



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

ORDER PAPER

**FORTY-SEVENTH SITTING
FRIDAY DECEMBER 18, 2009 AT 1:30 P.M.**

PRAYERS

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE OF A NEW MEMBER

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

PETITIONS

PAPERS

1. The Audited Financial Statements of the Caribbean New Media Group Limited for the financial year ended December 31, 2008.

(By the Minister of Finance, who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN APPENDIX I

Questions for Oral Answer

***Question No. 8 to the Honourable Minister of Health**

(By the Member for Caroni Central)

Could the Minister state:

- a) whether there is any formal arrangement between the Government of Trinidad and Tobago/ Ministry of Health and the John Hopkins University/Hospital for the provision of services to the people of Trinidad and Tobago; and
- b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, could the Minister state the terms and conditions of the arrangement?

* **Question No. 8 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 04.12.2009, having been first deferred on 04.02.2009.**

Question No. 25 to the Honourable Minister of Health*(By the Member for Caroni East)**

Could the Minister of Health state:

- a) how many Private Hospitals are registered under each of the (6) classes of Private Hospitals according to the Law of Trinidad and Tobago, Chapter 29:03, Clause/ Section 8;
- b) the date the license was issued for each; and
- c) what was the last date an Inspector or Inspection Team inspected the Hospital as required according to Clause 18 and 19 of Chapter 29:03 of the Laws of Trinidad and Tobago?

Question No. 58 to the Honourable Minister of Finance*(By the Member for St. Augustine)**

Could the Minister state:

- a) the budgeted cost for the Summit of The Americas?
- b) whether there were any cost overruns? and
- c) if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative, how much did the overruns amount to and the areas where they occurred?

Question No. 64 to the Honourable Minister of Trade and Industry and Minister in the Ministry of Finance*(By the Member for Chaguanas West)**

With respect to the pre Summit preparations could the Minister please advise:

- A. the number of personnel who were hired:
 - i) to clean the area along the route travelled by the summit participants; and
 - ii) paint the curb walls and road barriers along the route? And
- B. whether this work was done by existing CEPEP and URP workers?

Question No. 109 to the Honourable Minister of Finance*(Member for Diego Martin West)**

With respect to the following state or quasi state enterprises:

UDeCOTT
 HOME MORTGAGE BANK
 TTMF
 NIB
 NIPDEC

- A. Could the Minister state, for each agency/company:
 - i. the total monthly emolument package attached to the position of Executive Chairman/ Chairman namely:- salary and perquisites;
 - ii. the other financial beneficial considerations attached to these positions (including housing, transport, overseas travel, entertainment and medical allowances/facilities);
 - iii. the provision for any bonus payment relevant to these positions and the basis for such payments as they exist in any of these agencies/companies;

* Question No. 25 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 04.12.2009, having been first deferred on 18.02.2009.

* Question No. 58, was deferred for two (2) weeks on 04.12.2009, having been first deferred on 15.05.2009.

* Question No. 64 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 04.12.2009, having been first deferred on 22.05.2009.

* Question No. 109 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 04.12.2009, having been first deferred on 30.10.09.

- iv. the actual sums of any bonus paid to the holder of these offices in these Companies for each year from 2006 to present?
- B. With respect to UDeCOTT, could the Minister indicate:
- i when was the post of Executive Chairman first introduced;
 - ii whether the contract of the incumbent in this position was recently renewed;
 - iii the date of the last renewal of the contract of the incumbent; and,
 - iv an indication of the change in the terms and conditions of the current contract compared with the previous?

***Question No. 110 to the Honourable Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs**

(By the Member for Chaguanas West)

With respect to the National flag located at the Hasely Crawford Stadium could the Minister state:

- a) the dimensions of the National flag;
- b) the cost of the flag, flagpole and any cost associated with the erection of same;
- c) the name of the supplier of the flag and flagpole; the procedure for the procurement of this particular flag and flagpole; and
- d) whether there are any recurrent costs associated with the flag; if the answer is in the affirmative, please state the costs?

