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Question No. 14 to the Minister of Food Production

(By the Member for La Brea)

What measures have been taken to secure adequate marine fishing stock for our nation?

Question No. 15 to the Minister of Food Production

(By the Member for La Brea)

Could the Minister state:

- a) what tests are conducted in the Caroni Swamp to ensure that the toxicity level in our aquatic livestock does not compromise human health;
- b) how often are these tests done;
- c) what was the date when the last test was done and what were the results of the findings?

Question No. 17 to the Minister of Food Production

(By the Member for La Brea)

How many unregistered farmers are there in Trinidad and what is the acreage under cultivation by such farmers?

Question No. 26 to the Minister of Housing, Land and Marine Resources

(By the Leader of the Opposition)

- A. With respect to the purchase of private lands at Calcutta Road, Couva by the Housing Development Corporation, could the Minister state:
- i. Whether any payment was made by the Housing Development Corporation, how much has been paid and to whom?
- B. If no payment was made as at November 22, 2012, could the Honourable Minister state:
- i. Why the payments have not been made to date?
 - ii. When will the transaction be effected as outlined by the Minister in the Parliament budget debate on October 5, 2012?
- C. Could the Honourable Minister further state whether he is aware that this said parcel of land which the Government (Housing Development Corporation) is willing to purchase for \$175 million was previously sold in 2010 for \$5 million?

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Monday January 07, 2013 will be resumed:**

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, Industry and Investment)

Bills Second Reading:

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

(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)

2. **The debate on the following Bill which was in progress when the House adjourned on Wednesday January 16, 2013 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to enhance the internal self-government of Tobago”.

(By the Prime Minister)

3. A Bill entitled, “An Act to repeal and replace the Crown Suits Limitation Ordinance”.

(By the Attorney General)

4. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Births and Deaths Registration Act, Chap. 44:01”.

(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)

5. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Marriage Act, Chap. 45:01”.

(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)

6. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Registration of Titles to Land Act, 2000”.

(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)

7. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Land Adjudication Act, 2000”.

(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday November 30, 2012 will be resumed:**

WHEREAS the Government Assistance for Tertiary Education Programme (GATE) was established by a People’s National Movement administration and is available to all citizens of Trinidad and Tobago pursuing approved programmes, at local and regional public Tertiary Level Institutions (TLIs) as well as approved local private TLIs;

AND WHEREAS the GATE programme with governing regulation for efficient implementation was established in pursuance of a policy of equity in access to tertiary education for all qualifying citizens, irrespective of social status or means, in order to impact positively the rate of transition from secondary to tertiary level so as to achieve a larger pool of qualified nationals capable of supporting national development goals;

AND WHEREAS there have been reports that the Government proposes to support areas of priority study based on National Imperatives that have not been defined or agreed upon by the citizenry;

AND WHEREAS there have been further reports that the Government proposes that tuition fees for undergraduate programmes at both private and public institutions will be funded at varying rates based on a system of socio-economic priority that has not been defined or agreed by the citizenry;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government immediately stop any proposed amendment to the rules that currently govern the GATE programme that either discriminates against young nationals on the basis of income or class, or dictates preferred courses of study that will attract funding, contrary to the individual's choice for self-development.

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

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