



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SECOND SESSION (2009) NINTH PARLIAMENT**

ORDER PAPER

THIRTY-NINTH SITTING

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21, 2009 AT 10:30 A.M.

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(By the Prime Minister)

2. The Administration Report of the Agricultural Development Bank for the years 2006 and 2007.

(By the Minister of Finance)

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1. The Interim Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Local Government Bill, 2009.

(By the Minister of Tourism)

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A MINISTER OR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY

PUBLIC BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Motions

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the House adopt the Interim Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Local Government Bill, 2009.

(By the Minister of Tourism)

Bills Second Reading

1. **The debate on the second reading of the following Bill which was in progress when the House adjourned on Monday October 19, 2009 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, “An Act to validate the proceedings and the record of the proceedings of the Commission of Enquiry into the Construction Sector, which was appointed on 9th September, 2008 by the President under the Commissions of Enquiry Act, Chap 19:01, and for other related matters”.

(By the Attorney General)

2. A Bill entitled, “An Act to give effect to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction”.

(By the Minister of National Security)

3. A Bill entitled, “An Act to validate the Ninth Report of the Elections and Boundaries Commission on the boundaries of the electoral districts in the electoral area for Tobago under the Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Act, Chap. 25:50”.

(By the Minister of Works and Transport)

4. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Metrology Act, 2004.

(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Wednesday May 27, 2009 will be resumed:**

WHEREAS the Minister of Finance has conducted herself both within and outside of the House contrary to the tenets of transparency and accountability regarding her interests in CL Financial Limited prior to, during and subsequent to negotiations between the government and that company over government’s intervention in the affairs of the company;

AND WHEREAS the said conduct of the Minister of Finance has eroded the confidence of the public in the Minister's ability to administer over the finances of the nation in the best interest of the public;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honorable House express its loss of confidence in Mrs. Karen Nunez Tesheira as Minister of Finance of Trinidad and Tobago; and call upon the Prime Minister to take steps to have the appointment of the Minister of Finance revoked forthwith.

(By the Member for Siparia)

2. **The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Wednesday March 04, 2009 will be resumed:**

WHEREAS the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago are experiencing a continued deterioration in the provision of health services with resultant loss of lives of neonates, children, adults and senior citizens;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to deliver and implement several recommendations for improvement in the Health Sector;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House condemn the Government for its failure to provide an acceptable level of health care to the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago.

(By the Member for Caroni East)

3. **The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday January 30, 2009 will be resumed:**

WHEREAS the serious criminal activity and the crime rate have continued to spiral out of control;

AND WHEREAS law abiding citizens are under siege and are mortally afraid of being murdered, raped, kidnapped or shot and/or robbed;

AND WHEREAS the Government does not appear to have the will or ability to effectively deal with this national crisis;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House do condemn the Government for its failure to effectively deal with this unacceptable and serious crime situation.

(By the Member for Princes Town North)

4. **WHEREAS** the recent economic and financial crisis has led to a rise in joblessness and a continuing fear of rising unemployment in the public service and across several industrial sectors;

AND WHEREAS it is expected that such an unemployment crisis will lead to greater social dislocation, worker exploitation, poverty and economic hardship;

AND WHEREAS the government's employment policy has been an utter failure and the government has further mismanaged the function of labour market planning;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House condemn the government on its failure to promote decent, sustainable and productive employment.

(By the Member for Oropouche East)

5. **WHEREAS** the Minister of Finance in announcing the Government bailout of CL Financial clearly enunciated its commitment to ensure that depositors' assets will not be at risk;

AND WHEREAS the government has now agreed to inject \$5,000 million into CL Financial over the next two years to protect policyholders of CL Financial subsidiary CLICO and depositors of the failed wealth management firm CLICO Investment Bank;

AND WHEREAS the Hindu Credit Union consists of over 100,000 depositors many of whom are small investors who have invested their life savings in the Credit Union;

AND WHEREAS the total liability of the Hindu Credit Union is estimated to be in the vicinity of \$776 million;

AND WHEREAS Trinidad and Tobago is currently experiencing symptoms of a recession with the resultant financial hardships on depositors who are unable to access their savings and investments in the Hindu Credit Union;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honorable House call on the Government to take immediate steps to bailout the Hindu Credit Union so as to ensure that the deposits and investments of depositors and shareholders are totally protected from loss.

