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1. The Financial Statements of Business Development Company 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)

2. The Animals (Importation) Control (Amendment) Regulations, 2014.

(By the Minister of Food Production)

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QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

Questions for Written Answer appear in the Appendix

***Question No. 64 to the Minister of Health**

(By the Member for Arouca/Maloney)

Could the Minister state:

- a) From what date will dental services be made available at the Maloney Health Centre?
- b) Whether a dentist will be officially assigned to this Health Centre?

***Question No. 65 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs**

(By the Member for Arouca/Maloney)

A. Could the Minister state:

* On Friday March 14, 2014, Questions Nos. 64, 65, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 74, 75, 76, 78, 79 and 80 were deferred for one (1) week. At that sitting, Questions 108, 114 and 116 were unanswered at 2:15pm.

- i. How many illegal quarries have been identified throughout the country?
 - ii. Where are these illegal quarries located?
 - iii. How many persons have been arrested and charged for illegal quarrying from June 2010 to date?
- B. Could the Minister list all the licensed quarries that operate within the country?

***Question No. 67 to the Minister of Local Government**

(By the Member for St. Ann's East)

With respect to the completion of road works at Saut Deau Road, Lacanao, Santa Cruz, could the Minister state:

- a) When will paving works begin?
- b) When will the project be completed?

***Question No. 68 to the Minister of Education**

(By the Member for St. Ann's East)

Could the Minister state:

- a) Whether any approval has been given by the Ministry for the commencement of works at the Maracas Bay ECCE Centre?
- b) The projected date for the commencement of works for this Centre?

***Question No. 70 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs**

(By the Member for Point Fortin)

Can the Minister state:

- a) Whether fueling operations were conducted by Petrotrin, specific to the loading of Bunker C type oil to the state-owned barge, Marabella, between December 16 and 17, 2013?
- b) Whether any oil leak associated with this loading occurred?
- c) If the answer to part (b) above is in the affirmative:
 - i. What quantity of oil was leaked?
 - ii. How was the quantity determined?
 - iii. What was the identified cause of the leak?

***Question No. 71 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs**

(By the Member for Point Fortin)

With reference to the Ministry's media release of December 27, 2013, could the Minister indicate whether the Petroleum Company of Trinidad & Tobago Ltd. (Petrotrin) has determined the source of the Bunker C type oil that washed ashore at La Brea in December, 2013?

***Question No. 72 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs**

(By the Member for Point Fortin)

Could the Minister state:

- a) The reasons for the recent suspension of employees involved in the loading and receiving of fuel at the port and marine operations of Petrotrin, Pointe-a-Pierre?

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- b) Whether any disciplinary action has been taken against these employees to date?
- c) What is the current job status of these employees?
- d) What are the job titles of these employees and to whom do they directly report?
- e) The detailed chain of command related to these employees and the jobs which they perform?

***Question No. 74 to the Minister of Education**

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

Could the Minister state:

- a) As at January 1, 2014, how many schools have not received textbooks under the Textbook Rental Program for the Academic Year 2013-2014?
- b) The names of the schools?
- c) When will these schools receive textbooks?

***Question No. 75 to the Minister of Education**

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

Could the Minister state:

- a) How many vacancies exist in the area of Technical/Vocational Studies in Secondary Schools?
- b) The schools that are currently without the requisite teachers as a result of these vacancies?
- c) What provisions have been made to accommodate students who are pursuing Technical/Vocational studies in those schools adversely affected?

***Question No. 76 to the Minister of Local Government**

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

Could the Minister indicate when would the Cascade and St. Ann's Rivers be cleared of bush and debris?

***Question No. 78 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs**

(By the Member for La Brea)

Could the Minister state:

- a) The reasons for the replacement of the chemical Corexit 9500 with Spec Clean and Eco-Sperse in the December 2013 oil spill along the south western coast of Trinidad?
- b) The name of the supplier of Spec Clean?
- c) The name of the supplier of Eco-Sperse?
- d) How much was paid for a 55 gallon container of Corexit 9500?
- e) How much was paid for a 55 gallon container of Spec Clean and Eco-Sperse respectively?

***Question No. 79 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs**

(By the Member for La Brea)

Could the Minister provide a breakdown of the compensation packages paid to Boat Owners operating within each of the following areas:

- i. Coffee Village;
- ii. Carat Shed;

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- iii. Point Sable Beach;
- iv. Bay Beach; and
- v. Otaheiti Bay?

***Question No. 80 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs**

(By the Member for La Brea)

Could the Minister provide a breakdown of the compensation packages paid to the residents of each of the following areas:

- i. Coffee Village;
- ii. Carat Shed;
- iii. Point Sable Beach;
- iv. Bay Beach; and
- v. Otaheiti?

