



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**FOURTH SESSION**  
**TENTH PARLIAMENT**

**No. 16**  
**2013/ 2014**

## ORDER PAPER

**FRIDAY JANUARY 24, 2014: 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 Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Environmental Management Authority – Environmental Trust Fund for the 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 Committee)**
2. The Annual Report of the National Insurance Board of Trinidad and Tobago (NIBTT) for the year ended June 30, 2013.  
**(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)**
3. The Administrative Report of the Ministry of Tourism for the fiscal year 2012.  
**(By the Minister of Tourism)**
4. The Administrative Report of the Zoological Society of Trinidad and Tobago for the fiscal year 2012.  
**(By the Minister of Tourism)**
5. The Annual Report on the Administration of the Tobago House of Assembly for the year 2012.  
**(By the Prime Minister)**
6. The Annual Report of the Teaching Service Commission on the exercise of the Commission's function and powers in the year 2012.  
**(By the Deputy Speaker)**
7. The Administration of Justice (Electronic Monitoring) (Approved Devices) Order, 2013.  
**(By the Minister of Justice)**

8. The Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Regulated Industries Commission for the year ended December 31, 2010.  
**(By the Minister of Public Utilities)**
9. The Administrative Report of the Ministry of Public Utilities for fiscal year 2012.  
**(By the Minister of Public Utilities)**
10. The Administrative Report of the San Fernando City Corporation for the period 2011/2012.  
**(By the Minister of Local Government)**
11. The Administrative Report of the Arima Borough Corporation for the year October, 2011 to September, 2012.  
**(By the Minister of Local Government)**
12. The Annual Administrative Report of the Community Improvement Services Limited (CISL) for the period 2012/2013.  
**(By the Minister of Local Government)**
13. The Administrative Report of the Export-Import Bank of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (EXIMBANK) for the year ended December 31, 2010.  
**(By the Minister of Trade, Industry and Investment)**
14. The Annual Administrative Report of the Ministry of Arts and Multiculturalism for the period October 01, 2009 to September 30, 2010.  
**(By the Minister of Arts and Multiculturalism)**
15. The Annual Administrative Report of the Ministry of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development for the period October 2008 to September 2009.  
**(By the Minister of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development)**
16. The Annual Administrative Report of the Ministry of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development for the period October 2009 to September 2010.  
**(By the Minister of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development)**
17. The Annual Administrative Report of the Ministry of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development for the period October 2010 to September 2011.  
**(By the Minister of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development)**
18. The Annual Administrative Report of the Ministry of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development for the period October 2011 to September 2012.  
**(By the Minister of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development)**
19. The Annual Administrative Report of the Occupational Safety and Health Authority and Agency (OSHA) for the period October 2011 to September 2012.  
**(By the Minister of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development)**

20. The Annual Administrative Report of the Cipriani College of Labour and Co-operative Studies (CCLCS) for the period October 2011 to September 2012.  
**(By the Minister of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development)**
21. The Annual Administrative Report of the Minimum Wages Board for the period October 2011 to September 2012.  
**(By the Minister of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development)**
22. The Annual Administrative Report of the National Entrepreneurship Development Company Limited (NEDCO) for the period October 2011 to September 2012.  
**(By the Minister of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development)**
23. The Annual Administrative Report of the Advisory Friendly Societies Council for the period October 2011 to September 2012.  
**(By the Minister of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development)**
24. The Annual Administrative Report of the Boiler Examiners Board for the period October 2011 to September 2012.  
**(By the Minister of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development)**

#### PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

#### QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

#### Questions for Written Answer appear in the Appendix

#### Questions for Oral Answer

#### \*Question No. 28 to the Minister of Public Utilities

**(By the Member for Arouca/Maloney)**

Could the Minister indicate whether:

- a) The Trinidad and Tobago Postal Corporation (TTPOST) is able to meet its financial commitments on a monthly basis?
- b) Any employees of TTPPOST are facing retrenchment?

#### \*Question No. 29 to the Minister of Public Utilities

**(By the Member for Arouca/Maloney)**

Could the Minister state:

- a) The rationale for moving the power supply from Union Estate to the National Grid?
- b) What is the total cost of the transmission infrastructure needed to relocate the power supply from the Union Estate to the National Grid?
- c) How long will the move take?
- d) What is the value of the unsold electricity surplus at present?

