



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SECOND SESSION  
ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

NO. 13  
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**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. Martin Anthony George** to be appointed as a member of the Police Service Commission; and

**AND WHEREAS** the President has on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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. Martin Anthony George** be approved.

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

**Bills Second Reading:**

1. **The debate on the Second Reading of the following Bill which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday December 09, 2016, will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, “An Act to repeal the Tax Information Exchange Agreements Act and replace it with a new Tax Information Exchange Agreements Act which would make provision for the implementation of agreements between Trinidad and Tobago and other States providing for the exchange of information for the purposes of taxation, to validate the sharing of personal information held by the Board of Inland Revenue or financial institutions and for related purposes.”

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

2. **The debate on the Second Reading of the following Bill which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday November 18, 2016, will be resumed:**

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)**

3. 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)**

**PRIVATE BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday December 02, 2016 will be resumed:**

**WHEREAS** the Government has unilaterally reduced its allocation to education and training;

**AND WHEREAS** the sustainability of tertiary education in both the public and private sectors are under threat;

**AND WHEREAS** these decisions have denied most-in-need citizens the opportunity to pursue high education, training and the opportunity to secure better jobs and an improved quality of life;

**AND WHEREAS** the country's competitiveness will be undermined by these decisions;

**AND WHEREAS** these decisions will ultimately lead to higher cost, compromised quality, as well as further job losses;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House collectively condemn the Government for such short-sighted and brutal measures against large sections of the population;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this House call on the Government to immediately reverse these measures which can have a deleterious effect on the future development of Trinidad and Tobago.

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

2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House take note of the rising levels of unemployment, growing poverty and deteriorating living standards through the imposition of a wage restraint/freeze policy on the working people; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this House condemn the Government for its failure to deal with the current unemployment challenges and to present a clear and cogent economic plan to guide the country through these challenges.

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

3. **WHEREAS** there has been an increase in the number of persons who suffer with obesity in our nation as a result of the sugar consumption in their diet;

**AND WHEREAS** obesity as a result of increased sugar intake is the cause of several chronic and non-communicable diseases, such as diabetes, pulmonary hypertension, high blood pressure;

**AND WHEREAS** obesity negatively affects the productivity of our nation due to the inability of persons affected by chronic diseases to perform their functions at full capacity;

**AND WHEREAS** the persons affected by obesity and related afflictions place an additional burden on the regional health authorities;

**AND WHEREAS** there are no legislative or regulatory measures to govern the food and beverage industry in relation to the addition of sugar to products;

**AND WHEREAS** the World Health Organization has classified obesity as a result of sugar consumption as a global epidemic;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House discuss the issue of obesity as a matter of national health importance;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this House propose solutions for implementation that will lead to the better health and welfare of our citizens.

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

4. **WHEREAS** the growing prison population has a collateral effect on the families and children of persons incarcerated;

**AND WHEREAS** children under the age of eighteen have been found to suffer psychological strain and instability as a result of a parent being imprisoned;

**AND WHEREAS** children under the age of eighteen are dependent upon their parents for guidance and support;

**AND WHEREAS** interactions between children under the age of eighteen and their parents while incarcerated can preserve and strengthen family connections;

**AND WHEREAS** research has shown interaction between children under the age of eighteen and their incarcerated parents can yield positive societal benefits and assists in the promotion of healthy child development;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Government initiate a system of supervised weekly visits between children under the age of eighteen and their incarcerated parents, at a secure location inside the prison.

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

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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

**Question No. 8 to the Minister of Housing and Urban Development**

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

Could the Minister provide the names and application dates for the sixty-two (62) recipients of Housing Development Corporation housing units distributed on September 10, 2016 in San Fernando?

**(Answer due by 26.11.2016)**



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## **NOTICE OF URGENT QUESTIONS**

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

1. **To the Minister of Social Development and Family Services**  
**(Member for Chaguanas West)**

In light of the recent tragedy where a family of nine lost their home and belongings in a fire at their home at Springvale, Claxton Bay, yesterday morning, what urgent measures are being taken by the Minister in an effort to assist these distressed citizens?

2. **To the Minister of Works and Transport**  
**(Member for Chaguanas West)**

Having regard to a recent incident whereby a Caribbean Airlines flight was grounded due to engine failure, could the Minister please state what maintenance measures are in place by CAL to ensure the safety of both passengers and flight crew?

3. **To the Minister of Works and Transport**  
**(Member for Chaguanas West)**

Could the Minister please state whether any structural damage to the Couva Children and Adult Hospital was reported, as a result of the recent 6.2 magnitude earthquake?

4. **To the Minister of Education**  
**(Member for Chaguanas West)**

Given recent reports of an increase of violence in secondary schools across the nation, what measures are being taken by the Minister to urgently address this dilemma and save our youth from such a growing scourge?

5. **To the Attorney General**  
**(By the Member for Chaguanas West)**

Given the growing lawlessness gripping the country, is it the intention of the Attorney General to take swift action to reinstate the death penalty?

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