



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FIRST SESSION (2007/2008), NINTH PARLIAMENT**

ORDER PAPER

THIRTY-SEVENTH SITTING

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M.

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(By the Minister of Local Government)

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(By the Minister of Local Government)

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Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 198 to the Honourable Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs

(By the Member for Chaguanas West)

With regard to the Sport Company of Trinidad and Tobago, could the Minister state:

- (a) whether the Corporate Communications Manager and the interim Chief Executive Officer receive a travelling allowance;
- (b) if so, how much?
- (c) whether these officers have access to the use of company's vehicles in their private capacities and if yes, why?

Question No. 199 to the Honourable Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs**(By the Member for Chaguanas West)**

With regard to the Sport Company of Trinidad and Tobago, could the Minister state:

- (a) whether there is a system in place for the increase of salaries of members of staff; and
- (b) was this system applied to in the case of the Project Engineer, Mr. Sheldon Weekes?

Question No. 200 to the Honourable Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs**(By the Member for Chaguanas West)**

With respect to the Sport Company of Trinidad and Tobago, could the Minister state the number of posts and the names of the posts which have become vacant since his appointment as Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs?

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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 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 5th 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)

6. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 3(1) of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, Chap 74:01 (hereinafter called “the Act”) that where proposals for general or supplementary appropriation of public funds are made to the House of Representatives and are embodied in an Appropriation or a Supplementary Appropriation Bill, the President may, for purpose of raising revenue to meet the expenditure specified in any such Bill, by Order, provide for the imposition of a tax or the variation of an existing tax and from the date of the publication of the Order in the Gazette, the tax as imposed or varied shall be payable:

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 3 (5) of the Act that an Order varying an existing tax shall cease to have effect if the Order is not confirmed with or without modifications, by a resolution agreed to by the House within the next twenty-one days after the commencement of the Order:

AND WHEREAS the Provisional Collection of Taxes Order, 2008 made under section 3 of the Act, provided for the variation of taxes in the written laws mentioned in the said Order to the extent and in the manner set out therein, for the purpose of raising revenue to meet the

expenditure specified in the Bill entitled “An Act to provide for the service of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year ending on the 30th day of September 2008”;

AND WHEREAS the said Order commenced on the 22nd day of September, 2008:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to confirm the said Order:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Provisional Collection of Taxes Order, 2008 be confirmed.

(By the Minister of Finance)

Bills Second Reading:

1. **The debate on the following Bill which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Friday September 26, 2008, will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, “An Act to provide for the Service of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year ending on the 30th day of September, 2009”.

(By the Minister of Finance)

2. A Bill entitled, “An Act to enable effect to be given to certain Conventions done at Geneva on 12th August 1949 and to the Protocols additional to those Conventions done at Geneva on 8th June 1977 and for related purposes”.

(By the Minister of Foreign Affairs)

3. A Bill entitled, “An Act relating to the protection of children and for matters related thereto”.

(By the Minister of Social Development)

4. 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. **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)

Jacqui Sampson
Clerk of the House

House of Representatives' Secretariat
The Red House
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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. 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 Works and Transport

(By the Member for Princes Town North)

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)

Question No. 227 to the Honourable Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs

(By the Member for Chaguanas West)

With regard to the Trinidad and Tobago Sport Camps held between August 4-22, 2008, could the Minister provide a detailed breakdown of the items purchased according to unit price, quantity, extended price and service provider?

(Answer due on 15.10.2008)

September 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.

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