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Question No. 42 to the Minister of Works and Transport

(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)

Is the Minister aware of the severe traffic congestion caused by the revocation of the use of the bus route during peak hours by three or more persons in a private motor vehicle?

Question No. 43 to the Minister of Health

(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)

In light of the increased incidents of maternal deaths since September 7, 2015, could the Minister state when:

- a) the Women's and Outpatient Clinic, Mt Hope will be opened; and
- b) the Director of Women's Health, Mt Hope will be appointed?

Question No. 46 to the Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister state the Government's plans:

- a) to prevent international terrorist suspects from returning to Trinidad and Tobago; and
- b) for international terrorist suspects already in Trinidad and Tobago?

Question No. 47 to the Minister of Education

(By the Member for Caroni East)

Having noted the Minister's response to question 36 on January 11, 2016 that stakeholder views would be sought concerning the use of technology in the curriculum in February 2016, could the Minister provide an update on whether laptops will be procured for SEA students for the academic year 2015/2016?

Question No. 49 to the Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development

(By the Member for Couva South)

Could the Minister state the number of persons who were retrenched or terminated in the public and private sectors from September 7, 2015 to present?

Question No. 50 to the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government

(By the Member for Tabaquite)

Could the Minister state whether Litter Wardens will be terminated, and if yes, state the reasons for such termination?

Question No. 51 to the Minister of Works and Transport

(By the Member for Tabaquite)

Could the Minister state the measures being put in place to pay contractors of the Ministry and its supporting agencies?

Question No. 52 to the Minister of Health

(By the Member for Caroni Central)

Having noted the Minister's response to question 4 on November 27, 2015, could the Minister provide a status update on plans to fully commission the Couva Children and Adult Hospital?

Question No. 53 to the Minister of Works and Transport

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

With respect to the San Fernando to Point Fortin Highway, could the Minister state whether:

- a) a section of the highway construction will continue through the constituency of Fyzabad;
- b) OAS Constructora will be retained as the contractor for the completion of the Highway;
- c) there are any outstanding payments to OAS Constructora;

- d) if the answer to part (c) is in the affirmative, when will payments be made; and
- e) any measures were put in place to ensure that outstanding payments would be made to local contractors owed by OAS?

Question No. 56 to the Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Chaguanas East)

Could the Minister advise whether the Community Policing Unit will be utilised for visits to and/or patrols of secondary schools?

Question No. 57 to the Minister of Education

(By the Member for Chaguanas East)

Could the Minister state whether guidance counsellors and other student support services are consistently available within primary and secondary schools?

Question No. 58 to the Minister of Education

(By the Member for Chaguanas East)

Could the Minister indicate whether there are sufficient Deans of Discipline within secondary schools, based on student population?

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Motions:

1. **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)

2. **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)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to make jurisdiction for all family matters and children matters exercisable in a Division of the High Court to be called the Family and Children Division and to make provision for matters connected therewith'.

(By the Attorney General)

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To the Minister of Education:

1. Given the recent increased reports of school violence, could the Minister indicate what measures are being implemented to address security in secondary schools throughout the country?

(By the Member for Chaguanas East)

To the Minister of Works and Transport

2. Given the recent fatal accident on the Highway, can the Minister indicate whether the Government intends to complete the installation of cable barriers on the country's major highways?

(By the Member for Tabaquite)



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PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

1. Would the Prime Minister indicate what Foreign Direct Investment has the Government been able to attract, from any source since September 2015 to date?
(By the Leader of the Opposition)
2. Would the Prime Minister indicate just one specific action which his Government has taken that will yield an identifiable, positive economic result?
(By the Member for Caroni Central)
3. Would the Prime Minister tell us what are his Government's plans to transform the "failed education system" as he so described it, prior to September 07, 2015?
(By the Member for Naparima)
4. Given the high murder rate for 2016 to date, is the Prime Minister satisfied that his Government's plans to reduce the murder rate will succeed?
(By the Member for Naparima)
5. With respect to the Couva Children and Adult Hospital, could the Prime Minister state what steps have been taken to ensure that the protection offered by the Defects Liability Period is retained, so as to guarantee the integrity of the site?
(By the Member for Tabaquite)
6. Can the Prime Minister indicate how many applications the Children's Life Fund has received since September 2015 and how many have actually received assistance?
(By the Member for Princes Town)

7. Would the Prime Minister indicate whether the Central Statistical Office has advised the Government of the unemployment rate for the last quarter of 2015 and if so, what is the rate?

(By the Member for Princes Town)

8. Would the Prime Minister indicate what measures and mechanisms are being implemented by the Government to address the rising tide of unemployment since September 7, 2015?

(By the Member for Couva South)