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1. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2007.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
2. The Fourth Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the North-West Regional Health Authority for the year ended September 30, 1999.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
3. The Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the North-West Regional Health Authority for the year ended September 30, 2000.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
4. The Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the North-West Regional Health Authority for the year ended September 30, 2001.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
5. The Ministerial Response to the Fifteenth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Ministries, Statutory Authorities and State Enterprises (Group 2) on the Administration and Operations of the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission.
(By the Minister of Public Utilities)

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Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 131 to the Minister of Arts and Multiculturalism

(By the Member for Chaguanas West)

- A. Could the Minister please provide a list of all disbursements by the Ministry of Arts and Multiculturalism and the National Carnival Commission to regional carnival committees, non-governmental organizations, community-based organizations and community groups for the holding of Carnival activities for the years 2013 and 2014?
- B. For each item in (A) above, could the Minister provided the registered or given address of the organization or group and details of the activities for which the grants were awarded?

Question No. 132 to the Minister of Education

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

- A. Could the Minister state how many schools have been broken into and equipment stolen since January 2013?
- B. Could the Minister further state:
 - i) how many schools have been outfitted with security cameras;
 - ii) whether it is his Ministry's intention to outfit all schools with security cameras; and
 - iii) if so, when is the timeline for doing this?

Question No. 133 to the Minister of Education

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

Could the Minister state when would ECCE centres be constructed in the following areas:

- a) At Harpe Place, Teshea Terrace, East Dry River;
- b) Belmont;
- c) St. Ann's;
- d) In the Blanca, Upper Cascade Main Road, Cascade?

Question No. 134 to the Minister of Local Government

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

Could the Minister state when would the following recreational ground be developed/upgraded:

- a) President's grounds, St. Ann's;
- b) Children's park and basketball court at Harpe Place, Teshea Terrace, East Dry River;
- c) Playground, Belmont Valley Road?

Question No. 135 to the Minister of Finance and the Economy

(By the Leader of the Opposition)

- A. With respect to the investigation into the handling of the IPO at First Citizens Bank Limited, did the Minister obtain the Price Waterhouse Coopers report which was commissioned?
- B. If yes, is the Minister prepared to lay this report in Parliament?

Question No. 136 to the Minister of Planning and Sustainable Development

(By the Leader of the Opposition)

- A. Have any lands been leased to/offered for lease/being considered to be leased to any person in the Chaguaramas peninsular for agricultural purposes?
- B. If so, can the Minister identify the location or locations, the acreages and the beneficiaries involved?
- C. If any lease has been entered into, what are the terms of such lease and when was Cabinet approval granted for any such lease?
- D. Are there any provisions for residents of Carenage, L'anse Mitan and Pt. Cumana to access agricultural lands in the Chaguaramas area?

Question No. 137 to the Minister of Public Administration

(By the Leader of the Opposition)

In its 89th report of 2009, the Salaries Review Commission recommended that a job evaluation exercise and compensation survey be undertaken with respect to positions under its purview across the Public Service. Can the Minister state -

- a) whether this Exercise and Survey have yet commenced;
- b) what are the specific objectives of the Exercise and Survey; and
- c) has a date been determined for the completion of these Exercises?

Question No. 138 to the Minister of Local Government

(By the Member for Port of Spain South)

Can the Minister state when will the recreational grounds located at St. Paul Street be completed?

Question No. 139 to the Minister of Works and Infrastructure

(By the Member for Port of Spain South)

Can the Minister state when will the overpass on the Beetham Highway in the vicinity of Sealots be constructed?

Question No. 140 to the Minister of Works and Infrastructure

(By the Member for Port of Spain South)

- A. Is the Minister aware that the former Minister of Works and Infrastructure gave an undertaking to construct/refurbish the following roads in East Port of Spain:
 - a) Plaisance Road;
 - b) Clifton Street;
 - c) St. Paul Street;
 - d) Siparia Hill; and
 - e) Babilon Street?
- B. If yes, can the Minister give a status report on same?

Question No. 145 to the Minister of Public Utilities

(By the Member for St. Joseph)

Could the Minister state when would street lights be installed in the Evergreen Square West and North at East Grove Curepe?

Question No. 146 to the Minister of Public Utilities

(By the Member for St. Joseph)

Could the Minister state when would the lights installed at the Boundary Road Recreation Ground, Aranguez be functional, and which entity would be responsible for the payment of the resulting electricity bill?

Question No. 147 to the Minister of Justice

(By the Member for St. Joseph)

With regard to the four judicial centers being built or going to be built in Carlsen Field, Siparia, Trincity and Sangre Grande, could the Minister state:

- a) the name of the design architects;
- b) the cost of their employ;
- c) the estimated costs of the four centers; and
- d) the approximate date of completion of each center?

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. **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. **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)

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

(By the Attorney General)

3. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Retiring Allowances (Legislative Service) Act, Chap. 2:03”.

(By the Minister of Housing and Urban Development)

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

(By the Minister of National Security)

5. 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)

6. 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)

7. **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)

8. **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)

9. **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)

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

(By the Minister of Transport)

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

(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)

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)

9. **WHEREAS** the lack of proper maintenance of sealine operations at Pointe-a-Pierre by the state-owned Petrotrin Company resulted in a major oil spill that severely disrupted the lives of the residents in the coastal zone of La Brea in December 2013; and

WHEREAS the residents of the La Brea coastal zone continue to suffer deterioration of their health and loss of earnings because of the continued occurrence of large amounts of dead fish on the beaches of La Brea; and

WHEREAS Petrotrin is responsible for the indiscriminate dispersal of the Corexit9500 in the shallow coastal waters and on the shore at La Brea, contrary to the guidelines of the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan; and

WHEREAS there is documented evidence that the use of the toxic Corexit9500 and the lack of proper protective clothing and other safety apparatus for those employed in oil spills cleanup has resulted in illnesses known to cause permanent damage to the liver, kidneys, lungs, stomach and in the long term, cancer:

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House call on the Government to:

- i. immediately evacuate and relocate the coastal residents in the La Brea coastal zone;
- ii. design and implement a proper medical monitoring and adequate treatment programme for a minimum of twenty (20) years at no cost to the residents;
- iii. design and implement a proper compensation package for the residents of the La Brea coastal zone; and
- iv. eradicate the very toxic Corexit9500 mixed with Bunker C fuel nodules that are present in the coastal waters of La Brea.

(By the Member for La Brea)

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. 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)

June 09, 2014