



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIRST SESSION  
ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

NO. 15  
2015/2016

## ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2016: 1:30 P.M.

PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

PETITIONS

PAPERS

1. The Nomination of His Excellency, the President, in respect of the nomination of Mr. Dinanath Ramkissoon for appointment as a Member of the Police Service Commission.

**(By the Leader of the House)**

2. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Arima Borough Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2005.

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

3. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Arima Borough Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2006.

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

4. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Arima Borough Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2007.

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

5. The Annual Report of the Financial Intelligence Unit for the period October 01, 2014 to September 30, 2015.

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

6. The Value Added Tax (Amendment to Schedule 2) Order, 2016.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
7. The Annual Administrative Report of the Ministry of Energy and Energy Affairs for the fiscal year 2012.  
**(By the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries)**
8. The Annual Report of the Environmental Management Authority for the year 2006.  
**(By the Minister of Planning and Development)**
9. The Annual Report of the Environmental Management Authority for the year 2007.  
**(By the Minister of Planning and Development)**
10. The Annual Report of the Environmental Management Authority for the year 2008.  
**(By the Minister of Planning and Development)**
11. The Annual Report of the Environmental Management Authority for the year 2009.  
**(By the Minister of Planning and Development)**
12. The Annual Report of the Environmental Management Authority for the year 2010.  
**(By the Minister of Planning and Development)**
13. The Annual Report of the Environmental Management Authority for the year 2011.  
**(By the Minister of Planning and Development)**
14. The Annual Report of the Environmental Management Authority for the year 2012.  
**(By the Minister of Planning and Development)**

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

**\*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;

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\* Question No. 19 was deferred for two (2) weeks on Monday January 18, 2016.

- 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. 25 to the Minister of Education**

**(By the Member for Princes Town)**

Could the Minister indicate when the construction of the Princes Town Presbyterian Primary School No. 1 will commence?

**Question No. 39 to the Minister of Health**

**(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)**

Could the Minister indicate whether the following hospitals are accredited by an international accreditation agency:

- a) Port of Spain General Hospital;
- b) San Fernando General Hospital; and
- c) Point Fortin General Hospital?

**Question No. 40 to the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts**

**(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)**

Could the Minister provide the opening date for the Barataria Community Centre?

**Question No. 41 to the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts**

**(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)**

Could the Minister state whether the Government will be providing funding for the Soca Monarch and Chutney Soca Monarch competitions?

**Question No. 44 to the Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development**

**(By the Member for Couva North)**

Could the Minister state the proposed plans to address the recent job losses in the construction, energy and other sectors?

**Question No. 45 to the Minister of Health**

**(By the Member for Fyzabad)**

Using statistics from 2015, can the Minister state what percentage of caesarean sections were performed or directly supervised by a Specialist Medical Officer/Consultant at public hospitals?

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\* Question No. 25 was deferred for two (2) weeks on Wednesday January 20, 2016.

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

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

1. The Family and Children Division Bill, 2016.

**(By the Attorney General)**

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

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

**AND WHEREAS** the President has nominated **Mr. Dinanath Ramkissoon** to be appointed as a member of the Police Service Commission; and

**AND WHEREAS** the President has on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016 made a Notification in respect of the nomination; and

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Notification of the nomination of **Mr. Dinanath Ramkissoon** be approved.

**(By the Leader of the House)**

**PRIVATE BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress on Friday January 22, 2016, 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)**

2. **WHEREAS** it has been widely acknowledged internationally and/or locally that approximately 8 to 10% of children and adults suffer from Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)/Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD);

**AND WHEREAS** lack of diagnosis results in such children in preschools, primary and secondary schools being described as unmanageable, impetuous and possessing bad behaviour;

**AND WHEREAS** the interventions into such dysfunctional behaviour can be described to be less than successful;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ministry of Education initiate a programme in schools to:

1. identify children with ADD/ADHD;
2. train teachers to manage such students in the classroom; and
3. implement a long-term strategy in schools to assist children, so identified.

**(By the Member for Tabaquite)**

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**APPENDIX**

**ORDER PAPER FRIDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2016**  
**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

**\*Question No. 6 to the 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. 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)**

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## **URGENT QUESTIONS**

### **To the Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development:**

1. In light of the layoff of four hundred and ninety eight workers laid off by ArcelorMittal Point Lisas Limited, could the Minister state whether any assistance will be provided by the Government?

**(By the Member for Couva South)**

### **To the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries**

2. Could the Minister state whether cocoa and coffee farmers will be compensated for their losses due to spoilage of crops as a result of the absence of a Cocoa and Coffee Board?

**(By the Member for Mayaro)**