***Question No. 111 to the Honourable Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs**

(By the Member for Chaguanas West)

- A. Could the Minister state whether or not the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs has purchased a marine vessel?
- B. If the answer to (A) is in the affirmative, please state:
 - i) the purpose for which this vessel will be used;
 - ii) the cost of the vessel;
 - iii) the name of the Supplier of the vessel;
 - iv) the recurrent cost associated with the maintenance of the vessel;
 - v) the process for the procurement of this marine vessel?

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

* Questions Nos. 110 and 111 were deferred for two (2) weeks on 04.12.2009.

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)

2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the House adopt the Second Interim Report of the Special Select Committee appointed to consider and report on a Bill entitled, “The Status of Children (Amendment) Bill, 2009”.

(By the Minister of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education)

3. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House approve the decision of the President to acquire the lands described in Appendix II for the public purpose specified.

(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources)

4. **WHEREAS** under section 71 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (hereinafter referred to as “the Constitution”) there is established an Elections and Boundaries Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”):

AND WHEREAS under section 72(1) of the Constitution the Commission is charged, *inter alia*, with the review of the number and boundaries of the constituencies into which Trinidad and Tobago is divided:

AND WHEREAS in accordance with section 72(1)(a) of the Constitution, the Commission on the 30th day of April, 2009 submitted to the Honourable Prime Minister and the Honourable Speaker of the House of Representatives a report in which it recommended that Trinidad should be divided into thirty-nine constituencies the boundaries whereof are delineated in Appendix “D” to the said report and Tobago should remain divided into two constituencies:

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 72(3) of the Constitution that as soon as may be after the Commission has submitted a report under the said section 72(1)(a) the Minister, designated by the Prime Minister for this purpose, shall lay before the House of Representatives for its approval the Draft Order by the President for giving effect, whether with or without modifications, to the recommendations contained in the report:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Draft Order entitled “The Elections and Boundaries Commission Order, 2009” be affirmed.

(By the Minister of Local Government)

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

(By the Minister of Tourism)

6. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the House adopt the Second Interim Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to consider and report on the Data Protection Bill, 2009 and The Electronic Transactions Bill, 2009.

(By the Minister of Public Utilities)

7. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the House adopt the Fourth Interim Report of the Special Select Committee appointed to consider and report on a Bill entitled, ‘An Act relating to the Protection of Children and for matters related thereto’.

(By the Minister of Works and Transport)

Bills Second Reading

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act to make provision for the assessment, rating and taxation of land and for matters incidental thereto”.

(By the Minister of Finance)

2. Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Valuation of Land Act, Chap. 58:03 and to validate certain actions of the Commissioner of Valuations”.

(By the Minister of Finance)

3. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Prisons Act, Chap. 13:01”.

(By the Minister of National Security)

4. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Criminal Procedure Act, Chap. 12:02”.

(By the Minister of Attorney General)

5. 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)

6. 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)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions

1. **The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Wednesday December 09, 2009 will be resumed:**

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 Honourable 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)

2. **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)

3. **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 Honourable 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)

4. **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)

5. **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)

6. **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)

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)

3. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the House adopt the First Report of the Joint Select Committee of Parliament appointed to inquire into and report to Parliament on Municipal Corporations and Service Commissions with the exception of the Judicial and Legal Service Commission on the Establishment of the Secretariat of the Police Service Commission at 62 Queen Street, Port of Spain.

(By the Deputy Speaker)

4. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the House adopt the Second Report of the Committee of Privileges of the House of Representatives (2009 Session) on the Alleged Deliberate Misleading of the House by the Member for Siparia.

(By the Member for Diego Martin North/East)

5. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the House adopt the Third Report of the Committee of Privileges of the House of Representatives (2009 Session) on the Premature Publication of the proceedings of the Committee by the Newsday Newspaper.

(By the Member for Diego Martin North/East)

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APPENDIX IORDER PAPER/FRIDAY DECEMBER 18, 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. 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. 101 to the Honourable Minister of Finance

(By the Member for Princes Town North)

A. Co
 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. Co
 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)

Question No. 112 to the Honourable Minister of Planning, Housing and the Environment

(By the Member for Mayaro)

- A. With respect to the Housing Development Corporation's Accelerated House Programme, could the Minister state:
- i) the number of Units/Apartments and Townhouses built and completed during the period January 2007 to September 2009;
 - ii) the location of these properties;
 - iii) the estimated and actual cost of construction of each housing project; and
 - iv) of the completed number, how many have been allocated from each project?

