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PRAYERS

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BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

PETITIONS

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1. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago National Petroleum Marketing Company Limited for the year ended March 31, 2016.

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

2. The Response of the Tobago House of Assembly to the Second Report of the Joint Select Committee on Local Authorities, Statutory Authorities and Service Commissions (Including the THA), into certain aspects of the Tobago House of Assembly.

(By the Deputy Speaker)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

1. The Third Report of the Joint Select Committee on Local Authorities, Service Commissions and Statutory Authorities (including the THA) on an Inquiry into the Administration and Operations of the South-West Regional Health Authority in relation to the Adequacy of medical staff and equipment at the San Fernando General Hospital.

(By the Member for Diego Martin Central)

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Written Answer appear in the Appendix

Questions for Oral Answer**Question No. 60 to the Minister of Education****(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)**

With respect to the renovation works at the San Juan Boys' and Girls' Government Primary Schools could the Minister indicate:

- a) the reasons that renovations works were halted for more than one year; and
- b) the resumption date for renovation works?

Question No. 61 to the Minister of National Security**(By the Member for Naparima)**

Could the Minister state:

- a) the steps taken by the Government to prevent the inflow of illegal guns, drugs, ammunition and other such contraband; and
- b) whether the steps provided in part (a) are expected to yield at least a 20% reduction in such illegal contraband?

Question No. 62 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries**(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

Could the Minister indicate the total cost of the cautionary closure of critical installations at Petrotrin in anticipation of proposed strike action recently served by the Oilfields Workers' Trade Union?

Question No. 63 to the Minister of Health**(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

Could the Minister provide this House with a status report on the proposed private/public partnership agreement on the operationalization of the Couva Children and Adult Hospital?

Question No. 64 to the Minister of Education**(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

Further to the response provided to an Urgent Question on December 02, 2016, could the Minister provide a status update on the resumption and the completion date for construction works on the Ramai Trace Hindu School?

Question No. 66 to the Minister of Education**(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

Could the Minister provide the reasons that School Improvement Projects were not initiated in the low performing education districts of Tobago, St. Patrick, Caroni, Naparima and Nariva/Mayaro?

Question No. 67 to the Minister of Education**(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

Further to the response provided to Question 74 on March 11, 2016, could the Minister provide with respect to the Penal/Debe Campus, University of the West Indies,

- a) the expected completion date; and
- b) the proposed date for the first student intake?

Question No. 68 to the Minister of National Security**(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

Could the Minister provide:

- a) the number of citizens reported as disappeared, kidnapped and missing for the period December 2015 to January 2017; and
- b) the nature of assistance given to affected families of disappeared, kidnapped and missing persons for the period December 2015 to January 2017?

Question No. 77 to the Minister of Health**(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)**

Could the Minister provide the status of the Psychological Trauma Centres which were approved for introduction in public health institutions of Trinidad and Tobago?

Question No. 78 to the Minister of Health**(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)**

Further to the response provided to Question 43 on February 26, 2016, could the Minister provide a status update on the opening of the Women's and Outpatient Centre at Eric Williams Medical Sciences Centre?

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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. **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 **Commodore Anthony Stafford Franklin** to be appointed as a member of the Police Service Commission; and

AND WHEREAS the President has on the 16th day of February, 2017 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 **Commodore Anthony Stafford Franklin** 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 Monday March 06, 2017 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, “An Act to abolish preliminary enquiries and to provide for the pre-trial procedure in respect of indictable offences and for ancillary matters.”

(By the Attorney General)

2. A Bill entitled, “An Act to provide for the membership of Trinidad and Tobago in the Corporación Andina de Fomento (also known as “the Andean Development Corporation”) and for the raising of loans from the Corporación Andina de Fomento (Andean Development Corporation) by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago for the purposes of financing development projects in Trinidad and Tobago and for matters incidental thereto.”