---

**\*On Friday January 10, 2014, Questions Nos. 28, 29, 45 and 47 were deferred for two (2) weeks.**

**\*Question No. 45 to the Prime Minister**

**(By the Member for Chaguanas West)**

With respect to the Committee established to report on Youth and Crime and chaired by Professor Selwyn Ryan:

- a) Could the Minister state the amounts paid by the State to each member of this committee for their services as committee members; and
- b) With regard to the recommendations of this committee contained in the report entitled “No Time to Quit: Engaging Youth at Risk” could the Minister state:
  - i. Which recommendations were implemented; and
  - ii. Which recommendations have not been implemented?

**\*Question No. 47 to the Minister of National Security**

**(By the Member for Chaguanas West)**

With respect to the recent visit of Mr. William Bratton, Crime Consultant, to this country, could the Minister state:

- a) The terms of engagement for services rendered by Mr. Bratton and/or his consultancy firm prior to, upon or subsequent to his visit?
- b) The total cost incurred by the State and a breakdown of these expenses with respect to the visit by Mr. Bratton and his team?
- c) The cost of hosting of the “Bill Bratton Seminar – A Country to Defend” on November 12, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency, Port of Spain;
- d) Whether any contracts or agreements have been signed with Mr. Bratton and/or his consultancy firm prior to, upon or subsequent to his visit to Trinidad and Tobago; and
- e) If the answer to part (d) above is in the affirmative, the particulars of any such contracts/agreements inclusive of the dates of the signing of the contracts/agreements and the deliverables?

**\*Question No. 32 to the Minister of Education**

**(By the Member for Arouca/Maloney)**

With respect to the Bon Air Government Primary School, could the Minister state:

- a) When will the floor be tiled?
- b) When will the yard be paved?
- c) When will the public announcement system be installed?
- d) When will the multi-purpose hall be constructed?

**\*Question No. 33 to the Minister of Works and Infrastructure**

**(By the Member for Arouca/Maloney)**

Could the Minister state:

- a) Whether a pedestrian crossing or a walkover will be installed in the vicinity to the west of De Lamarre Gardens, Trincity and east of the Trincity Mall?
- b) The expected date that this exercise would begin?

---

**\*On Friday January 10, 2014, Questions Nos. 28, 29, 45 and 47 were deferred for two (2) weeks**

**\*On Friday January 17, 2014, Questions Nos. 32, 33, 52 and 53 were deferred for one (1) week.**

**\*Question No. 52 to the Minister of Transport**

**(By the Member for Chaguanas West)**

With respect to the decision by the Vehicle Maintenance Company of Trinidad and Tobago (VMCOTT) to enter into an agreement with the Saladin Group - reputed distributor of the Zavoli line of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) conversion kits and range of vehicles, could the Minister please state:

- a) the date on which the VMCOTT Board took the decision to enter into the agreement with the Saladin Group;
- b) the names of the Directors of VMCOTT who were present for the taking of the decision;
- c) the method by which the Saladin Group was selected for this agreement;
- d) whether the Saladin Group was selected as a result of any Request for Proposals (RFP);
- e) if the answer to part (d) is in the affirmative:
  - i. where and when was the RFP was published;
  - ii. the names and addresses of all companies that submitted proposals and the details of their proposals; and
  - iii. the method of evaluation and the basis for the selection of the successful proposal.

**\*Question No. 53 to the Minister of Transport**

**(By the Member for Chaguanas West)**

With respect to the agreement signed between the Vehicle Maintenance Company of Trinidad and Tobago (VMCOTT) and the Saladin Group - reputed distributor of the Zavoli line of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) conversion kits and range of vehicles, could the Minister please state:

- a) the date on which the agreement was signed;
- b) the signatories to the agreement;
- c) the deliverables;
- d) the breakdown of the costs associated with said deliverables; and
- e) the cost and projected quantity of each type of CNG conversion kit to be supplied under the agreement.

**Question No. 34 to the Minister of the Environment and Water Resources**

**(By the Member for Arouca/Maloney)**

Could the Minister state when would the river at Barcaday Junction, Arouca, that runs parallel to the Nicholas Bon Air Gardens Housing Development be desilted?

