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## ORDER PAPER

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3. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year ended September 30, 2013.  
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**(By the Minister of Works and Infrastructure)**

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22. The Response of the Police Service Commission to the Fourth Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report to Parliament on Municipal Corporations and Service Commissions on a Re-evaluation of the Efficiency and Effectiveness of the Police Service Commission [with specific focus on the performance of the Commissioner of Police and the Deputy Commissioners of Police].

**(By the Deputy Speaker)**

23. The Response of the Police Service Commission to the Eighth Report (2012/2013) of the Joint Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report to Parliament on Municipal Corporations and Service Commissions on a Review of the Police Service Commission.

**(By the Deputy Speaker)**

## PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

### QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

#### **Questions for Written Answer appear at Appendix I**

#### **Questions for Oral Answer**

#### **\*Question No. 88 to the Minister of Food Production**

**(By the Member for La Brea)**

With respect to the construction of the La Brea Fish Market, could the Minister state:

- a) The expected commencement date of construction;
- b) The name and address of the contractor who was awarded the construction contract; and
- c) The cost of the contract?

#### **\*Question No. 95 to the Minister of Public Utilities**

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\*Question No. 88 was deferred for one (1) week on Friday April 4, 2014 and Friday April 11, 2014. It was deferred for two (2) weeks on Friday April 25, 2014.

\* Question No. 95 was deferred for two (2) weeks on Friday April 25, 2014.

**(By the Member for La Brea)**

Could the Minister indicate when the following recreation grounds will be outfitted with flood lighting:

- i. Lot 10 Village Recreation Ground;
- ii. La Brea Community Recreation Ground;
- iii. Palo Seco Settlement Recreation Ground;
- iv. Vance River Recreation Ground;
- v. Parrylands Recreation Ground;
- vi. Erin Recreation Recreation Ground;
- vii. No. 4 Road, Palo Seco Recreation Ground;
- viii. No. 8 Road, Palo Seco Recreation Ground; and
- ix. KTO Recreation Ground.

**Question No. 96 to the Minister of Local Government**

**(By the Member for La Brea)**

Could the Minister state when will the following water courses be cleared of vegetation and debris, deepened, widened as well as reinforced with concrete channel walls:

- i. Lake Canal in La Brea;
- ii. Brea River in Vance River;
- iii. Lorensotte North River;
- iv. Los Charos River;
- v. Salazar Trace River; and
- vi. Palo Seco-Erin River?

**Question No. 97 to the Minister of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development**

**(By the Member for La Brea)**

Could the Minister:

- a) state how many new small businesses were registered with the Ministry for the fiscal year 2012-2013;
- b) state how many small businesses registered with the Ministry ceased operations in the fiscal year 2012-2013; and
- c) provide a breakdown by category of those small businesses that were registered with the Ministry's Point Fortin Office that ceased operations?

**Question No. 98 to the Minister of Public Administration**

**(By the Member for La Brea)**

Could the Minister provide:

- a) the number of vacancies that exist in the Public service as at December 31, 2013;
- b) the number of permanent employees in the Public Service as at December 31, 2013;
- c) the number of contract employees in the Public Service as at December 31, 2013; and
- d) the number of persons who are due to retire from the Public Service in the 2013-2014 fiscal year?

**Question No. 121 to the Minister of Finance and the Economy**

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

With respect to Caribbean Airlines Limited (CAL), could the Minister please state:

- a) which executive management positions are currently vacant;
- b) under what circumstances, and from what date, did each such position become vacant; and
- c) where executive management positions became vacant due to the termination of the office holder:
  - i. whether CAL is engaged in any negotiations with the former office holder regarding the termination;
  - ii. the status of any such negotiations; and
  - iii. when will these negotiations be resolved?

**Question No. 123 to the Prime Minister**

**(By the Member for Laventille East/Morvant)**

With respect to the Prime Minister's recent official visit to China, could the Prime Minister state:

- i. how much public funds were expended on the official visit;
- ii. were contributions of any kind made by any person or agency/company, local or foreign towards the visit;
- iii. if the answer to part (b) is in the affirmative, what was the nature and quantum of each contribution; and
- iv. the names of the persons who travelled to China on the visit; their positions and the cost of their travel, accommodation and living expenses for the visit?

**Question No. 124 to the Minister of National Security**

**(By the Member for St. Joseph)**

Could the Minister state:

- a) the start date for construction of the St. Joseph Police Station;
- b) the name of the successful bidder for the said construction; and
- c) the value of the successful bid?

**Question No. 125 to the Minister of Community Development**

**(By the Member for St. Joseph)**

Could the Minister state the opening date for the Mount Hope Mount Lambert Community Centre?

