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PRAYERS

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1. 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, 2002.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
2. 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, 2003.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
3. The Second 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, 2004.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
4. The Consolidated Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards and its subsidiary Premier Quality Services Limited 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)
5. The Audited Financial Statements of the Police Complaints Authority for the year ended September 30, 2014.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)

6. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of National Entrepreneurship Development Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2013.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
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8. The Audited Financial Statements of National Schools Dietary Services Limited for the year ended September 30, 2013.
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(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
10. The Consolidated Audited Financial Statements of the National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the financial year ended December 31, 2015.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
11. The Fifth Annual Report of the Police Complaints Authority for the period October 01, 2014 to September 30, 2015.
(By the Attorney General)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 89 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries

(By the Member for Chaguanas West)

Could the Minister indicate whether the Government intends to proceed with a project to establish a Solar Technology Park in Point Lisas?

Question No. 97 to the Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister give the current status of the Border Protection Unit?

Question No. 98 to the Minister of Planning and Development

(By the Member for Couva South)

Could the Minister state:

- a) the terms of reference of the National Tripartite Advisory Council; and
- b) a breakdown of the remuneration package offered to each member of the Council?

Question No. 99 to the Minister of National Security

(By the Leader of the Opposition)

Could the Minister state the Government's plan for the implementation of speed measuring devices by the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service?

Question No. 100 to the Minister of Social Development and Family Services

(By the Member for Princes Town)

Could the Minister give a status update on the Cerebral Palsy Programme under Unemployment Relief Programme, Social?

Question No. 102 to the Minister of Housing and Urban Development

(By the Member for Mayaro)

With regard to the allocation and distribution of Housing Development Corporation (HDC) units within the constituency of Mayaro, could the Minister state:

- a) the number of units currently available for distribution;
- b) the number of applicants in the HDC database residing in the constituency;
- c) the plans (if any) to construct additional units; and
- d) if the answer to part (c) is in the affirmative, provide the areas earmarked for development, the number of units to be constructed, the estimated cost and the anticipated commencement date for works?

Question No. 103 to the Minister of Housing and Urban Development

(By the Member for Mayaro)

With regard to the Government's plans to allocate and distribute HDC units during the period January to September 2016, could the Minister state:

- a) the projected number of units to be distributed to qualifying recipients;
- b) the tentative distribution date(s); and
- c) the approved housing estates available for occupancy?

Question No. 104 to the Minister of Housing and Urban Development

(By the Member for Mayaro)

With regard to the Land Settlement Agency, could the Minister state:

- a) the number of applicants on the database for the Residential Lots Programme (Land for the Landless) by geographic region;
- b) the number of successful applicants interviewed between September 2015 to February 2016;
- c) the number of lots developed from September 2015 to January 2016;
- d) the number of lots earmarked for distribution in fiscal 2016;
- e) the sites being developed for this programme and the acreage involved; and
- f) the next random draw (lottery) date for distribution of lots under this programme?

Question No. 105 to the Minister of Health

(By the Member for Couva South)

Could the Minister state:

- a) the current number of vacancies at the South West Regional Health Authority;
- b) the recruitment process to fill the vacancies; and
- c) the expected date the vacancies will be filled?

Question No. 106 to the Minister of Education

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Could the Minister indicate:

- a) whether the Government is currently processing postgraduate scholarship applications under the Commonwealth Fellowship Programme, United Kingdom; and
- b) if the answer to part (a) is in the negative, when will the Government resume postgraduate scholarship awards to nationals for universities in the United Kingdom and other Commonwealth countries?

Question No. 107 to the Minister of Social Development and Family Services

(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)

With approximately 13,000 persons living with autism in Trinidad and Tobago, would the Minister consider proposing to Cabinet, relevant legislation and/or policy to deal with autism?

Question No. 108 to the Minister of Health

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Given a recent report of a patient being burnt during a caesarian section procedure at the Sangre Grande Hospital, could the Minister state the immediate steps being taken to reduce medical negligence and injuries of this nature in the future?

Question No. 109 to the Minister of Health

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

In light of the recent escape of a prisoner from the St. Ann's Hospital, can the Minister indicate the steps to be taken to ensure the safety of staff and patients at the Hospital?

