HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRAYERS

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BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

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PAPERS

1. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Eastern Regional Health Authority for the year ended September 30, 2013.

   (By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)

2. The Commissioner of Police and Deputy Commissioner of Police (Selection Process) Order, 2015.

   (By the Minister of National Security)

3. The Appointment of the Commissioner of Police and Deputy Commissioner of Police (Qualification and Selection Criteria) Order, 2015.

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

4. The Delegation Report of the 17th Biennial Conference of Presiding Officers and Clerks of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association of the Caribbean, Americas and the Atlantic Region, held in Paget, Bermuda from October 25 to 29, 2015.

   (By the Deputy Speaker)

5. The Delegation Report of the 64th Westminster Seminar on Parliamentary Practice and Procedure held in London from November 30 to December 04, 2015.

   (By the Member for Moruga/Tableland)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Written Answer appear in the Appendix

Question No. 9 to the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts

(By the Member for Mayaro)

With respect to the construction of the Newlands Community Centre, could the Minister indicate:

a) the reason for stoppage of works;
b) whether the design cost has been revised;
c) the date work will resume; and
d) the new completion date?

Question No. 11 to the Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Mayaro)

With respect to the Mayaro Fire Station, could the Minister state the reasons for:

a) the removal of the commemorative plaque (unveiled on August 30, 2015) from the Fire Station in October 2015;
b) the equipment, appliances and vehicles to be installed and stationed at the facility and the time frame for procurement; and
c) the number of fire officers, auxiliary and administrative staff to be employed?

Question No. 12 to the Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Mayaro)

Can the Minister provide an update on what is being done by the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service to alleviate the shortage of bullet proof vests for Police Officers in the Eastern Division?

Question No. 19 to the Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister state:

a) the total budget allocation for the financial year 2016 for acquisition and maintenance of patrol boats;
b) the total budget allocation for the financial year 2016 for:
    i. the Boy Scouts Association of Trinidad and Tobago;
    ii. the Girl Guides Association of Trinidad and Tobago;
    iii. Police youth clubs;
    iv. anti-gang initiatives; and
    v. preventative measures targeting children at risk?

Question No. 20 to the Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister state:

a) the number of citizens reported as missing (including kidnapping) from January to November 2015;

b) the nature of the assistance given to affected families of missing persons (including kidnapping) by the Minister of National Security and its agencies from January to November 2015;
c) the detection rate for crimes related to kidnappings during January to November 2015 and whether any charges have been laid; and
d) the number of cases of missing citizens which have been solved between January to November 2015 (other than kidnappings)?

Question No. 22 to the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts

(By the Member for Princes Town)

Could the Minister indicate:
a) whether the Government has purchased any paintings since coming into office;
b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, which Ministry and Office was responsible for the purchase;
c) whether an agent was used in the purchase; and
d) if the answer to part (c) is in the affirmative, state the name of and fee paid to the agent?

Question No. 23 to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

(By the Member for Princes Town)

Could the Minister indicate:
a) whether Trinidad and Tobago participated in the youth and society fora for the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting held recently in Malta;
b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, did the Government provide financial assistance for such participation; and
c) who were the persons selected to represent Trinidad and Tobago?

Question No. 24 to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

(By the Member for Princes Town)

Could the Minister provide:
a) the Prime Minister's itinerary for the recent official travel to London and Malta;
b) the cost for the Prime Minister's visit to London inclusive of hotel, transportation and per diem;
c) whether staff from the Ministry accompanied the Prime Minister to a People's National Movement fund raising dinner held in London;
d) if the answer to part (c) is in the affirmative, state the cost associated with respect to such accompanying staff inclusive of hotel, transportation and per diem in London; and
e) whether any diaspora events were hosted in London?

Question No. 27 to the Minister of Public Utilities

(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)

Could the Minister state when the Community Based Environmental Protection Enhancement Programme will provide outstanding payments to contractors hired under the Health Sector Initiative?

Question No. 28 to the Minister of Health

(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)

Could the Minister provide the date doctors and nurses will be paid outstanding arrears and new salaries?

Question No. 29 to the Minister of Education

(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)

Could the Minister provide the re-opening dates for:

i. Munroe Road Hindu School;
ii. Chaguanas APS;
iii. Montrose Vedic Primary School
iv. Lower Morvant Government Primary School;
v. Piccadilly Government Primary School;
vi. Palo Seco Government Primary School;
vii. South Oropouce R.C Primary School;
viii. Santa Rosa Government Primary School;
ix. Arouca Government Primary School;
x. Moruga R.C Primary School;
xi. Ramai Trace Hindu School;
xii. Vistabella Presbyterian Primary School; and
xiii. Brothers Road Presbyterian Primary School?

