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1. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Regulated Industries Commission for the year ended December 31, 2009.

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

2. The Audited Financial Statements of the National Petroleum Marketing Company Limited for the financial year ended March 31, 2010.

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

3. The Annual Audited Financial Statement of National Infrastructural Development Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2010.

(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 Oral Answer

Question No. 31 to the Honourable Minister of National Security

(By the Leader of the Opposition)

Could the Minister state:

- a) With respect to the purchase of Off-shore Patrol vessels (OPVs), did the government of Trinidad and Tobago enter into any loan arrangements with any bank/ Institution to finance the contract for supply of these vessels?

- b) If the answer is in the affirmative, what are the name(s) of the lending institutions and the details of the loan conditions?
- c) As at September 2010, what percentage of the loan was drawn down, expressed in actual currency value?
- d) Was any payment made to the bank/institution after the contract was terminated, if so, on what specific dates were these payments made and for how much?
- e) Are there any monies outstanding to the bank as at January 12, 2012, if so, how much?
- f) Is there a penalty or amount required by the bank as a condition relating to early repayment?
- g) What is the residual amount that the government expects to receive as a result of termination of the contract and the sale of the ships after the loan has been repaid but prior to all costs relating to the arbitration process?

Question No. 32 to the Honourable Attorney General

(By the Leader of the Opposition)

Could the Minister state:

- a) With respect to arbitration proceedings in relation to the purchase of Off-Shore Patrol vessels, has the government of Trinidad and Tobago retained Counsel in the United Kingdom?
- b) What is the daily rate of fees to be paid to Counsel in this matter?
- c) How much has been paid to date and what is the anticipated overall budgeted cost for the proceedings?
- d) How much money does the government expect to recover at the successful conclusion of the arbitration proceedings?
- e) What is the anticipated exposure to BAE in the event that the arbitration proceedings are not settled in favour of Trinidad and Tobago?

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

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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. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 78 of the Police Service Act, Chap. 15:01 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") that the President may make Regulations, inter alia, to give effect to

the purpose of the Act and generally for the good order and management of the Police Service;

AND WHEREAS it is also provided by section 78 of the Act that every Order made under that section shall be subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives;

AND WHEREAS the President has on the 20th day of October, 2011 made the Police Service (Amendment) Regulations, 2011;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Police Service (Amendment) Regulations now be affirmed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Police Service (Amendment) Regulations, 2011 be approved.

(By the Minister of National Security)

2. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 56(1)(a) of the Customs Act, Chap. 78:01 that the House of Representatives may, from time to time, by Resolution provide that any class of goods specified in the Resolution shall be exempt from import duties of Customs if the goods are imported or entered for use by any person for any purpose specified in the Resolution during any period to be fixed by the Minister in each particular case, not being a period terminating later than the date prescribed in the Resolution as the last day on which such exemption shall be operative, and subject to such condition as the Minister may impose:

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives, in accordance with and subject to the provisions of section 56 of the Customs Act, exempt from import duties of customs the classes of goods imported or entered for use in Trinidad and Tobago for the respective purposes set out in the List of Conditional Duty Exemptions in the Third Schedule to the Customs Act for –

- (a) Approved Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry and Fisheries in Part A, subheading II;
- (b) Approved Hotels in Part A, subheading III;
- (c) Approved Mining Purposes in Part A, subheading IV; and
- (d) Other Approved Purposes in Part A, subheading V, from the date of publication to December 31, 2015.

(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)

Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act to provide for the variation of certain duties and taxes, the introduction of other provisions of a fiscal nature and related matters”.

(By the Minister of Finance)

2. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Legal Aid and Advice Act Chap 7:07, 2011”.

(By the Minister of Justice)

3. **The debate on the following Bill which was adjourned on Friday December 09, 2011 will be resumed.**

A Bill entitled, “An Act to make provision for the implementation of a system for electronic monitoring in Trinidad and Tobago and for related matters”.

(By the Minister of Justice)

4. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50 and the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Enforcement and Administration) Act, Chap. 48:52”.
(By the Minister of Transport)
5. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Regional Health Authorities Act, Chap. 29:05”.
(By the Minister of Health)
6. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Customs Act, Chap. 78:01 to enhance border control by providing for advance passenger and cargo information to be submitted electronically to the Comptroller of Customs and Excise and for related matters”.
(By the Minister of Finance)
7. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Equal Opportunity Act, Chap. 22:03”.
(By the Attorney General)
8. A Bill entitled, “An Act to repeal and replace the Crown Suits Limitation Ordinance”.
(By the Attorney General)
9. A Bill entitled, “An Act to reform the law providing for the regulation of insurance business and for the other purposes related to or connected with such business and for the regulation of privately administered pension fund plans”.
(By the Minister of Finance)
10. A Bill entitled, “An Act to give effect to the Economic Partnership Agreement between CARIFORUM States (Caribbean Community and the Dominican Republic) and the European Community; to effect consequential amendments to the Customs Act, Chap. 78:01 and for related matters”.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)
11. A Bill entitled, “An Act relating to the protection of children and for matters related thereto”.
(By the Minister of Gender, Youth and Child Development)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday January 27, 2012 will be resumed:**

WHEREAS the crime situation in Trinidad and Tobago has continued to escalate, and;

AND WHEREAS the former PNM administration had initiated a number of systems and strategies to deal with the crime situation in Trinidad and Tobago, and;

AND WHEREAS the current government of Trinidad and Tobago has taken certain actions to weaken the national security systems and structure in Trinidad and Tobago,

AND WHEREAS the action of the current government has contributed to the escalation of crime in Trinidad and Tobago

BE IT RESOLVED that this House take note of the systematic dismantling of the national security systems and structures in Trinidad and Tobago and call on the government to cease this action and to take steps to put in place an effective national security system which would have the effect of securing the borders and by extension the citizenry of Trinidad and Tobago to bring about a reduction in crime in Trinidad and Tobago.

(By the Member for Laventille East/Morvant)

2. **The debate on the following motion which was adjourned on Friday November 25, 2011 will be resumed:**

WHEREAS the Government of Trinidad and Tobago has given a commitment to provide all students, from Early Childhood, to the Primary and Secondary levels, with all core textbooks and work books at no cost to parents;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Education has reneged on this commitment in September 2011 by neglecting to provide sufficient and timely replacements for books lost or damaged, thereby placing an unexpected hardship on parents:

BE IT RESOLVED that this Government take all necessary steps to ensure that students are properly equipped with their school books for a quality education from ECCE to Secondary, in accordance with the commitment that has been given since 2004.

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

Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled, "An Act for the Incorporation of the National Ramleela Council of Trinidad and Tobago and for matters incidental thereto".

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

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