***Question No. 108 to the Minister of Finance and the Economy**

(By the Member for Arouca/Maloney)

- A. Could the Minister state whether an overdraft facility has been established for Caribbean Airlines with First Citizens Bank?
- B. If the answer to part (A) is in the affirmative, could the Minister state:
 - i. When was this overdraft facility established?
 - ii. The name of the authorizing officer who signed on behalf of Caribbean Airlines?

***Question No. 114 to the Prime Minister**

(By the Member for Laventille West)

With respect to the Unemployment Relief Programme (URP), could the Prime Minister state whether the programme is still divided into four divisions for its operations and to which Ministries are they assigned?

***Question No. 116 to the Minister of Transport**

(By the Member for Laventille West)

Could the Minister state how many new and foreign used vehicles were registered with the licensing authority for the years ending December 31, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013?

Question No. 69 to the Minister of Works and Infrastructure

(By the Member for St. Ann's East)

Could the Minister state:

- a) Whether the Ministry gave instructions to cancel any road works at Lacanoa Road in Santa Cruz?
- b) Whether the commencement of any road works in La Hoe Road in Laventille has been cancelled?

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- c) When will work on these two roads commence, if the answers to parts (a) and (b) above are in the negative?

Question No. 73 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs

(By the Member for Point Fortin)

- A. With respect to press release No. 8 dated December 27, 2013 from Petrotrin, could the Minister confirm whether there was a leak during loading operations on or about December 26, 2013?
- B. If the answer to part A is in the affirmative, could the Minister state:
- i. What quantity of oil was spilled?
 - ii. Whether any employee(s) were suspended due to this mishap?

Question No. 77 to the Minister of the Environment and Water Resources

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

Could the Minister state when will a reliable supply of pipe borne water be delivered to the residents of:

- i. Upper McKai Lands, Belmont?
- ii. Upper Marie Road, Morvant?
- iii. Upper Belmont Valley Road?
- iv. Upper Ariapita Road, St. Ann's; and
- v. Upper Cascade Main Road, Casa Blanca, Cascade?

Question No. 81 to the Minister of the Environment and Water Resources

(By the Member for La Brea)

Could the Minister state when will fish caught in the Gulf of Paria be satisfactory for human consumption?

Question No. 82 to the Minister of the Environment and Water Resources

(By the Member for La Brea)

Could the Minister state:

- a) The dates during the past two years when tests were conducted on the fish, shrimp, crab and oysters in the Gulf of Paria to ascertain toxicity levels?
- b) The results of those tests stated in part (a) above?

Question No. 83 to the Minister of the Environment and Water Resources

(By the Member for La Brea)

Could the Minister state:

- a) The amount and types of mangrove that will be replanted along the south western coastline
- b) When will this be completed?

Question No. 102 to the Minister of Education

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

Could the Minister state:

- a) How many UTT graduate teachers in Special Education have had their status regularized?

- b) How many of those who had received scholarships since 2006 have been placed in Early Childhood Care Education (ECCE) Centres?
- c) How many vacancies exist for ECCE teachers at ECCE Centres throughout the country?

Question No. 103 to the Minister of Education

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

Could the Minister state:

- a) How many UTT graduate teachers in Special Education are employed as Special Education Teachers in Primary and Secondary Schools?
- b) How many posts for Special Education Teachers have been created since May 2010 in Primary and Secondary Schools throughout the country?

Question No. 109 to the Minister of Finance and the Economy

(By the Member for Arouca/Maloney)

- A. Could the Minister indicate whether there is an initiative to move Caribbean Airlines' US banking settlement arrangements to First Citizens Bank?
- B. If the answer to part (A) is in the affirmative:
 - i. When will the settlement arrangement take effect?
 - ii. The name of the person leading the initiative on behalf of Caribbean Airlines?

Question No. 110 to the Minister of Finance and the Economy

(By the Member for Arouca/Maloney)

With respect to the hiring of staff by Caribbean Airlines, could the Minister state:

- a) Whether a decision was taken by Caribbean Airlines (CAL) to discontinue the hiring of staff practice in Trinidad and Tobago and if so, when?
- b) The number of persons hired by CAL in Trinidad and Tobago during the period 2010 to 2013?
- c) The number of persons hired by CAL in Jamaica during the period June 2010 to present?
- d) The number of employees in Trinidad whose contracts were not renewed by CAL during the period June 2010 to present?
- e) The number of persons in Jamaica whose contracts were renewed by CAL during the period June 2010 to present?

Question No. 111 to the Minister of Finance and the Economy

(By the Member for Arouca/Maloney)

With respect to the award of contracts to Ernst and Young by the Ministry of Finance and the Economy, could the Minister state:

- a) The number of contracts awarded to date?
- b) The dates the contracts were awarded?
- c) The contract sum for each job done?
- d) What tendering procedure was followed in the award of these contracts?