**Question No. 35 to the Minister of Works and Infrastructure**

**(By the Member for Arouca/Maloney)**

Could the Minister:

- a) State the total number of URP Infrastructure groups in region five (5)?
- b) List the projects that have been completed by the URP Infrastructure in region five (5) since June 2010 to date?

---

**\*On Friday January 17, 2014, Questions Nos. 32, 33, 52 and 53 were deferred for one (1) week.**

**Question No. 36 to the Minister of the People and Social Development**

**(By the Member for Arouca/Maloney)**

Could the Minister:

- a) All the projects implemented under the URP Social since June 2012 to date?
- b) Provide a breakdown of the cost for implementing each project

**Question No. 49 to the Minister of Education**

**(By the Member for Laventille West)**

Could the Minister state:

- a) When will repairs be completed to the following schools: St. Barbs Primary, Our Lady of Laventille Primary, Laventille Boys Primary, Laventille Girls Primary, Excel Primary, Chinapoo Primary, Escallier Primary, Success Laventille Secondary and Morvant Laventille Secondary?
- b) What arrangements will be/have been put in place to provide “make up” classes for those students who have been denied their total contact hours?

**Question No. 50 to the Minister of Housing and Urban Development**

**(By the Member for Laventille West)**

Could the Minister:

- a) Identify all those areas in Trinidad and Tobago where State lands have been assigned and handed over to citizens under the Land for the Landless programme?
- b) Provide details as to the total number of persons, their names and the size of plots handed over?
- c) Identify the selection criteria used in determining the recipients for the programme identified in part (a)?
- d) List the criteria used by the Commissioner for State Lands in selecting State lands for distribution?
- e) State whether any infrastructural upgrades are proposed/have been undertaken by the State to the lands distributed under the programme?

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

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

### Bills Second Reading:

1. **The debate on the following Bill which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday January 17, 2014 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Libel and Defamation Act, Chap. 11:16 to abolish malicious defamatory libel”.

**(By the Attorney General)**

2. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Judges Salaries and Pensions Act, Chap. 6:02”.

**(By the Attorney General)**

3. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third-Party Risks) Act, Chap. 48:51”.

**(By the Minister of Transport)**

4. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Dog Control Act, 2013”.

**(By the Attorney General)**

5. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Nurses and Midwives Registration Act, Chap 29:53”.

**(By the Minister of Health)**

## PRIVATE BUSINESS

### Motions:

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday November 29, 2013 will be resumed:**

**WHEREAS** the 2010 Manifesto of the People’s Partnership Government was adopted by Cabinet as Government Policy, as stated in the Preface of the Medium Term Policy Framework; and

**WHEREAS** in such document, within Pillar 2 – Human Development, Inclusivity, Diversity, Wellness and Competitiveness, the Government articulated its intention to improve physical infrastructure of Public Health Care Facilities, and as a priority a new Point Fortin Hospital; and

**WHEREAS** several announcements have been made to initiate with immediacy, the construction of several health facilities other than the said new Point Fortin Hospital; and

**WHEREAS** the construction of the Point Fortin Hospital should have commenced in the first quarter of 2013; and

**WHEREAS** healthcare at the Point Fortin Hospital continues to deteriorate to unacceptable levels, putting at risk the lives of citizens from La Brea to Iacos, and including persons from Fyzabad, Buenos Ayres and environs; and

**WHEREAS** there is also no adequate local health service for employees of industries within the South Western Peninsula:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House call upon the Government of Trinidad and Tobago to take immediate steps to begin construction of the new Point Fortin Hospital.

