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## ORDER PAPER

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

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QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

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

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**\*Question No. 96 to the Minister of the Environment and Water Resources**

**(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. Lorensothe North River;
- iv. Los Charos River;

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\* On Friday May 09, 2014, Question No. 96 was deferred for two (2) weeks and for a further week on Friday May 23, 2014.

- v. Salazar Trace River; and
- vi. Palo Seco-Erin River?

**Question No. 128 to the Attorney General**

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

With respect to the High Court matter “Mr. Wayne Kublalsingh and others and the Highway Re-route Movement against the Attorney General (CV2012-03205)”, could the Honourable Attorney General provide a detailed breakdown of all legal fees paid and payable to each attorney employed by the State in the matter with respect to each stage of the matter at the High Court, the Court of Appeal and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, including but not limited to the application by the State for the recusal of the judge in the matter?

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

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE AND MOVED BY A MINISTER OR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY

PUBLIC BUSINESS

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

1. **WHEREAS** it is provided by 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)**

### **Bills Second Reading:**

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act relating to committal proceedings in respect of indictable offences by Magistrates and for ancillary matters”.

**(By the Attorney General)**

2. **The debate on the Second Reading of the following Bill which was adjourned on Friday May 09, 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 Second Reading of the following Bill which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday May 09, 2014 will be resumed:**

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)**

4. **The debate on the Second Reading of the following Bill which was adjourned on Wednesday May 28, 2014 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, “An Act to provide for the purchase by Government of certain rights belonging to shareholders and depositors of the Hindu Credit Union Co-operative Society Limited; to empower the Minister with responsibility for finance to make payments and issue bonds for the purchase of those rights and for related matters”.

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

5. **The debate on the Second Reading of 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)**

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

**(By the Minister of Transport)**

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

**(By the Attorney General)**

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

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

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

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

10. 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)**

11. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Prisons Act, Chap. 13:01, the Criminal Offences Act, Chap. 11:01 and the Mental Health Act, Chap. 28:02”.

**(By the Attorney General)**

12. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Proceeds of Crime Act, Chap. 11:27, the Anti-Terrorism Act, Chap. 12:07 and the Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago Act, Chap. 72:01”.

**(By the Attorney General)**

13. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Registration of Deeds Act, Chap. 19:06 and the Real Property Act, Chap. 56:02”.

**(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)**

### **PRIVATE BUSINESS**

#### **Motions:**

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was adjourned on Friday May 23, 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 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)**

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 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)**

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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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

**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. 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. 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)**

**June 02, 2014**