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PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

PETITIONS

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1. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Union Estate Electricity Generation Company Limited for the year ended December 31, 2008.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
2. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Union Estate Electricity Generation Company Limited for the year ended December 31, 2009.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
3. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Union Estate Electricity Generation Company Limited for the year ended December 31, 2010.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
4. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Union Estate Electricity Generation Company Limited for the year ended December 31, 2011.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
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6. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Union Estate Electricity Generation Company Limited for the year ended December 31, 2013.

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7. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Union Estate Electricity Generation Company Limited for the year ended December 31, 2014.

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

8. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Union Estate Electricity Generation 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)

9. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance 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 Minister of Finance)

10. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries 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 Minister of Energy and Energy Industries)

11. The Ministerial Response of the National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited to the Third Report of the Joint Select Committee on State Enterprises on an Inquiry into the Administration and Operations of the National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited.

(By the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries)

12. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of National Security 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 Minister of National Security)

13. The Ministerial Response of the Office of the Prime Minister 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 Prime Minister)

14. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Public Utilities 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 Minister of Public Utilities)

15. The Response of the Elections and Boundaries 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)

16. Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs 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 Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs)

17. Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Community Development, Culture and the Arts 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 Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts)

18. Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Tourism 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 Minister of Tourism)

19. Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development 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 Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development)

20. Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Works and Transport 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 Minister of Works and Transport)

21. Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries 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 Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)

22. Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development to the First Report of the Joint Select Committee on Local Authorities, Statutory Authorities and Service Commissions (including the THA), on an Inquiry into the Land Settlement Agency in relation to Squatter Regularisation.

(By the Minister of Housing and Urban Development)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Written Answer appear in the Appendix

***Questions for Oral Answer**

Question No. 29 to the Minister of Finance

(By the Member for Naparima)

Could the Minister state:

- a) the number of job losses from April 2016;
- b) the number of jobs created from September 2015; and
- c) the sectors most affected by job losses from April 2016?

Question No. 37 to the Minister of Tourism

(By the Member for Couva North)

Could the Minister provide the figures for cruise ship arrivals in Tobago from July to December 2016 providing:

- a) total cruise vessel calls;
- b) total cruise passengers; and
- c) 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

**On Friday January 06, 2017, Question No. 29 was deferred for two (2) weeks.
On Friday January 13, 2017, Question No. 37 was deferred for two (2) weeks.**

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

PRIVATE BUSINESS**Motions:**

1. **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)

2. **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)

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)

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)

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)

4. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, the Proceeds of Crime Act, the Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago Act, the Customs Act and the Exchange Control Act”.

(By the Attorney General)

5. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Land Adjudication Act, 2000”.

(By the Attorney General)

6. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Registration of Titles to Land Act, 2000”.

(By the Attorney General)

7. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Land Tribunal Act, 2000”.

(By the Attorney General)

8. A Bill entitled, “An Act to repeal and replace the Crown Suits Limitation Ordinance”.

(By the Attorney General)

9. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Marriage Act, Chap. 45:01, the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Act, Chap. 45:02, the Hindu Marriage Act, Chap. 45:03, the Orisha Marriage Act, Chap. 45:04 and the Matrimonial Proceedings and Property Act, Chap. 45:51”.

(By the Attorney General)

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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)

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. 15 to the Minister of Public Utilities

(By the Member for Chaguanas West)

Could the Minister provide the payment details to contractors of the Water and Sewerage Authority during the period October 2015 to December 1, 2016 including the:

- a) contractor name;
- b) total amount paid;
- c) payment date; and

* On Friday January 13, 2017, Questions Nos. 8, 15, 16 and 18 were deferred for two (2) weeks.

d) services provided?

(Answer due by 31.12.2016)

Question No. 16 to the Minister of Public Utilities

(By the Member for Chaguanas West)

Could the Minister provide the payment details to contractors of the Telecommunication Services of Trinidad and Tobago 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)

Question No. 18 to the Minister of Finance

(By the Member for Chaguanas West)

Could the Minister provide the contract details for infrastructural works by the National Insurance Property Development Company Limited for the period October 2015 to date, including the:

- a) company name;
- b) initial estimated project cost;
- c) final or revised estimated project cost;
- d) scope of works;
- e) selection method for the contractor;
- f) project status; and
- g) total amount paid to date.

(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 Ministers concerned.

1. **To the Minister of National Security:**
(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)

In view of the Prime Minister's statement on the violent society which we inhabit, and especially the ease with which criminals are able to access firearms, Could the Minister of National Security state whether he is willing to allow police officers to retain possession of their issued firearms when they are off-duty, in order to protect both themselves and their fellow citizens?

2. **To the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts:**
(By the Member for Chaguanas West)

Could the Minister state the firm selected and the terms of reference for the forensic audit into Pan Trinbago?

3. **To the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts:**
(By the Member for Chaguanas West)

Could the Minister state why no members of Trinbago Unified Calypsonians' Organisation and Pan Trinbago were appointed to the Board of the National Carnival Commission?

4. **To the Minister of National Security:**
(By the Member for Naparima)

In light of the high number of road fatalities, could the Minister tell us the brand and model of the speed guns currently being used by the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service and whether these devices are equipped with the most recent technology?

5. **To the Attorney General:**
(By the Member for Naparima)

Given the increase in gang violence this country has witnessed since the beginning of 2017 and the importance this Government placed on the need to expand the Strategic Services Agency for the purpose intelligence gathering, could the Attorney General inform this House as to the reasons for the non-proclamation of the Strategic Services Agency (Amendment) Act, 2016?

**6. To the Minister of National Security:
(By the Member for Couva North)**

In light of the recent shootings which took place in close proximity to the Chaguanas Police Station, could the Minister indicate whether he intends to implement 24 hour joint Police/Army foot patrols in the central business district of Chaguanas?

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