**(By the Member for Point Fortin)**

2. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday September 27, 2013 will be resumed:**

**WHEREAS** the Canadian Commercial Corporation (CCC) has confirmed by way of a media release published in two Daily Newspapers in Trinidad and Tobago in June 2013 that the Urban Development Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago (UDeCOTT,) on the recommendation of CCC, signed a contract in February 2013 with SNC-Lavalin to design a Hospital in Penal;

**AND WHEREAS** CCC has also confirmed that the design contract for this Hospital Project was awarded by UDeCOTT to SNC-Lavalin, on the recommendation of CCC, on a sole selective basis without any competitive tendering;

**AND WHEREAS** it is estimated that the construction of this Hospital Project will cost the taxpayers of Trinidad and Tobago approximately TT\$1 Billion;

**AND WHEREAS** SNC-Lavalin is presently embroiled in allegations and findings of irregular payments to public officials, misconduct, corruption and bribery in projects in a number of developing countries;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honorable House urge the Government to terminate all existing contracts with SNC-Lavalin for this Hospital Project and to cease and desist from entering into any future contractual relationships with SNC-Lavalin or any of its affiliates;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the procurement process for this Hospital and all such future Projects in Trinidad and Tobago be subject to open and transparent competitive tendering.

**(By the Member for Diego Martin North East)**

3. **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)**



4. **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 RESOLVED** 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)**
5. **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 Leader of the Opposition)**
6. **WHEREAS** the economy of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago has not, for the past (3) years, enjoyed any substantial or appreciative growth, unlike many of our less endowed CARICOM neighbours;
- AND WHEREAS** there has been three (3) consecutive deficit budgets for the same period in spite of higher than budgeted oil and gas prices for most of the past three (3) years;
- AND WHEREAS** the rating agency, Standard and Poor's, has continued to rate certain aspects of economy very favourably;
- AND WHEREAS** these ratings place the Republic, in a strong position to borrow, both locally and externally;
- AND WHEREAS** the Government, through the appropriate agencies, has an obligation to ensure accurate and transparent recording and reporting of public debt and the servicing thereof;
- AND WHEREAS** the Government has a further obligation to facilitate a well-organised domestic capital market; and to monitor the debt portfolio and maintain a debt management strategy that is consistent with a clearly defined monetary policy and fiscal policy;
- BE IT RESOLVED** that this House call upon the Government to provide in writing within one week of the passage of this resolution:
- a) the status of the State's Public debt;
  - b) the debt profile for the short to medium-term; and

c) the State's ability to monitor, manage and service same.

**(By the Member for Port of Spain South)**

7. **WHEREAS** a range of social assistance programmes are provided by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago to provide assistance to the poor and indigent in society; and

**WHEREAS** there is a legitimate expectation that these programmes should be managed and administered in an equitable manner to benefit all who need them; and

**WHEREAS** there have been numerous reports of the maladministration of social assistance programmes by the Government; and

**WHEREAS** there are legitimate concerns that social assistance programmes are not being provided to citizens in a transparent, equitable and professional manner:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House take note of and condemn the Government's failure to manage and administer social assistance programmes in a manner appropriate to achieving the best development of all citizens and the nation.

**(By the Member for Diego Martin Central)**

### **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

#### **Motions:**

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the House adopt the First Report of the Standing Orders Committee of the House of Representatives, Fourth (2013/2014) Session, Tenth Parliament.

**(By the Leader of the House)**

*Jacqui Sampson-Meiguel  
Clerk of the House*

*House of Representatives' Secretariat  
The Port of Spain International Waterfront Centre  
Level 3, Tower D  
1 A Wrightson Road  
PORT OF SPAIN*

*January 20, 2014*

**ORDER PAPER/FRIDAY JANUARY 24, 2014**

**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

**Question No. 23 to the Minister of Housing and Urban Development**

**(By the Member for Laventille West)**

Could the Minister state:

- a) How many houses/apartment units have been fully constructed between June 1, 2010 and September 30, 2013?
- b) How many houses/apartment units have been distributed between June 1, 2010 and September 30, 2013?
- c) Where are the locations of the units that have been distributed?
- d) The names of the beneficiaries and the locations in each case?

**(Answer due by 24.12.2013)**

**Question No. 27 to the Minister of Local Government**

**(By the Member for Laventille West)**

Could the Minister state:

- a) How many Councilors/Local Government representatives were given funding for rental of offices over the 2010-2013 term?
- b) What was the amount approved and disbursed for each office space?
- c) What was the actual amount expended for rental of such office spaces as at September 30, 2013?
- d) Who were the representatives who received such funding?
- e) In each case, the amount disbursed and the location of the premises rented?

**(Answer due by 24.12.2013)**

**January 20, 2014**