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. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Legislative Proposal entitled, “the Draft Houses of Parliament Service Authority Bill, 2014” be referred to a Joint Select Committee of Parliament for its consideration and report no later than May 31st, 2014.

(By the Leader of the House)

2. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 14(5) of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order amend the Fourth Schedule of the Act to exempt the University of the West Indies from the payment of Motor Vehicles Tax in respect of motor vehicles (including agricultural tractors) purchased by the University for its own use and the Order shall have effect from the date of publication in the *Gazette*.

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 14(6), that every Order issued under that subsection shall, after four days and within twenty-one days from the date of its first publication, be submitted to the Senate and the House of Representatives and the Senate and the House of Representatives may by Resolution confirm, amend or revoke such Order, and upon publication of the Resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives in the *Gazette*, the Resolution shall have effect:

AND WHEREAS the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Order, 2014, was made under section 14(5) of the Act, and first published in the *Gazette* on the 13th day of February, 2014:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to confirm the said Order:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Order, 2014 be confirmed.

(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)

Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Liquor Licenses Act, Chap. 84:10, the Cinematograph Act, Chap. 20:10, the Registration of Clubs Act, Chap. 21:01, the Theatres and Dance Halls Act, Chap. 21:03, the Moneylenders Act, Chap. 84:04, the Licensing and Pawnbrokers Act, Chap. 84:05, the Licensing of Dealers (Precious Metals) Act, Chap. 84:06 and the Old Metal and Marine Stores Act, Chap. 84:07”.

(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)

2. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50”.
(By the Minister of Transport)
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 Judges Salaries and Pensions Act, Chap. 6:02”.
(By the Attorney General)
5. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Heritage and Stabilisation Fund Act, Chap. 70:09”.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)

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 Honourable 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 Honourable 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)

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Motions:

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

(By the Leader of the House)

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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. 61 to the Minister of Local Government

(By the Member for Chaguanas West)

For the period May 2010 to September 10, 2013, could the Minister please state the details of each contract issued by the Community Improvement Services Limited (CISL) for infrastructural works including but not limited to:

- a) The location of the project and scope of works;
- b) The name of the company to whom the contract is/was awarded;
- c) The initial estimated cost of the project;
- d) The final or revised estimated cost of the project;
- e) The date on which the contract award was decided by the Board of Directors;
- f) The date on which the contract was signed;
- g) The date of commencement of works;
- h) The projected and/or actual completion date;
- i) The method by which the successful contractor was selected for award of the contract;
- j) The status of the project; and
- k) The amount of money paid to the contractor to date.

(Answer due by 15.02.2014)

Question No. 62 to the Minister of Local Government

(By the Member for Chaguanas West)

For the period May 2010 to September 10, 2013, could the Minister please state the details of each contract issued by the Rural Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago (RDC) for infrastructural works including but not limited to:

- a) The location of the project and scope of works;
- b) The name of the company to whom the contract is/was awarded;
- c) The initial estimated cost of the project;
- d) The final or revised estimated cost of the project;

- e) The date on which the contract award was decided by the Board of Directors;
- f) The date on which the contract was signed;
- g) The date of commencement of works;
- h) The projected and/or actual completion date;
- i) The method by which the successful contractor was selected for award of the contract;
- j) The status of the project; and
- k) The amount of money paid to the contractor to date.

(Answer due by 15.02.2014)

Question No. 63 to the Minister of Local Government

(By the Member for Chaguanas West)

For the period May 2010 to September 10, 2013, could the Minister please state the details of each contract issued by the Palo Seco Agricultural Enterprise Limited (PSAEL) for infrastructural works including but not limited to:

- a) The location of the project and scope of works;
- b) The name of the company to whom the contract is/was awarded;
- c) The initial estimated cost of the project;
- d) The final or revised estimated cost of the project;
- e) The date on which the contract award was decided by the Board of Directors;
- f) The date on which the contract was signed;
- g) The date of commencement of works;
- h) The projected and/or actual completion date;
- i) The method by which the successful contractor was selected for award of the contract;
- j) The status of the project; and
- k) The amount of money paid to the contractor to date.

(Answer due by 15.02.2014)

Question No. 54 to the Minister of Works and Infrastructure

(By the Member for Chaguanas West)

For the period September 11, 2013 to date, could the Minister please state the details of each contract issued by the Community Improvement Services Limited (CISL) for infrastructural works including but not limited to:

- a) The location of the project and scope of works;
- b) The name of the company to whom the contract is/was awarded;
- c) The initial estimated cost of the project;
- d) The final or revised estimated cost of the project;
- e) The date on which the contract award was decided by the Board of Directors;
- f) The date on which the contract was signed;
- g) The date of commencement of works;
- h) The projected and/or actual completion date;
- i) The method by which the successful contractor was selected for award of the contract;
- j) The status of the project; and
- k) The amount of money paid to the contractor to date.