Question No. 30 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs

(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)

Could the Minister provide the measures taken to determine the health and safety status of residents of Marabella and environs affected by the white powdery substance that emanated from the Petrotrin's Fluid Catalytic Cracking Unit in November 2015?

Question No. 31 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs

(By the Member for Couva South)

Could the Minister provide the profit margin of the National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the financial year 2015?

Question No. 32 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs

(By the Member for Couva South)

With respect to the National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited, could the Minister state:

a) whether the board and management plan to restructure the Company's operations;
b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, whether there will will be a downsizing of its manpower requirements; and
c) if the answer to part (b) is in the affirmative, what will be the implementation process for downsizing?

Question No. 33 to the Minister of Finance

(By the Leader of the Opposition)

Could the Minister state the findings of the Central Bank's investigation of the allocation of the US$500 million on October 29, 2015 and its use?

Question No. 34 to the Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Caroni Central)

Could the Minister state the progress made on the formulation of a National Counter Terrorism Strategy by the Counter Terrorism Steering Committee and Working Group subsequent to Trinidad and Tobago's co-sponsorship of the United Nations Security Council resolution (S/2014/688)?

Question No. 35 to the Minister of Education

(By the Member for Caroni East)

Could the Minister provide a status update of the Homework Centres implemented in over 400 schools throughout Trinidad?

Question No. 37 to the Minister of Education

(By the Member for Caroni East)

Could the Minister provide the employment status of moderators/facilitators who assist with the continuous assessment component in the primary schools?

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

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

1. The Finance Bill, 2016.

   (By the Minister of Finance who will move that the next stage of the Bill be taken later in the proceedings)

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress on Friday November 27, 2015 will be resumed:**

   WHEREAS from 2010 to 2015, the People's Partnership Government (the former government) provided core textbooks and workbooks to all students in early childhood centres, primary schools and secondary schools and learning material to special needs students, at no cost to parents;

   AND WHEREAS a commitment was made by the former government to continue this arrangement for the academic year 2015 to 2016;

AND WHEREAS there was a further commitment made by the former government that for the academic year 2015 to 2016 E-books would be introduced on a phased basis in Forms 1 and 2 in selected subject areas;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Education has not provided new text books, workbooks, learning material or replacements for the academic year 2015 to 2016 which has resulted in financial hardship for families and loss of educational material for both students and teachers;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Government take urgent steps to ensure that all students are provided with textbooks, workbooks and/or other learning material in fulfillment of commitments given for the academic year 2015 to 2016.

(By the Member for Caroni East)

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APPENDIX

ORDER PAPER MONDAY JANUARY 11, 2016

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Question No. 6 to the Minister of Minister of Public Administration

(By the Member for Naparima

Could the Minister indicate:

a) the total estimated sum to be paid by the Government in financial year 2016 for rental payments in respect of properties used for accommodation by Government Ministries and Statutory Bodies:
b) whether the Government intends to review this significant expenditure;
c) in the case of the ten most costly rentals:
    1. the names of the landlords and
    2. the estimated rent payable for the financial year 2016;
d) whether the Government intends to establish a policy on lease/purchase options?

(Answer due by 15.12.2015)

Question No. 10 to the Minister of Works and Transport

(By the Member for Mayaro)

With respect to the Coastal Protection Unit, could the Minister indicate:

a) the budget allocation for rehabilitation work in the Manzanilla/Mayaro to Guayaguayare area;
b) what technical studies have been done to date in this area;
c) the recommendations submitted to the Ministry on this matter;
d) the consultants engaged and the cost of the consultancies; and
e) the time frame for implementation of the recommendations that have been accepted?

(Answer due by 19.12.2015)

Question No. 18 to the Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister indicate:

a) the number of citizens currently in Syria or Iraq engaging in ISIS activities;
b) what efforts are being made to prevent young persons from joining such terrorists groups;
c) what efforts are being made to counter ISIS recruitment of citizens and the total funds allocated to these efforts; and
d) the number of staff recruited for this project and the criteria for such recruitment?

(Answer due by 19.12.2015)

Question No. 36 to the Minister of Education

(By the Member for Caroni East)

Could the Minister indicate whether Form 1 secondary school students for the academic year 2015/2016 will be provided with laptops and the distribution date?

(Answer due by 01.01.2016)

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To the Minister of Health

1. Is the Minister aware surgeries at the Sangre Grande District Hospital were stopped over the past two weeks?

   (By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)

To the Minister of Health

2. Is there a shortage of vital medical supplies in our nation's hospitals?

   (Member for Barataria/San Juan)

To the Minister of Health

3. Is the Minister aware that the Lengua Health Facility does not currently have pharmaceutical supplies for treating non-communicable diseases including diabetes, cardio vascular ailments and high blood pressure?

   (Member for Naparima)

To the Minister of National Security

4. What urgent and specific measures are being put in place to address the recent spike in murders in the past seven days?

   (Leader of the Opposition)