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PRAYERS

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE OF A NEW MEMBER

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

PETITIONS

PAPERS

1. The Consolidated Financial Statements of Business Development Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2011.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
2. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Trinidad and Tobago Mortgage Finance Company Limited for the year ended December 31, 2012.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
3. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Trinidad Nitrogen Company Limited for the financial year ended December 31, 2012.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
4. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Caroni (1975) Limited for the year ended June 30, 2012.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
5. The Annual Financial Statements of First Citizens Holdings Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2012.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)

6. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Taurus Services Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2009.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
7. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Rural Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2012.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
8. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Eastern Regional Authority for the year ended September 30, 2010.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
9. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the National Lotteries Control Board for the year ended December 31, 2002.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
10. The Second Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the National Lotteries Control Board for the year ended December 31, 2003.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
11. The Second Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the National Lotteries Control Board for the nine months ended September 30, 2004.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
12. The Second Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the National Lotteries Control Board for the year ended September 30, 2005.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
13. The Second Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the National Lotteries Control Board for the year ended September 30, 2006.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)

14. The Second Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the National Lotteries Control Board for the year ended September 30, 2007.

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

15. The Second Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the National Lotteries Control Board for the year ended September 30, 2008.

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

16. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the National Lotteries Control Board for the year ended September 30, 2009.

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

17. Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Order, 2013.

(By the Minister of Local Government)

18. The Draft White Paper on Local Government Transformation and Modernization 2013.

(By the Minister of Local Government)

19. The Criminal Procedure Rules, 2013.

(By the Attorney General)

20. The Marriage (Amendment) Order, 2013.

(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)

21. ILO Recommendation No. 202 – Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012.

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

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 1 to the Minister of Housing, Land and Marine Affairs

(By the Member for Diego Martin West)

With respect to the purchase of the Eden Gardens property at Calcutta Road, Couva, could the Minister state:

- a) Who were the owners of the property prior to its acquisition by the HDC?
- b) On what date was the property offered to the HDC by the previous owner?
- c) What was the date of the first valuation obtained by the HDC and what was that figure?
- d) What was the date of the valuation obtained by the Commissioner of Valuations?
- e) How much of the purchase price of \$175million has been paid?
- f) When was this paid and to whom?
- g) What was the recommended valuation of Linden Scott and Associates for the purchase of this property?
- h) What was the source of the funding which facilitated payment to the previous owners?

Question No. 2 to the Minister of Finance and the Economy

(By the Member for Diego Martin West)

With respect to the Caribbean Airlines Limited (CAL) purchase of “wide-bodied” aircraft to re-establish a London route, could the Minister state:

- a) What is the age of these aircraft, from whom were they purchased and when was the transaction initiated?
- b) Whether any agent, local or foreign, was involved in the procurement process at any stage?
- c) If the answer to b) is in the affirmative, what was the extent of the involvement and how much were they paid?
- d) What was the total cost associated with the purchase of the aircraft?
- e) What is the total cost associated with the pilot training, storage, reconfiguration, upgrade and other related expenses in order to operate these aircraft?
- f) How was the transaction financed?
- g) On what date was the aircraft purchased and when were they put into scheduled service?

Question No. 3 to the Minister of Finance and the Economy

(By the Member for Diego Martin West)

Could the Minister state:

- a) What is the total cost incurred in relation to “wet-leasing” of aircraft for operation of the London route to date?
- b) When did Cabinet authorize the expansion of CAL onto the London route?

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

1. The Municipal Corporations (Amendment) Bill, 2013

(By the Minister of Local Government who will move that the next stage of the Bill be taken later in the proceedings)

2. The Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) (Amendment) Bill, 2013

(By the Minister of Transport)

3. The Libel and Defamation (Amendment) Bill, 2013.

(By the Attorney General)

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 subsection (3) of section 4 of the Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Act, that as soon as may be after the Elections and Boundaries Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) has submitted a report under paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 4 of the said Act, the Minister shall lay before the House of Representatives for its approval the draft of an Order by the President for giving effect, whether with or without modifications, to the recommendations contained in the report:

AND WHEREAS the Commission has submitted a report to the Minister in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 4:

AND WHEREAS the draft of an Order entitled the “Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Order, 2013” giving effect to the recommendations of the Commission was laid before the House of Representatives on the 2nd day of August, 2013:

BE IT RESOLVED that the draft of the “Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and House of Assembly) Order, 2013” be approved.

(By the Minister of Local Government)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** traffic congestion is a very serious and frustrating problem in Trinidad and contributes significantly to inefficiency, road rage, wastage of man hours, unnecessary costs for basic goods and services and poor productivity;

AND WHEREAS the former PNM administration sought to alleviate this problem through the design and implementation of a mass transit system and had procured a contractor to implement Phase 1 of this project, i.e. planning, preliminary design and engineering;

AND WHEREAS by May 2010 the planning, preliminary design and engineering of a light rail system for Trinidad was virtually complete;

AND WHEREAS the present government has abandoned the PNM’s light rail project and has not implemented an alternative mass transit system since assuming office;

AND WHEREAS traffic congestion is now worse than ever before and delays on the roads in Trinidad have become intolerable;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honorable House affirm its commitment to the early implementation of an appropriate mass transit system for Trinidad.

(By the Member for Diego Martin North East)

2. **WHEREAS** there have been continuing and unacceptable levels of violent crimes in Trinidad and Tobago;

AND WHEREAS the mishandling of the security systems and apparatus of the State have contributed to the spiralling crime rate in Trinidad and Tobago;

AND WHEREAS and the Government has been unable to effectively reduce the level of crime in Trinidad and Tobago;

BE IT REESOLVED that this House call on the Government to take immediate steps to deal with the unacceptable crime level facing the citizenry of Trinidad and Tobago.

(By the Member for Port of Spain South)

3. **WHEREAS** the availability and access to swift and affordable justice is an essential requirement in the nation building effort of Trinidad and Tobago and indeed the wider Caribbean;

AND WHEREAS the CARICOM region has taken all the necessary steps towards the establishment of the Caribbean Court of Justice which is headquartered in Trinidad and Tobago;

AND WHEREAS Trinidad and Tobago had initially indicated its support for and promoted the Caribbean Court of Justice as our final Court of Appeal in complete replacement of the Privy Council;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House direct the Government of Trinidad and Tobago to take all necessary steps, in the shortest reasonable time, to make the Caribbean Court of Justice in both appellate and original jurisdiction the final Court of Appeal for Trinidad and Tobago.

(By the Member for Diego Martin West)

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