- B. With respect to the Housing Development Corporation's Accelerated House Programme, could the Minister state:
- i) the names of all contractors assigned to each project, the scope of works and the sums paid to them to date;
 - ii) the number of units that are incomplete on each project and the works needed for completion; and
 - iii) the tentative date for completion of the said works?

(Answer due by 12.12.2009)

Question No. 113 to the Honourable Minister of Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs

(By the Member for Mayaro)

- A. With respect to the Community Safety and Enhancement Programme, could the Minister state:
- i) the estimated and actual expenditure on this programme, from December 2007 to September 2009;
 - ii) the type of projects initiated and the individual cost of each;
 - iii) the names of all beneficiary community based organizations; and
 - iv) the names of all facilitators and consultants employed, the services provided, and the fees, stipends, and salaries paid to each of them to date?
- B. With respect to the Community Safety and Enhancement Programme, could the Minister state:
- i) whether an evaluation/assessment has been undertaken on this programme to date;
 - ii) if yes, what are the recommendations/findings arising out of this evaluation;
 - iii) who prepared this report; and
 - iv) if no evaluation has been undertaken to date, could the Minister give reasons for the delay?

(Answer due by 12.12.2009)

Question No. 114 to the Honourable Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Mayaro)

- A. With respect to the installation of Close Circuit Surveillance Television Cameras, could the Minister state:
- i) how much of this equipment has been purchased to date;
 - ii) the total cost of this equipment and the individual cost of each unit;
 - iii) the name of the supplier/s and whether tenders were advertised for this procurement; and
 - iv) the criteria used for the placement and installation of these units across the country?

(Answer due by 12.12.2009)

Question No. 115 to the Honourable Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Mayaro)

- A. With respect to the Citizens Security Programme, could the Minister provide the House with the following:
- i) the total expenditure on this programme from December 2007 to date;
 - ii) the type of projects/activities initiated and the individual cost of each one;
 - iii) the names of all Management Officials, their remuneration packages and terms of employment; and

- iv) the names of all Facilitators and Consultants hired, the services rendered and the stipends, fees paid to them to date?
- B. With respect to the Citizens Security Programme, could the Minister provide the House with the following:
- i) whether an Evaluation/Assessment has been undertaken on this programme to date;
 - ii) If yes, what are the recommendations/findings arising out of this evaluation;
 - iii) who prepared this report; and
 - iv) if no evaluation has been undertaken to date, could the Minister give reasons for the delay?

(Answer due by 12.12.2009)

Question No. 116 to the Honourable Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Mayaro)

- A. With respect to the Consultations on Crime held in 2007, could the Minister state:
- i) the total expenditure incurred on these forums;
 - ii) the individual cost of each meeting with a breakdown of logistics; and
 - iii) the cost of advertising services, rental of equipment, catering, consultancy services for the entire programme?
- B. With respect to the Consultation on Crime held in 2007 could the Minister state:
- a) how many recommendations were advanced and submitted by the public at large and other interest groups;
 - b) of this number, how many of these recommendations have been accepted and adopted by the Ministry and or the Cabinet; and
 - c) the recommendations submitted for adoption and consideration?

(Answer due by 12.12.2009)

December 14, 2009

APPENDIX II

DESCRIPTION OF LAND	PUBLIC PURPOSES FOR WHICH TO BE ACQUIRED
<p>1. The parcel of land Comprising 94.5 square metres or 1017.2 square feet more or less, situate at the South Western corner of Bacolet and Main Streets, in the Town of Scarborough in the Ward of Tobago and described in the Schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan or survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 18th July, 2006 executed under Survey Order No. 11/2002 and filed in the Lands and Surveys Division;</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SCHEDULE</u></p> <p>A parcel of land comprising 94.5m² or 1017.2 square feet more or less, situate at the south-western corner of Bacolet and Main Streets, Scarborough, in the Ward of Tobago and said to belong now or formerly to Lennox Phillips.</p> <p>The parcel of land is more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a Survey Plan filed in Book 1361 as Folio 20 and surveyed under Survey Order No. 11/2002, which is filed in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Division, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p>	<p>The widening of the junction of Bacolet Street with the Claude Noel Highway.</p>

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