



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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NO. 31  
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## ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 09, 2016: 1:30 P.M.

PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

PETITIONS

PAPERS

1. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the San Juan/Laventille Regional 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)**

2. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the San Juan/Laventille Regional 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)**

3. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Chaguaramas Development Authority for the year ended September 30, 2010.

**(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 Mayaro Civic Centre for the year ended September 30, 2008.

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

5. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Mayaro Civic Centre for the year ended September 30, 2009.

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

6. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Mayaro Civic Centre for the year ended September 30, 2010.

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

7. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the National Institute of Higher Education (Research, Science and Technology) for the year ended December 31, 2008.

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

8. The Second Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Mayaro-Rio Claro Regional Corporation Chairman's Fund 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)**

9. The Second Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Mayaro-Rio Claro Regional Corporation Chairman's Fund for the year ended September 30, 2008.

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

10. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Mayaro-Rio Claro Regional Corporation Chairman's Fund for the year ended September 30, 2009.

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

11. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Mayaro-Rio Claro Regional Corporation Chairman's Fund for the year ended September 30, 2010.

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

12. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Mayaro-Rio Claro Regional Corporation Chairman's Fund for the year ended September 30, 2011.

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

13. The Annual Report and the Audited Financial Statements of the Heritage and Stabilisation Fund of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2015.

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

14. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of National Helicopter Services Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2014.

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

15. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of National Information and Communication Technology Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2015.

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

16. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Palo Seco Agricultural Enterprises Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2015.

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

17. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of National Flour Mills 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)**

18. The Audited Financial Statements of Telecommunications Services of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the financial year ended March 31, 2016.

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

19. The Consolidated Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Unit Trust Corporation 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)**

20. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the National Maintenance Training and Security 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)**

21. The Annual Administrative Report of the Tourism Development Company Limited for fiscal year 2014.

**(By the Minister of Tourism)**

22. The Annual Administrative Report of the Mayaro-Rio Claro Regional Corporation for the period October 2013 to September 30, 2014.

**(By the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government)**

23. The Report of the Elections and Boundaries Commission on the Parliamentary Elections held on Monday September 07, 2015.

**(By the Deputy Speaker)**

24. The Delegation Report of the Sixth Westminster Workshop on Parliamentary Financial Oversight of Aid Effectiveness held in London, United Kingdom from July 4 to 7, 2016.

**(By the Member for Fyzabad)**

25. The Delegation Report of the Eight Annual Gathering on Gender Equality Organised by the Group of Women Parliamentarians of ParlAmericas held in Quito, Ecuador, from June 1 to 3, 2016.

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

#### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

1. The First Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity (First Session, Eleventh Parliament) on the Support Programs and Services for children whose parent or guardian was the perpetrator or victim of a violent offence.

**(By the Member for St. Ann's East)**

2. The Second Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity (First Session, Eleventh Parliament) on the Challenges faced by Persons with Disabilities with Specific focus on Access to Services and Employment.

**(By the Member for St. Ann's East)**

#### PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

#### URGENT QUESTIONS

#### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

#### **Questions for Oral Answer**

#### **\*Question No. 168 to the Minister of Trade and Industry**

**(By the Member for Caroni Central)**

Could the Minister provide the measures taken to address the challenges faced by the downstream steel companies in light of the closure of ArcelorMittal?

#### **Question No. 180 to the Minister of Health**

**(By the Member for Tabaquite)**

Could the Minister provide the number of teenaged girls who had abortions at the nation's hospitals from January 2007 to December 2015 and January 2016 to present?

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**On Monday July 01, 2016, Questions No. 168 was deferred for two (2) weeks.**

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 Tax Information Exchange Agreement Bill, 2016.

**(By the Attorney General will move that the next stage of the Bill be taken forthwith)**

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**Bills Second Reading:**

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act to repeal and replace the Insurance Act, Chap. 84:01; to reform the law relating to insurance companies; to regulate insurance businesses and privately administered pension fund plans and for other related purposes.”

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

2. A Bill entitled, “An Act to provide for the regulation and control of gaming and betting and matters related thereto”.

**(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. 153 to the Minister of Public Utilities**

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

With regard to the Trinidad and Tobago Postal Corporation, could the Minister state:

- a) the policy for sorting mail;
- b) the reasons for the delay in the delivery of utilities bills to mail households; and
- c) the plans to review the policy of sorting and delivery?

**(Answer due by 07.07.2016)**

**Question No. 156 to the Minister of Works and Transport**

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

With respect to the road paving programme in Trinidad and Tobago, could the Minister state:

- a) the roads paved from September 2015 to May 2016;
- b) whether there is a priority list of roads to be paved;
- c) if the answer to part (b) is in the affirmative, provide the priority list of roads to be paved;
- d) the names of the paving contractors; and
- e) the number of persons employed by the programme?

