**Question No. 186 to the Honourable Minister of Finance****(By the Member for Chaguanas West)**

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

- (a) did the Ministry of Finance give approval in relation to the budget for the construction of the Centre; and
- (b) what was the amount approved for expenditure for the Centre?

**Question No. 187 to the Honourable Minister of Finance****(By the Member for Chaguanas West)**

With respect to this country's provision of \$78 million to the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines for the construction of an airport in that country, could the Minister state:

- (a) what are the terms under which the funding is provided and whether the sum is to be repaid;
- (b) whether any specific request was made for this funding, and if so, what are the details of the request;
- (c) under what Head of Expenditure was funding sourced; and
- (d) is the funding associated with a special fund and what is the justification for the Government of Trinidad and Tobago accessing this special fund for this purpose?

**Question No. 188 to the Honourable Minister of Finance****(By the Member for Chaguanas West)**

With respect to this country's provision of \$78 million to the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines for the construction of an airport in that country, could the Minister state:

- (a) are any special terms attached to this financing such as preference for local contractors and suppliers of goods and services , and if not, why; and
- (b) what economic and other benefits does the Government envisage will come from this expenditure?

**Question No. 210 to the Honourable Minister of Local Government**

**(By the Member for Princes Town North)**

Could the Minister state:

- (a) whether the Government has received the consultant's report on Local Government Reform;
- (b) if the answer to (a) is yes, why has the report not been laid in the Parliament; and
- (c) if the answer to (a) is yes, when will the report be laid in the Parliament?

**Question No. 211 to the Honourable Minister of Local Government**

**(By the Member for Princes Town North)**

Could the Minister list:

- (a) the contractors who have been awarded contracts from the Government Special Purpose State Companies during 2007 and 2008;
- (b) the date each contract was awarded;
- (c) the nature and content of each contract; and
- (d) the location where the work was carried out?

**Question No. 212 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities**

**(By the Member for Princes Town North)**

- A. Is the Minister aware that no pipelines have yet been laid at Nohar Trace, Tableland and Dharamdass Trace, Brothers Settlement, Dyers Village and Rebecca Richmond Road off the Guaracara Tabaquite Road all in the Princes Town North Constituency?
- B. Is the Minister aware that estimates have been submitted more than once for the laying of pipe lines along those roads?
- C. Could the Minister state when water lines will be laid along the roads?

**Question No. 213 to the Honourable Minister of National Security**

**(By the Member for Tabaquite)**

Could the Honourable Minister state:

- (a) whether there now exist in the Police Service a Special Unit to detect and prosecute praedial larceny;
- (b) if so, what is the name of this Unit, the date it was established and its detection and conviction statistics; and
- (c) if there is no special unit, what machinery exists for the detection and prosecution of praedial larceny and what are the statistics for detection and conviction of practical larceny from 2006 to present time?

**Question No. 214 to the Honourable Minister of National Security**

**(By the Member for Tabaquite)**

- A. Is the Minister satisfied with the existing law to detect and prevent praedial larceny?

- B. If not, could he state whether he intends to have the existing law amended, to make it more effective to detect and convict praedial larceny offences?
- C. If he so intends, could he give the particulars of the proposed amendments and the time frame for the implementation of such reforms?

**Question No. 215 to the Honourable Minister of Social Development**

**(By the Member for Tabaquite)**

- A. Could the Minister state whether any victims of crimes have received any of the statutory benefits under the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act of 1999?
- B. If so, could the Minister give details of same?
- C. If the answer is negative, could the Minister give the reasons why not?

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

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House 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)**
2. **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)**
3. **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)**

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

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

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

**(By the Minister of Works and Transport)**

5. **WHEREAS** it is provided by subsection (3) of section 4 of the Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government) Act, that as soon as may be after the Elections and Boundaries Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) has submitted a report under paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 4 of the said Act, the Minister shall lay before the House of Representatives for its approval the draft of an Order by the President for giving effect, whether with or without modifications, to the recommendations contained in the report:

**AND WHEREAS** the Commission has submitted a report to the Minister in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 4:

**AND WHEREAS** the draft of an Order entitled the “Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government) Order, 2008” giving effect to the recommendations of the Commission was laid before the House of Representatives on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the draft of the “Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government) Order, 2008” be approved.

**(By the Leader of the House)**

**Bills Second Reading:**

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act to enable effect to be given to certain Conventions done at Geneva on 12<sup>th</sup> August 1949 and to the Protocols additional to those Conventions done at Geneva on 8<sup>th</sup> June 1977 and for related purposes.”  
**(By the Minister of Foreign Affairs)**
2. A Bill entitled, “An Act relating to the protection of children and for matters related thereto”.  
**(By the Minister of Social Development)**
3. A Bill entitled, “An Act to give legal effect to electronic documents, records and signatures”.  
**(By the Minister of Public Administration)**

**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. **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)**

4. **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)**

*Jacqui Sampson  
Clerk of the House*

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

**September 08, 2008**

**ORDER PAPER / FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2008**

**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

**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. 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)**

**September 08, 2008**



**APPENDIX II**

<b>DESCRIPTION OF LAND</b>	<b>PUBLIC PURPOSES FOR WHICH TO BE ACQUIRED</b>
<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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></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 6<sup>th</sup> 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;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></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"><li>a) 364.6 square metres said to belong now or formerly to Thomas Rudolph and Valerie Meyers ;</li><li>b) 196.4 square metres said to belong now or formerly to John David Whiley ;</li><li>c) 187.6 square metres said to belong now or formerly to person unknown ;</li><li>d) 151.7 square metres said to belong now or formerly to Thomas Hermagild Meyer;</li><li>e) 237.1 square metres said to belong now or formerly to Lionel Roberts;</li></ul>	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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**September 08, 2008**