(Answer due by 04.02.2014)

Question No. 55 to the Minister of Works and Infrastructure

(By the Member for Chaguanas West)

For the period September 11, 2013 to date, could the Minister please state the details of each contract issued by the Rural Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago (RDC) for infrastructural works including but not limited to:

- a) The location of the project and scope of works;
- b) The name of the company to whom the contract is/was awarded;
- c) The initial estimated cost of the project;
- d) The final or revised estimated cost of the project;
- e) The date on which the contract award was decided by the Board of Directors;
- f) The date on which the contract was signed;
- g) The date of commencement of works;
- h) The projected and/or actual completion date;
- i) The method by which the successful contractor was selected for award of the contract;
- j) The status of the project; and
- k) The amount of money paid to the contractor to date.

(Answer due by 04.02.2014)

Question No. 56 to the Minister of Works and Infrastructure

(By the Member for Chaguanas West)

For the period from September 11, 2013 to date, could the Minister please state the details of each contract issued by the National Insurance Property Development Company Limited (NIPDEC) for infrastructural works including but not limited to:

- a) The location of the project and scope of works;
- b) The name of the company to whom the contract is/was awarded;
- c) The initial estimated cost of the project;
- d) The final or revised estimated cost of the project;
- e) The date on which the contract award was decided by the Board of Directors;
- f) The date on which the contract was signed;
- g) The date of commencement of works;
- h) The projected and/or actual completion date;
- i) The method by which the successful contractor was selected for award of the contract;
- j) The status of the project; and
- k) The amount of money paid to the contractor to date.

(Answer due by 04.02.2014)

Question No. 57 to the Minister of Works and Infrastructure

(By the Member for Chaguanas West)

For the period from September 11, 2013 to date, could the Minister please state the details of each contract issued by the Unemployment Relief Programme (URP) infrastructure with such details including but not limited to:

- a) The location of the project and scope of works;
- b) The name of the company to whom the contract is/was awarded;
- c) The initial estimated cost of the project;
- d) The final or revised estimated cost of the project;
- e) The date on which the contract award was decided by the Board of Directors;
- f) The date on which the contract was signed;

- g) The date of commencement of works;
- h) The projected and/or actual completion date;
- i) The method by which the successful contractor was selected for award of the contract;
- j) The status of the project; and
- k) The amount of money paid to the contractor to date.

(Answer due by 04.02.2014)

Question No. 58 to the Minister of Works and Infrastructure

(By the Member for Chaguanas West)

For the period from September 11, 2013 to date, could the Minister please state the details of each contract issued by the Palo Seco Agricultural Enterprise Limited (PSAEL) for infrastructural works with such details including but not limited to:

- a) The location of the project and scope of works;
- b) The name of the company to whom the contract is/was awarded;
- c) The initial estimated cost of the project;
- d) The final or revised estimated cost of the project;
- e) The date on which the contract award was decided by the Board of Directors;
- f) The date on which the contract was signed;
- g) The date of commencement of works;
- h) The projected and/or actual completion date;
- i) The method by which the successful contractor was selected for award of the contract;
- j) The status of the project; and
- k) The amount of money paid to the contractor to date.

(Answer due by 04.02.2014)

Question No. 99 to the Minister of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development

(By the Member for La Brea)

Could the Minister state the number of persons who were separated from the Public Service in each of the fiscal years 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and the reasons for their separation?

(Answer due by 08.03.2014)

Question No. 100 to the Minister of Health

(By the Member for La Brea)

Could the Minister indicate:

- a) What measures are put in place to test for toxicity levels in vegetables and root crops before they are marketed?
- b) When and where these tests were last conducted and what were the results?

(Answer due by 08.03.2014)

Question No. 115 to the Minister of Works and Infrastructure

(By the Member for Laventille West)

With respect to the Unemployment Relief Programme (URP), could the Prime Minister list those persons who were relieved from duties/dismissed from the program during the period June 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 and the position they held?

(Answer due by 18.03.2014)

Question No. 117 to the Minister of Works and Infrastructure

(By the Member for Laventille West)

Could the Minister state what measures are being put in place to reduce the traffic congestion on our nation's roads?

(Answer due by 18.03.2014)

Question No. 118 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs

(By the Member for Laventille West)

Could the Minister state:

- a) Does the Government propose to privatize Lake Asphalt?
- b) If the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative:
 - i. Whether any company from China is associated with the privatization?
 - ii. What is the name of the company?
 - iii. Whether any contract was signed, and if so, what are the terms and conditions?

(Answer due by 18.03.2014)

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