



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIRST SESSION  
ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

NO. 30  
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**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)**

2. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Trinidad and Tobago Mortgage Finance Company Limited for the year ended December 31, 2015.

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

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**Question No. 165 to the Minister of Tourism**

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

Could the Minister state the reasons for sponsoring \$450,000.00 for a cruise from Miami to Bahamas and the expected benefits to the people of Trinidad and Tobago?

**Question No. 178 to the Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs**

**(By the Member for Naparima)**

Could the Minister state whether termination benefits have been paid to all contract officers whose services were terminated at overseas missions since September 2015?

**Question No. 179 to the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts**

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

Could the Minister provide a list of all groups which received funding for Indian Arrival Day celebrations?

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1. A Bill entitled, "An Act to provide for the variation of certain duties and taxes and to introduce provisions of a fiscal nature and for related matters".

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

**PRIVATE BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was adjourned on Friday June 24, 2016, will be resumed:**

**WHEREAS** the Attorney General was aware of the \$1.2 billion Claim brought by the Petroleum Company of Trinidad and Tobago ("PETROTRIN") in 2013 against Mr. Malcolm Jones for a breach of his fiduciary duty as Executive Chairman in relation to the failed Gas To Liquid project;

**AND WHEREAS** the Attorney General, gave instructions to Attorneys representing PETROTRIN to file a Notice of Discontinuance, thereby bringing the legal proceedings to an end prior to the commencement of the trial which effectively ended any independent, impartial and judicial attempt to bring accountability and transparency to a matter involving \$1.2B of taxpayers' money lost;

**AND WHEREAS** information in the public domain suggests that there was no thorough assessment of the evidence prior to the decision to discontinue;

**AND WHEREAS** there has been a lack of due diligence and disclosure by the Attorney General concerning the discontinuance of this matter which has fueled claims of political interference in this matter;

**AND WHEREAS** the Attorney General has in relation to this matter proffered incomplete and unsound legal advice to the Parliament and the national community;

**AND WHEREAS** the Attorney General has, as a consequence of the foregoing, conducted himself in a manner to compromise his office:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House express its loss of confidence in the Attorney General and call on the Prime Minister to immediately relieve him of the portfolio of Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago.

**(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

2. **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)**

3. **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)**

4. **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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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

**Question No. 101 to the Minister of Tourism**

**(By the Member for Mayaro)**

With reference to tourism projects and related initiatives earmarked in fiscal 2016, for the south-east region of Rio Claro/Mayaro/Guayaguayare, could the Minister provide a list of projects inclusive of:

- a) details of activity/initiative for each project;
- b) the cost for each project;
- c) the proposed commencement and completion dates for each project; and
- d) whether consultations will be held with the relevant stakeholders for the project?

**(Answer due by 24.05.2016)**

**Question No. 137 to the Minister of National Security**

**(By the Member for Tabaquite)**

Could the Minister provide the number of Ministers who currently have Special Branch Police Officers assigned to them as part of their personal security detail and the number of hours per day such officers are so assigned?

**(Answer due by 11.06.2016)**

**Question No. 144 to the Minister of National Security**

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

Could the Minister provide the number of Strategic Services Agency employees terminated with effect from September 2015 to date, including the job title and reason(s) for dismissal?

**(Answer due by 11.06.2016)**



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## **NOTICE OF URGENT QUESTIONS**

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.

**To the Minister of Works and Transport**  
**(By the Member for Couva South)**

1. Can the Minister indicate whether there have been any delays in the payment of salaries/wages to Unemployment Relief Programme (URP) workers within the past month?

**To the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts**  
**(By the Member for Princes Town)**

2. In light of the Government's announcement that funds have been allocated to assist the Islamic Community for Eid ul Fitr Celebrations 2016 and seeing that the Holiday is two days away, can the Minister indicate which organizations will receive funding and the corresponding amounts that will be received?

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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 which sites in Tobago are being considered for the Sandals Resort Hotel as was recently announced?  
**(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**
2. Would the Prime Minister inform the House whether he is aware that products of National Flour Mills Ltd. have been virtually banned from Jamaica and if so, what steps his Government intends to take to address this untenable situation which constitutes a violation of the Treaty of Chaguaramas?  
**(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**
3. Can the Prime Minister state whether instructions were given by him to Permanent Secretaries and Chairmen of State Enterprises and Agencies, with regard to payments of monies owed to contractors following his recent meeting at the Diplomatic Centre?  
**(By the Member for Chaguanas West)**
4. Can the Prime Minister indicate whether the Government has reached a final decision regarding the Government Assistance for Tuition Expenses (GATE) programme?  
**(By the Member for Chaguanas West)**
5. With regard to the recruitment of a Commissioner of Police, can the Prime Minister inform the Parliament what is the status of this process?  
**(By the Member for Chaguanas West)**
6. In light of reports in the public domain involving the use of false national identification cards and bogus pension cheques, could the Prime Minister state whether such information has come to his attention?  
**(By the Member for Couva North)**
7. Could the Prime Minister confirm whether the Government has taken a decision to close our High Commission in Kampala, Uganda, and what, if any, are the implications of such a decision on future relations with Uganda, East Africa and other countries to which the High Commission is currently accredited?  
**(By the Member for Naparima)**

8. Could the Prime Minister state whether he is aware of the recent announcement by Prime Minister Andrew Holness to establish a “CARICOM Review Commission” to evaluate the effects of Jamaica’s participation in CARICOM? If yes, what is its impact on economic growth and development?

**(By the Member for Naparima)**

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