**Question No. 126 to the Minister of Education**

**(By the Member for St. Joseph)**

Could the Minister state whether the Early Childhood Education Centre at San Juan Hill is scheduled for rebuilding during 2014?

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

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

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1. The Miscellaneous Provisions (Prisons) Bill, 2014.  
**(By the Attorney General)**
2. The Indictable Offences (Committal Proceedings) Bill, 2014.  
**(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** section 122(3) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Chap. 1:01 (“the Act”) provides that the President shall, after consultation with the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition nominate persons, who are qualified and experienced in the disciplines of law, finance, sociology or management, to be appointed as members of the Police Service Commission;

**AND WHEREAS** section 122(4) of the Act provides that the President shall issue a Notification in respect of each person nominated for appointment under subsection (3) and the Notification shall be subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives;

**AND WHEREAS** the President has nominated **Professor Ramesh Deosaran** to be appointed as a member of the Police Service Commission;

**AND WHEREAS** the President has on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2014 made a Notification in respect of the nomination;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the Notification:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Notification of the nomination of **Professor Ramesh Deosaran** be approved.

**(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 13<sup>th</sup> 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)**

2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate Amendments to the Finance Bill, 2014, listed in Appendix II be now considered.

**(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)**

**Bills Second Reading:**

1. **The debate on the following Bill which was adjourned on Friday April 11, 2014 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50”.

**(By the Minister of Transport)**

2. **The debate on the following Bill which was adjourned on Friday April 11, 2014 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Administration of Justice (Deoxyribonucleic Acid) Act, 2012, the Jury Act, Chap. 6:53, the Criminal Offences Act, Chap. 11:01, the Dangerous Drugs Act, Chap. 11:25, the Indictable Offences (Preliminary Enquiry) Act, Chap. 12:01, the Young Offenders Detention Act, Chap. 13:05 and the Police Service Act, Chap. 15:01.”

**(By the Attorney General)**

3. **The debate on the following Bill which was adjourned on Friday March 21, 2014 will be resumed:**

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 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)**

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

**(By the Minister of Transport)**

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

**(By the Attorney General)**

6. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Heritage and Stabilisation Fund Act, Chap. 70:09”.

**(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)**

7. A Bill entitled, “An Act to provide for the creation of offences related to cybercrime and related matters”.

**(By the Minister of National Security)**

8. A Bill entitled, “An Act to provide for the establishment of the Trinidad and Tobago Cyber Security Agency and for matters related thereto”.

**(By the Minister of National Security)**

9. A Bill entitled, An Act to amend the Land Tenants (Security of Tenure) Act, Chap. 59:54.”

**(By the Minister of Housing and Urban Development)**

### **PRIVATE BUSINESS**

#### **Motions:**

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday April 25, 2014 will be resumed:**

**WHEREAS** the Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) has determined that there is to be a Waste Water Treatment plant at the Beetham Water Treatment Estate; and

**WHEREAS** WASA has passed the process for the selection of a contractor to the National Gas Company (NGC); and

**WHEREAS** this process has resulted in the NGC selecting a contractor whose price is millions of dollars above the nominal low bidder among competent contractors:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the House take note of these developments and call upon the Honourable Prime Minister to immediately stop this award and review the overall circumstances to ensure that the public interest is protected and state resources are not stolen or wasted in the arrangements between WASA and NGC with respect to this water supply project.

**(By the Leader of the Opposition)**

2. **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)**

3. **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 Icacos, 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)**

4. **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)**

5. **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)**

6. **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)**

7. **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)**

8. **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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*Clerk of the House*

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**May 5, 2014**



**ORDER PAPER/FRIDAY MAY 9, 2014**

**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

**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. 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. 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. 120 to the Minister of Finance and the Economy**

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

With respect to Caribbean Airlines Limited (CAL), could the Minister please state whether the government is considering any recapitalization plans for CAL, and if so:

- i. the cost of the recapitalization;
- ii. what specifically is this money to be used for;
- iii. how will the recapitalization be financed;
- iv. how would the recapitalization affect shares in CAL owned by the government of Jamaica;
- v. whether the development of the recapitalization plan was commissioned by CAL and if so whether this was put out for tender; and
- vi. the authors and/or proposers of this plan?

**(Answer due by 09.05.2014)**

**Question No. 122 to the Minister of Finance and the Economy**

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

- A. Could the Minister please state whether the government is considering the acquisition of Bahamas Air through Caribbean Airlines Limited (CAL) or any strategic arrangement between these two airlines?
- B. If the answer to part A. is in the affirmative, could the Minister indicate:
  - i. the status of talks between the governments of The Bahamas and Trinidad and Tobago with regard to this arrangement or acquisition;
  - ii. under whose advice did the government and/or CAL initiate consideration of this proposal;
  - iii. what is the likely cost to taxpayers of the strategic arrangement or acquisition;
  - iv. how would this expenditure be funded; and
  - v. what role, if any, has Mr Ian Bertrand played to date in the initiation and/or furtherance of this proposal?

