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PRAYERS

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE OF A NEW MEMBER

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

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PAPERS

1. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the College of Science, Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago for the period ended September 30, 2001.

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

2. Second Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the College of Science, Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago 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 Administrative Report of the Tourism Development Company Limited for the fiscal year 2009.

(By the Minister of Tourism)

4. The Annual Report of the Ministry of Information for the period October 2008 to November 2009.

(By the Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister)

5. The Minimum Wages Order, 2010.

(By the Minister of Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development)

6. The Report on the Exercise of the Functions and Powers of the Ministry of Health for the period October 2004 to September 2005.

(By the Minister of Health)

7. The Report on the Exercise of the Functions and Powers of the Ministry of Health for the period October 2005 to September 2006.

(By the Minister of Health)

8. The Report on the Exercise of the Functions and Powers of the Ministry of Health for the period October 2008 to September 2009.

(By the Minister of Health)

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

Questions for Written Answer appear in Appendix I

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 23 to the Honourable Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs

(By the Member for La Brea)

Could the Honourable Minister state:-

- (a) The name of the investor(s) for the Propylene to Plastics Plant to be constructed at the Union Industrial Estate in La Brea?
- (b) The date on which the construction of the Propylene to Plastics Plant is scheduled to commence at the Union Industrial Estate in La Brea?
- (c) The date on which the Cumulative Impact Assessment was done for the Union Industrial Estate with the inclusion of the Propylene to Plastics Plant?

Question No. 24 to the Honourable Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs

(By the Member for La Brea)

Could the Honourable Minister state:-

- (a) The name of the investor(s) for the Integrated Glass and Photovoltaic Cells Plant to be constructed at the Union Industrial Estate in La Brea?
- (b) The date on which the construction of the Integrated Glass and Photovoltaic Cells Plant is scheduled to commence at the Union Industrial Estate in La Brea?
- (c) The date on which the Cumulative Impact Assessment was done for the Union Industrial Estate inclusive of the Integrated and Glass and Photovoltaic Cells Plant?

Question No. 25 to the Honourable Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs

(By the Member for La Brea)

Could the Honourable Minister state:-

- (a) Whether any consideration was given to the importation of Aluminum ingots and the construction of the aluminum downstream industries at the Union Industrial Estate in La Brea?
- (b) If the answer to the above is in the affirmative, what are the factors that were considered?, and;
- (c) What was the outcome of the above consideration?

Question No. 26 to the Honourable Minister of Health

(By the Member for Point Fortin)

Could the Honourable Minister state:-

- (a) When will the construction of the Point Fortin Hospital begin?
- (b) What is the confirmed site for this new hospital?
- (c) What is the projected cost of the hospital?

Question No. 27 to the Honourable Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs

(By the Member for Point Fortin)

Could the Honourable Minister provide the following:-

- (a) A status report on the Coronation Park Sporting Facility in Point Fortin?
- (b) The person or company awarded the contract and at what cost?
- (c) The estimated completion date of this facility?

Question No. 28 to the Honourable Minister of Education

(By the Member for Port of Spain North/St. Ann's West)

Could the Honourable Minister state:-

- (a) How many schools are currently using the laptops distributed by the Ministry of Education as teaching and learning tools?
- (b) How many schools have been upgraded to accommodate the increased demand for internet connectivity?
- (c) What measures have been implemented in schools to ensure the security of these laptops?
- (d) How many teachers, if any, have completed teacher training in the use of the laptops as an integral part of the pedagogical practice?

Question No. 29 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport

(By the Member for Diego Martin West)

Could the Honourable Minister please state:-

- (a) What is the policy with respect to the distribution of the motor vehicles purchased for the Fifth Summit of the Americas and the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting?
- (b) Whether these vehicles have been assigned to Ministers as opposed to Ministries?

- (c) If the response to (b) is in the affirmative, list the Ministers who have been assigned any vehicle(s) and provide the following details:
- i. When was each vehicle assigned and to whom?
 - ii. The model and registration number of each vehicle assigned and allocated?
 - iii. On what conditions are the vehicles to be utilized by Ministers?
- (d) Whether any such vehicle, driven by any Minister or Parliamentary Secretary, was involved in a motor vehicle accident and can he identify the driver involved?
- (e) If the response to (d) is in the affirmative, what was the extent of the damage to the vehicle and the estimate cost to repair it?
- (f) If however the vehicles are assigned to Ministries, whether these vehicles are required to be entered into the Motor Vehicles' inventory of each such Ministry and be maintained under the management of the Permanent Secretary in accordance with established government policies and regulations?

Question No. 30 to the Honourable Minister of Finance

(By the Member for Diego Martin West)

With respect to contracts greater than one million dollars entered into with local contractors for the supply of goods and/or services to Ministries, the Tobago House of Assembly and State Enterprises which are funded by the Treasury, could the Minister state:

- a) The total sum of certified payments made to all contractors during the period September 1, 2010 to December 1, 2010, for works done prior to June 1, 2010?
- b) The total sum of certified payments which exist and have not been paid as at December 1, 2010?
- c) The outstanding sums owing for works completed which are currently being evaluated but for which certification is yet to be established?

