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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 Annual Audited Financial Statements of Government Information Services Limited for the 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 Administrative Report of the Ministry of Food Production for the fiscal year 2008 to 2009.
(By the Minister of Food Production)
3. The Annual Administrative Report of the Seafood Industry Development Company (SIDC) for the fiscal period 2009 to 2010.
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6. The Administrative Report of the Seafood Industry Development Company (SIDC) for the fiscal period 2012 to 2013.
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7. The Annual Administrative Report of the National Library and Information System Authority (NALIS) for the fiscal year 2008 to 2009.

(By the Minister of Education)

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9. The Annual Administrative Report of the National Library and Information System authority (NALIS) for the fiscal year 2010 to 2011.

(By the Minister of Education)

10. The Ministerial Response to the Tenth Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report to Parliament on Municipal Corporations and Service Commissions on the Administration of the Port of Spain City Corporation.

(By the Minister of Local Government)

11. The Ministerial Response to the Thirteenth Report of the Joint Select Committee of Parliament on Ministries, Statutory Authorities and State Enterprises (Group 2), on the Commissioning Process for the New Scarborough General Hospital.

(By the Minister of Tobago Development)

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

Questions for Written Answer appear in the Appendix

Question No. 43 to the Minister of Local Government

(By the Member for Arouca/Maloney)

Could the Minister state:

- a) The names of the contractors hired by the Tunapuna Piarco Regional Corporation to conduct road repairs during the period June 2010 to August 2013?
- b) The amount paid to each contractor to date?

Question No. 44 to the Minister of Local Government

(By the Member for Arouca/Maloney)

Could the Minister:

- a) Indicate whether any buildings are being rented by the Ministry of Local Government but not utilized and if so, where?
- b) State the amount paid in rent for office spaces, car park spaces and security by the Ministry for the same facility since 2010 to present?

Question No. 59 to the Minister of Justice

(By the Member for Arouca/Maloney)

With respect to the Santa Rosa detention facility could the Minister state:

- a) The amount of money that has been paid to the property owners Wala Wala Ltd since September 1, 2011 to date for the purpose of housing the Santa Rosa Prison?
- b) How many persons have been detained at the facility, since September 1, 2011 to date by monthly breakdown?

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

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Bills Second Reading:

1. **The debate on the following Bill which was adjourned on Friday February 07, 2014 will be resumed:**
A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Nurses and Midwives Registration Act, Chap 29:53”.
(By the Minister of Health)
2. **The debate on the following Bill which was adjourned on Friday February 07, 2014 will be resumed:**
A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Dog Control Act, 2013”.
(By the Attorney General)
3. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Judges Salaries and Pensions Act, Chap. 6:02”.
(By the Attorney General)
4. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third-Party Risks) Act, Chap. 48:51”.
(By the Minister of Transport)

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)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was adjourned on Friday January 31, 2014 will be resumed:**

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 Diego Martin North/East)

2. **The debate on the following Motion which was 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)

3. **The debate on the following Motion which was 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; and

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)

4. **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)

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)

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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)

February 10, 2014