**(Answer due by 07.07.2016)**

**Question No. 157 to the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries**

**(By the Member for Mayaro)**

With respect to the NAMDEVCO 'farmers' market' held fortnightly at the Queen's Park Savannah, could the Minister state:

- i. the total cost of an individual 'farmers' market';
- ii. the total expenditure to date;
- iii. whether NAMDEVCO procured external goods/services;
- iv. if the answer to part (iii) is in the affirmative, the procurement procedure and source of funding;
- v. if the answer to part (iii) is in the affirmative, the name, address and associated costs of each successful bidder;
- vi. the intended duration of the programme; and
- vii. whether the 'farmers' markets' will be held at other locations and the proposed dates?

**(Answer due by 07.07.2016)**

**Question No. 158 to the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries**

**(By the Member for Mayaro)**

With regard to NAMDEVCO, could the Minister state:

- i. whether the packing houses located in Brechin Castle and Tabaquite are operational;
- ii. if the answer to part (i) is in the negative, the plans for the packing houses to become operational and expected time frame;
- iii. if the answer to part (i) is in the negative, the works or equipment required to make the packing house operational and the estimated cost; and



- iv. whether the Government intends to construct any additional packing house facilities in South Eastern Trinidad?

**(Answer due by 07.07.2016)**

**Question No. 159 to the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries**

**(By the Member for Mayaro)**

Could the Minister provide:

- i. a list of all former Caroni 1975 workers or designate who were awarded leases of state land for the period September 2015 to present, inclusive of acreage, duration of lease and location; and
- ii. a list of citizens (excluding former Caroni 1975 workers or designates) who were awarded leases of state land for the period September 2015 to present, inclusive of acreage, duration of lease and location?

**(Answer due by 07.07.2016)**

**Question No. 160 to the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries**

**(By the Member for Mayaro)**

With respect to food imports, could the Minister state:

- i. the national food import bill for the period October 2015 to March 2016;
- ii. the top ten commodities imported for the period October 2015 to March 2016;
- iii. the Government policy implemented to address (i) and (ii); and
- iv. the status, composition and recommendations of the Committee established to monitor food imports?

**(Answer due by 07.07.2016)**

**Question No. 161 to the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries**

**(By the Member for Mayaro)**

With respect to poultry imports, could the Minister state:

- i. the poultry import bill for the period October 2015 to March 2016;
- ii. the policies implemented to address part (i);
- iii. whether the Government intends to table legislation in the Parliament with respect to the poultry sector; and
- iv. if the answer to part (iii) is in the affirmative, the division of the Ministry responsible for the undertaking this and whether external advice was sought and from whom?

**(Answer due by 07.07.2016)**

**Question No. 174 to the Minister of Finance**

**(By the Member for Naparima)**

Could the Minister provide operation details on the US\$50 million agreed during the recent visit of President of Venezuela?

**(Answer due by 07.07.2016)**

**Question No. 181 to the Attorney General**

**(By the Member for Tabaquite)**

Could the Minister provide data on the annual number of registered marriages involving children 18 years and under from 2007 to 2015, inclusive of religion and age?

**(Answer due by 20.07.2016)**



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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.

1. **To the Minister of Education**  
(By the Member for Princes Town)

In light of the relocation of students and recent protest action by parents of the Princes Town Presbyterian No.1 Primary School and the current shift system at the shared Princes Town Presbyterian No.2 Primary School, could the Honourable Minister of Education indicate what are the short term measures to resolve this issue?

2. **To the Minister of Health**  
(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Can the Minister indicate what steps his Ministry has taken to ensure that suspected cases of Zika in pregnant women are confirmed in a timely and accurate manner, and that those pregnant women confirmed with Zika are receiving timely and appropriate care?

3. **To Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries**  
(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Could the Honourable Minister indicate when the fishermen and other stakeholders in the South-West peninsula who were affected by the recent 'fish - kill' will receive the assistance promised by the Government?

4. **To the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries**  
(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Given the devastating effects from the locust infestation to the farms and livelihoods of the residents of Strikers Village, Point Fortin, what urgent measures are being taken by the Minister to assist these citizens?

5. **To the Minister of National Security**  
**(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

Given the recent attempted break-in and shooting at the Immigration Detention Centre, what immediate measures will be taken to secure the facility?

6. **To the Minister of Education:**  
**(By the Member for Naparima)**

Could the Minister state what immediate steps are being taken to rectify the situation where 260 students of the Iere Village Government Primary school have not been able to return to classes for the new term?

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