(By the Member for Couva North)

6. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House express its lack of confidence in Mr. John Jeremie as Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago.

(By the Member for Siparia)

Bill Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act for the Incorporation of the Trinidad and Tobago Football Federation and for matters incidental thereto”.

(The Speaker will put the question that the Bill be read a Second time)

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the House adopt the First Report of the Committee of Privileges of the House of Representatives (2009 Session).

(By the Member for Diego Martin North/East)

2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the House adopt the First Report of the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee for the 2007/2008 Session of the Ninth Parliament.

(By the Member for Caroni Central)

**Jacqui Sampson
Clerk of the House**

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

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APPENDIX IORDER PAPER/WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21, 2009QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWERQuestion No. 37 to the Honourable Minister of Planning, Housing and the Environment

(By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)

Could the Honourable Minister provide a list of all housing projects undertaken by the Government during the period January, 2005 to December , 2008 stating:

- a) the location;
- b) the type of buildings in each project;
- c) final cost of each project;
- d) the number of units occupied in each project; and
- e) the number of units unoccupied in each project?

(Answer due by 28.02.2009)

Question No. 55 to the Honourable Minister of Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs

(By the Member for Princes Town North)

Could the Minister state the criteria and process used for the selection of contractors for the construction and/or renovations of Community Centers?

(Answer due by 25.04.2009)

Question No. 63 to the Honourable Minister of Trade and Industry and the Minister in the Ministry of Finance

(By the Member for Chaguanas West)

With respect to the 5th Summit of the Americas, could the Minister please state:

- a) the occupancy rates in Hotels, Guest Houses, Cruise Ships hired to accommodate persons during the period of the Summit?
- b) the number of guests each ship could accommodate and the number that were actually accommodated? and
- c) the names and status of all those who were so accommodated?

(Answer due by 20.05.2009)

Question No. 70 to the Honourable Minister of Finance

(By the Member for St. Augustine)

With respect to the recently held 5th Summit of the Americas, could the Minister:

- a) list the contracts which were awarded for the provision of goods and services and the recipients thereof? and
- b) state the cost of each of the contracts listed in (a)?

(Answer due by 28.05.2009)

Question No. 78 to the Honourable Minister of Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs

(By the Member for Mayaro)

With respect to Carnival 2009, could the Minister state:

- a) the total expenditure incurred by the Ministry? and
- b) the names of all Carnival Interest Groups and cultural organizations who requested funding, the amount requested, and the actual allocation/subventions disbursed to each of them?

(Answer due by 30.05.2009)

Question No. 79 to the Honourable Minister of Tourism

(By the Member for Mayaro)

With respect to Carnival 2009, could the Minister state:

- a) the total expenditure incurred by the Ministry and the Tourism Development Company Ltd?
- b) the total cost of all sponsorship, promotions, marketing and publicity? and
- c) the names of all beneficiary firms and organizations and the cost of each sponsorship?

(Answer due by 30.05.2009)

Question No. 86 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities

(By the Member for Mayaro)

With respect to the operations of the Water and Sewerage Authority (W.A.S.A.) in the Rio Claro/Mayaro region, could the Minister state:

- a) all the projects undertaken from September 2007 – December 2008 and the location of each project?
- b) the type of works initiated, and the estimated and actual costs of each incurred? and
- c) the status of these works?

(Answer due by 30.05.2009)

Question No. 87 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities

(By the Member for Mayaro)

With respect to proposed projects by WASA in the Rio Claro/Mayaro region, could the Minister state:

- a) all projects proposed for 2009-2012 and the scope of works to be done? and
- b) the estimated cost of this development, and a tentative date for commencement?

(Answer due by 30.05.2009)

Question No. 101 to the Honourable Minister of Finance

(By the Member for Princes Town North)

- A. Could the minister provide the names of the Councillors in the Port of Spain city Corporation, Arima Borough Corporation, San Fernando city Corporation, Penal/Debe Regional Corporation, Siparia Regional Corporation and Point Fortin Borough Corporation who were awarded contracts by the Government, State Enterprises, State Agencies, Statutory Bodies and Special Purpose Companies and the effective date of each contract?
- B. Could the Minister also provide:
 - i) the terms of each contract; and
 - ii) the exact location where each contract was performed?

(Answer due by 08.08.2009)

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