Question No. 32 to the Honourable Minister of Finance

(By the Member for Diego Martin North/East)

Could the Minister state:

- a) How much money did any State Enterprise, Statutory Authority or Government owned or controlled Company contribute or pay, whether in cash or kind, for the hosting of the recent Nikki Minaj "Localize It" Concert?

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

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

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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**Bills Second Reading:**

1. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Summary Courts Act, Chap 4:20 and the Indictable Offences (Preliminary Enquiry) Act, Chap 12:01."

(By the Attorney General)

2. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Evidence Act, Chap. 7:02."

(By the Minister of National Security)

PRIVATE BUSINESS**Motions:**

1. **WHEREAS** Pension funds are critical to the long term saving rate of a country and for the safety and security of each individual citizen's future;

AND WHEREAS the savings of individuals are a critical component in the growth and stability of the economy and the related financial system;

AND WHEREAS a critical part of an individual savings for his later years is his contribution to a long term pension fund;

AND WHEREAS the average length of time spent by any individual in any one organization has shortened considerably;

AND WHEREAS pension plans are currently designed to reward employees who remain with one organization for a considerable period of time;

AND WHEREAS there is no system for pension portability either in the public or private sector in Trinidad and Tobago;

AND WHEREAS the lack of pension portability is a constraint on the free movement of labour resources and the ability of the working citizen to pursue alternative employment opportunity without a substantial loss of pension benefits;

BE IT RESOLVED that the government moves expeditiously to enact legislation to effect the portability of vested pension entitlements for both private and public sector employees.

(By the Member for Port of Spain South)

2. **WHEREAS** Parliament was advised that a component of the national security system (SIA) has for years been operating without the requisite legal authorization and may have violated the constitutional rights of citizens as it collected information of an unspecified nature;

AND WHEREAS Parliament has acted swiftly to rectify the situation in the interest of national security and the recognition of citizen's rights to unwarranted intrusion into their private affairs;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to treat responsibly with the body of information accumulated by the SIA;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honorable House condemn the action of the Government;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government report immediately to Parliament on how it has handled, and is handling the SIA files/data so as to give citizens the assurance that the SIA's actions no longer pose a threat to their interest or that of national security.

(By the Member for Diego Martin West)

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Question No. 15 to the Honourable Minister of Public Administration

(By the Member for Diego Martin West)

- a) Could the Minister provide the names of all persons employed on contract within Government Ministries, Departments and Statutory Authorities along with the relevant positions occupied as at June 1, 2010.

(Answer due by 08.12.2010)

Question No. 16 to the Honourable Minister of Public Administration

(By the Member for Diego Martin West)

- a) Could the Minister identify all persons employed on contract in Government Ministries, Departments and Statutory Authorities whose contracts expired between June 1, 2010 and October 31, 2010?
- b) Could the Minister state which contract officers were not renewed, identifying as well the positions held and the reasons for non-renewal?
- c) With respect to office holders whose contracts have not yet expired, could the Minister state whose contracts will be terminated on expiration and the reasons for such action?

(Answer due by 08.12.2010)

Question No. 17 to the Honourable Minister of Public Administration

(By the Member for Diego Martin West)

Could the Minister state:-

- a) The names of all persons hired/recruited on contract in Government Ministries, Departments and Statutory Authorities between June 1 and October 31, 2010 and provide the relevant designation of each person so employed?
- b) Could the Minister identify which persons are newly recruited?
- c) Could the Minister identify which persons replaced contract employees who held contracts as at June 1, 2010?
- d) Could the Minister identify which of these are newly created contract positions and which are replacements for positions that existed via contracts as at June 1, 2010?
- e) Could the Minister provide the details of all monthly emoluments, perquisites and all benefits paid to all such persons hired/recruited on contract between June 1 and October 31, 2010?

(Answer due by 08.12.2010)

Question No. 18 to the Honourable Minister of Public Administration**(By the Member for Diego Martin West)**

For the period June 1 to October 31, 2010 could the Minister provide:

- a) A list of the names of all the persons employed on contract whose contracts have been terminated before the original completion dates and provide the relevant designation in each case?
- b) The reasons for the termination in each instance?
- c) Could the Minister further state, whether any person (s) has/have been hired in the place of any person (s) so terminated?

(Answer due by 08.12.2010)**Question No. 19 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport****(By the Member for Point Fortin)**

Could the Minister state:-

- a) When will the Water Taxi Service become available to the people of Point Fortin?
- b) What steps are being taken to provide adequate infrastructure to support the service in Point Fortin?
- c) What is the fare structure that will apply from Point Fortin to Port of Spain with the Water Taxi Service?

(Answer due by 08.12.20)**Question No. 31 to the Honourable Minister of Finance****(By the Member for Diego Martin West)**

With respect to contracts entered into with local contractors for the supply of goods and/or services to Ministries, the Tobago House of Assembly and State Enterprises which are funded by the Treasury, could the Minister identify:-

- (a) the projects and list the local contractors who have been paid any money in sums greater than one million dollars during the period September 1, 2010 to December 1, 2010 including the addresses and sums paid to each?

(Answer due by 07.01.2011)

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