(By the Minister of Finance)

3. **The debate on the Second Reading of the following Bill which was adjourned on Friday March 03, 2017 will be resumed:**

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)

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

(By the Minister of Finance)

5. 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)

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

(By the Attorney General)

7. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Registration of Titles to Land Act, 2000”.
(By the Attorney General)
8. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Land Tribunal Act, 2000”.
(By the Attorney General)
9. A Bill entitled, “An Act to repeal and replace the Crown Suits Limitation Ordinance”.
(By the Attorney General)
10. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Anti-Terrorism Act, Chap. 12:07”.
(By the Attorney General)
11. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Bail Act, Chap. 4:60.”
(By the Attorney General)
12. A Bill entitled, “An Act to establish a system of plea discussions and plea agreements and for matters incidental thereto.”
(By the Attorney General)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday January 27, 2017 will be resumed:**
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. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House take note and express its horror at the exponential growth in the crime rate manifested by historic murder rates, violence against the person and property and the inexplicable disappearance of citizens;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House condemn the Prime Minister and the Government for:

- a) failure to address the rising crime epidemic; and
- b) inability to present a credible Anti-Crime Plan aimed at preventing, detecting, prosecuting and rehabilitating the criminal elements.

(By the Member for Naparima)

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Question No. 65 to the Minister of Education

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

With respect to the Morvant/Laventille School Improvement Project, could the Minister state:

- i. the status of the project;
- ii. the measures to evaluate the quantitative success, failure and benefits of money spent on the project;
- iii. the factors for the poor student performance in numeracy and literacy in the area; and
- iv. the expected ways that the project will mitigate the factors identified in part (iii)?

(Answer due by 15.03.2017)

Question No. 69 to the Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister state the preventative programmes implemented in 2016 to target communities used for the recruitment of youths into criminal gangs and terrorist groups?

(Answer due by 15.03.2017)

Question No. 70 to the Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister state:

- a) the number of Police Youth Clubs in Trinidad;
- b) the location of each Police Youth Club in Trinidad;
- c) the number of police officers assigned to each Police Youth Club;
- d) the age group of persons referred to Police Youth Clubs;
- e) whether non-students are referred to Police Youth Clubs; and
- f) the method that students are referred to Police Youth Clubs?

(Answer due by 15.03.2017)

Question No. 71 to the Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister state:

- a) the number of youths that have participated in Police Youth Clubs from 2007 to January 31, 2017;

- b) the number of repeat offenders included in part (a); and
- c) the metrics used to measure the impact and outcome of the Police Youth Club?

(Answer due by 15.03.2017)

Question No. 74 to the Minister of Education

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister provide with reference to the period September 2015 to January 31, 2017:

- A. the teacher attendance data inclusive of regularity and punctuality by school and district;
- B. the number of disciplinary actions taken against teachers for irregularity and unpunctuality; and
- C. the number of teachers actually disciplined for irregular attendance and unpunctuality?

(Answer due by 15.03.2017)

Question No. 75 to the Minister of Education

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Given the level of violence in schools, could the Minister indicate:

- a) the role of the Student Support Services Division in treating with violence in schools;
- b) the location of the Student Support Services Division in each school district in Trinidad;
- c) whether there is a Student Support Services Division in the St. Patrick District and if not, how soon would one be established;
- d) the number of officers assigned to each school district; and
- e) the process by which Principals can access the services of the Student Support Services Division?

(Answer due by 15.03.2017)



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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 Works and Transport:**
(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)

In light of recent reports that over 100 contract workers at the National Infrastructure Development Company Limited will be sent home in the coming weeks as part of a restructuring drive by the company, could the Minister confirm the veracity and authenticity of these reports?

2. **To the Attorney General:**
(By the Member for Fyzabad)

In light of a recent report citing a High Court ruling involving the fraudulent duplication of property deeds filed with the Land Registry Department of the Ministry of Legal Affairs, could the Minister please indicate what urgent steps are being taken to protect citizens from being victim to such fraudulent activity?

3. **To the Minister of Finance:**
(By the Member for Caroni Central)

Does the Minister consider it reasonable for First Citizen's Bank Ltd. to make an offering of another round of shares to the public (which it has now done) before the report based on investigation of the issues surrounding the last round of shares is made available to the public?

4. **To the Minister of Tourism:**
(By the Member for Couva South)

Could the Minister please advise this House as to the date of closure for the Tourism Development Company (TDC) and how many workers will lose their jobs as a result of the closure of the TDC?

5. **To the Minister of Health:**
(By the Member for Chaguanas West)

In light of recent newspaper reports indicating there is a high incidence of HIV in Trinidad and Tobago, what measures are in place at the National Blood Transfusion Service to ensure that HIV contaminated blood from donors is not utilized in the Health Care System?

6. **To the Minister of Works and Transport:**
(By the Member for Naparima)

Given conflicting reports from members of the Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago Board can the Minister state definitively whether the Board members resigned in solidarity with their Chairman, as reported?

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