Question No. 110 to the Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development

(By the Member for Couva South)

Could the Minister state the estimated cost for the provision of psychological and financial counselling to newly unemployed persons and families?

Question No. 111 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries

(By the Member for Caroni Central)

Could the Minister indicate whether the Government intends to sell any or all of the assets of Trinidad Nitrogen Company Ltd. (Tringen)?

Question No. 114 to the Minister of Works and Transport

(By the Member for Tabaquite)

Given the widespread reports of the deplorable conditions, breakdowns and delays of the fast ferry catamaran vessels operating between Trinidad and Tobago, can the Minister state the Government's plan to deal with sea-bridge transportation?

Question No. 115 to the Minister of Finance

(By the Member for Caroni East)

Could the Minister state whether the budgetary allocation for the purchase of two naval vessels was covered within the debt ceiling prior to September 7, 2015?

Question No. 116 to the Minister of Finance

(By the Member for Caroni East)

Could the Minister state the credit balance owed by the Government as at September 30, 2015?

Question No. 117 to the Minister of Social Development and Family Services

(By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)

Could the Minister state:

- a) the criteria to access the \$15,000 grant through the Sowing Empowerment Through Entrepreneurial Development Programme;
- b) the turnaround time for processing applications;
- c) the amount of funds allocated; and
- d) the current balance of this Vote?

Question No. 118 to the Minister of Public Utilities

(By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)

Could the Minister indicate whether the electrification programme will be extended to the following grounds in the constituency of Cumuto/Manzanilla:

- a) the Four Road Tamana Ground, Tamana;
- b) the Sanatan Ground, Guaico, Tamana; and
- c) the Clarke Road Ground, Manzanilla?

Question No. 119 to the Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs

(By the Member for Naparima)

Further to the response to House of Representatives Question No. 7 on December 11, 2015, could the Minister provide a status update on steps taken to regularize the position of International Relations Officer at the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs?

Question No. 120 to the Minister of Tourism

(By the Member for Naparima)

Could the Minister state whether there are plans to promote internal tourism as a means of generating income and employment and if so, whether the Constituency of Naparima is included in such plans?

Question No. 121 to the Minister of Works and Transport

(By the Member for Naparima)

Could the Minister state:

- a) the criteria used by the Ministry to prioritize road works across the country;
- b) whether the Ministry received a priority list of road works earmarked for repair in the constituency of Naparima; and
- c) if the answer to part (b) is in the affirmative, could the Minister state the commencement dates for these road works?

Question No. 122 to the Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Chaguanas East)

With respect to the murder rate in the constituency of Chaguanas East, particularly in the Enterprise area, could the Minister indicate whether a request for a Police Station will be facilitated?

Question No. 123 to the Attorney General

(By the Member for Chaguanas East)

Could the Minister indicate whether the Government proposes to introduce legislation to amend the Land Tenants (Security of Tenure) Act, Chap. 59:54 (HOR Bill No. 9 of 2014)?

Question No. 124 to the Minister of Education

(By the Member for Chaguanas East)

Could the Minister state the reasons the completed ECCE Centre in Dass Trace, Enterprise has not been opened?

Question No. 125 to the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts

(By the Member for Princes Town)

With respect to Spiritual Baptist Liberation Day 2016 celebrations, could the Minister indicate:

- a) the organizations that applied for funding;
- b) the amounts requested; and
- c) the amounts approved and disbursed by the Ministry?

Question No. 126 to the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts

(By the Member for Princes Town)

With respect to Phagwa 2016 celebrations, could the Minister indicate:

- a) the organizations that applied for funding;
- b) the amounts requested; and
- c) the amounts approved and disbursed by the Ministry?

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

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House adopt the Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Amendment) Bill, 2015.
(By the Member for Diego Martin North/East)
2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House adopt the First Report of the Joint Select Committee on Government Assurances.
(By the Member for Laventille East/Morvant)
3. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House adopt the Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to consider and report on the Family and Children Division Bill, 2016.
(By the Member for San Fernando West)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 9 of the Privileges and Immunities (Diplomatic, Consular and International Organisations) Act, Chap. 17:01 (hereinafter called “the Act”) that the President may by Order declare that any international or regional organisation or agency named or described in such Order shall, to such extent as specified in the Order, be accorded certain privileges and immunities;
AND WHEREAS it is also provided by section 9 of the Act that every Order made under that section shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;
AND WHEREAS the President has on the 22nd day of April, 2016 made the Privileges and Immunities [CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMAPCS)] Order, 2016
AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Order now be affirmed:
BE IT RESOLVED that the Privileges and Immunities [CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS)] Order, 2016” be approved.
(By the Attorney General)

Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Remedies of Creditors Act, Chap. 8:09”.
(By the Minister of Finance)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was adjourned 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** there has been a need for diversification in Trinidad and Tobago due to heavy dependence on oil and natural gas;

AND WHEREAS the prices of oil and natural gas are currently in decline and may continue to decline in the foreseeable future;

AND WHEREAS diversification has become an imperative which requires urgent, coordinated and concerted action;

AND WHEREAS there is little documented evidence that the current Government of Trinidad and Tobago has a plan of action for diversification in light of Trinidad and Tobago's current economic situation;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House call on the Government to present a Diversification Plan to the Parliament for debate within six weeks.

(By the Member for Caroni Central)

3. **WHEREAS** the United Nations established 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to be achieved within a fifteen year period;

AND WHEREAS the 2015 Paris Climate Conference (COP 21) Agreement made the commitment that countries will work together to ensure that the planet does not heat up by more than 2 degrees centigrade over the next fifteen years;

AND WHEREAS Trinidad and Tobago committed to signing the Paris Agreement and is supportive of the SDGs;

AND WHEREAS the Government has formally stated its intention to pursue a path of sustainable development;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government present to Parliament its plan of action for the next four years to advance the SDGs aligned to the goals of COP 21 as well as to advance the overall goals of COP 21 within the next six weeks.

(By the Member for Caroni Central)

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NOTICE OF PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

The under-mentioned Questions which have been accepted by the Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 26 are hereby forwarded for the attention of the Prime Minister.

1. Would the Prime Minister inform the House when payments will be made to the families of officers of the protective services killed in the line of duty?
(By the Leader of the Opposition)
2. Could the Prime Minister inform the House when his Government intends to honour the outstanding payments to cane farmers?
(By the Leader of the Opposition)
3. In light of the growing concerns by the motoring and travelling public in respect of the 80 km per hour speed limit and its possible negative impact on national productivity level, could the Prime Minister state whether the Government intends to review or revisit the current speed limit with a view towards changing same?
(By the Member for Tabaquite)
4. In light of data from the Central Statistical Office of an increase in the employment rate, could the Prime Minister state what the Government's plan is to generate sustainable jobs for citizens of this country?
(By the Member for Chaguanas West)
5. In light of the upsurge in murders and serious crime in the Central region in recent months, could the Prime Minister indicate whether consideration will be given to implementing joint police/army patrols?
(By the Member for Chaguanas West)
6. Given recent statements that "the number of people accessing treatment for non-communicable diseases (NCDs) through the public health care system is placing a heavy burden on the State's resources of a reported \$6 billion annually, would the Prime Minister state whether the Government's plans to maintain funding for the treatment of NCDs?
(By the Member for Fyzabad)
7. Given the apparent increase in sexual abuse reports of children under the age of sixteen (16), could the Prime Minister explain how the Government intends to protect minors from predators?
(By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)
8. Is the Prime Minister able to tell this House what foreign control measures would be introduced in an effort to stop the TT currency from depreciating?
(By the Member for Caroni East)

9. In light of present economic challenges in nearby Venezuela and the likelihood of an influx of refugees, could the Prime Minister tell us what plans, immigration and otherwise, are in place to deal with this possible influx?
(By the Member for Naparima)

10. Could the Prime Minister state whether his Government intends to review the operations of the many State Enterprises in an attempt to consolidate and reduce cost to the Government?
(By the Member for Caroni East)

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The under-mentioned Questions which have been accepted by the Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 27 are hereby forwarded for the attention of the Ministers concerned.

1. **To the Minister of Health:**
(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)
Given the recent shortage of blood for surgical and hospital purposes, could the Minister indicate the measures to be taken to rectify this problem, the number of surgeries affected to date and when will the issue be rectified?
2. **To the Minister of Health:**
(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)
Could the Minister indicate the steps being taken to ensure all CDAP items and pharmaceuticals are in stock which affects hundreds of patients?

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