



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SECOND SESSION  
ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

NO. 16  
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## ORDER PAPER

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18, 2017: 2:30 P.M.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

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1. The Response of the Service Commissions Department to the First Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an Examination into the Current Expenditure of Ministries and Departments under three (3) Sub-Heads: Current Transfers and Subsidies, Development Programme – Consolidated Fund and Infrastructure Development Fund.

**(By the Deputy Speaker)**

2. The Response of the Integrity Commission to the First Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an Examination into the Current Expenditure of Ministries and Departments under three (3) Sub-Heads: Current Transfers and Subsidies, Development Programme – Consolidated Fund and Infrastructure Development Fund.

**(By the Deputy Speaker)**

3. The Response of the Environmental Commission to the First Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an Examination into the Current Expenditure of Ministries and Departments under three (3) Sub-Heads: Current Transfers and Subsidies, Development Programme – Consolidated Fund and Infrastructure Development Fund.

**(By the Deputy Speaker)**

4. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services to the First Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on Examination into Current Expenditure-Consolidated Fund and Infrastructure Development Fund for the financial year 2016.

**(By the Minister of Social Development and Family Services)**

5. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government to the First Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on Examination into Current Expenditure-Consolidated Fund and Infrastructure Development Fund for the financial year 2016.

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

6. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Education to the First Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on Examination into the Current Expenditure of Ministries and Departments under three (3) Sub-Heads: Current Transfers and Subsidies, Development Programme – Consolidated Fund and Infrastructure Development Fund.

**(By the Minister of Education)**

#### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

1. The First Report of the Standing Finance Committee of the House of Representatives for the Second Session (2016/2017), Eleventh Parliament on the consideration of proposals for the Variation of Appropriation for the fiscal year 2016.

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

#### PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

#### URGENT QUESTIONS

#### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

#### **Question No. 38 to the Minister of Tourism**

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

Could the Minister provide:

- a) the figures for international air arrivals in Tobago from July to December 2016; and
- b) a comparison of these figures for the same period last year?

#### 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 Finance (Variation of Appropriation) (Financial Year 2016) Bill, 2017.

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House consider the findings and recommendations of the Thirty Eighth Annual Report of the Ombudsman.

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

2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House adopt the First Report of the Standing Finance Committee of the House of Representatives for the Second Session (2016/2017), Eleventh Parliament on the consideration of proposals for the Variation of Appropriation for the fiscal year 2016.

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

**Bills Second Reading:**

1. **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)**

2. 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)**

3. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Fire Service Act, Chap. 35:50”.

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

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

Could the Minister provide the payment details to contractors of the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission during the period October 2015 to December 1, 2016 including the:

- a) contractor name;
- b) total amount paid;
- c) payment date; and
- d) services provided?

**(Answer due by 31.12.2016)**

**Question No. 14 to the Minister of Public Utilities**

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

Could the Minister provide the payment details to contractors of the Trinidad and Tobago Postal Corporation during the period October 2015 to December 1, 2016 including the:

- a) contractor name;
- b) total amount paid;
- c) payment date; and
- d) services provided?

**(Answer due by 31.12.2016)**

**Question No. 17 to the Minister of Public Utilities**

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

Could the Minister provide the payment details to contractors of the Solid Waste Management Company Limited during the period October 2015 to December 1, 2016 including the:

- a) contractor name;
- b) total amount paid;
- c) payment date; and
- d) services provided?

**(Answer due by 31.12.2016)**



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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 Minister concerned.

1. To the Minister of Health  
(By the Member for Oropouche West)

In light of the medical condition of two (2) month old Aidan Babotee who was born with bilateral congenital cataract and who is clinically blind, could the Minister indicate what urgent assistance can be granted to the toddler?

2. To the Minister of National Security  
(By the Member for Caroni East)

In light of the recent murder of schoolgirl Rachel Ramkissoon in San Rafael last Friday, could the Minister please state what measures will be taken to ensure the safety of children who are transported to school from rural areas of the country?

3. To the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts  
(By the Member for Caroni East)

In light of the imminent collapse of the 2017 Chutney Soca Monarch Competition, could the Minister please indicate what steps the Government intends to take to urgently address this matter?

4. To the Minister of Health  
(By the Member for Chaguanas East)

Could the Minister indicate how he intends to address the growing demand for medical services, resulting in extremely long waiting periods at the Chaguanas District Health Centre?

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