**(Answer due by 09.05.2014)**

**May 5, 2014**



THE FINANCE BILL, 2014

List of Amendments made in the Senate to the Finance Bill, 2014  
on Wednesday April 8, 2014

First Column Clause	Second Column Extent of Amendment
3	<p>A. In (1)(e) sub-paragraph (2)(a) - Delete the words “<b>in respect of every year commencing from the year 2015,</b>”</p> <p>B. Delete paragraph (9) and substitute the following:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>“(9) The gaming tax payable for a new members’ club which applies for a certificate shall be calculated on a prorated basis for the unexpired portion of the year from the date upon which the new club applies for the certificate.”;</b></p> <p>C. In proposed section 23B. (1), delete the words “<b>in liquid securities</b>” and insert after the word “<b>thereon</b>” the words “<b>, if any,</b>”;</p> <p>D. In proposed section 23B. (5), delete the words “<b>a member of</b>”;</p> <p>E. In new section 23C. (1), insert after the words “<b>Secretary of that club.</b>”, the words “<b>Failing which, each and every member of the Club shall be liable for the said debt of the Secretary.</b>”</p>
4	<p>Renumber the new section 60A as section 60A(1) and insert after section 60A(1) as renumbered, the following subsection:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“(2) Subsection (1) is deemed to have come into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2010.”.</p>
10	<p>In proposed section 23B. (3), insert after the word “<b>fine</b>” the words “<b>up to a maximum</b>”.</p>
11	<p>Renumber paragraphs (a) to (d) as paragraphs (b) to (e) and insert before paragraph (b) as renumbered, the following new paragraph:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“(a) section 8(1) –</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(i) in paragraph (aa), by deleting the full stop and substituting a semi-colon; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(ii) by inserting after paragraph (aa), the following new paragraph:</p> <p style="padding-left: 120px;">“(ab) with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2010, the duty allowance paid to a member of a Municipal Police</p>

	Service.”.
14	In paragraph (y)(ii), delete the word “ <b>shall</b> ” and substitute the word “ <b>may</b> ”.
16	<p>A. In subclause (1), in proposed section 20A, by inserting after subsection (2) the following new subsections:</p> <p>“ (3) The holder of a licence specified under section 35(3) or (4) who hosts amusement games on his premises, shall not permit an individual who is under the age of eighteen years, to be in that part of the premises where amusement games are conducted or to engage in amusement game activities on his premises.</p> <p>(4) The holder of a licence specified under section 35(3) or (4) who hosts amusement games on his premises, shall cause to be displayed at all times, in a prominent place in that part of the premises where the amusement games are conducted, a sign, written in large, bold, upper case characters, that reads as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>“INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN YEARS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THIS PART OF THE PREMISES AND ARE PROHIBITED FROM ENGAGING IN AMUSEMENT GAME ACTIVITIES”.</b></p> <p>(5) The holder of a licence specified under section 35(3) or (4) who knowingly permits an individual under the age of eighteen years -</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) to be in that part of his premises where amusement games are conducted; or</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) to engage in amusement game activities on his premises,</p> <p>commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction for a first offence, to a fine of five thousand dollars, and in the case of a subsequent offence, to a fine of ten thousand dollars and the licence issued under this Act may be revoked.</p> <p>(6) The holder of a licence specified under section 35(3) or (4) who fails to comply with subsection (4), commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one thousand dollars and the licence issued under this Act may be revoked.”.</p> <p>B. Delete the proposed section 20B(9) and substitute the following:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>“(9) The gaming tax payable for an applicant who applies for a new certificate shall be calculated on a prorated basis for the unexpired portion of the year from the date upon which the applicant for a new certificate applies for the certificate.”;</b></p>
20	A. Renumber clause 20 as clause 20(1) and insert after clause 20(1) as renumbered, the following subclause:

	<p style="text-align: center;">“(2) Subsection (1) shall come into effect on such date as is proclaimed by the President by Proclamation.”.</p> <p>B. In paragraph 20(1)(a) insert after the word “<b>penalties,</b>” the word “<b>finer,</b>”.</p> <p>C. Renumber proposed paragraph (b) as (c) and insert after proposed paragraph (a) a new paragraph (b) as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>“(b) In section 5 –</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;"><b>(i) By deleting the word “and” after paragraph (d);</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;"><b>(ii) By deleting the word “.” after paragraph (e) and substituting the words “; and”;</b></p> <p>D. By inserting after paragraph (e), the following new paragraph:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>“(f) make or receive payments in electronic form or by electronic means.”</b></p>
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