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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

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BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

PETITIONS

PAPERS

1. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Vehicle Management Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the year ended September 30, 2013.

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

2. The Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Free Zones Company Limited for the year ended December 31, 2015.

(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)

3. A Green Paper on the Draft National Parenting Policy of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

(By the Minister of Social Development and Family Services)

4. The Annual Report of the Public Service Commission for the year 2015.

(By the Deputy Speaker)

5. The Second Report of the Committee to Review the Levels of Health Care Delivery by the Regional Health Authorities and to Rationalise the System of Public Sector Doctors in Private Practice.

(By the Minister of Health)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Oral Answer

¹Question No. 57 to the Minister of Public Administration and Communications

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Further to the response provided to a Prime Minister's Question on July 04, 2016, could the Minister provide an update on the status of the appointment of a Commissioner of Police?

***Question No. 73 to the Minister of National Security**

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister state, with reference to the period September 2011 to January 2017:

- a) the number of gangs operating in Trinidad and Tobago;
- b) the number of youths involved in such gang activity; and
- c) the number of youths charged under the Anti-Gang Act, 2011?

***Question No. 76 to the Minister of Finance**

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister state, with reference to the period September 7, 2015 to January 2017:

- a) the percentage decrease in each economic sector of Trinidad and Tobago;
- b) the net increase in borrowing in United States and Trinidad and Tobago currencies; and
- c) the percentage increase in the debt to gross domestic product ratio?

***Question No. 80 to the Minister of Education**

(By the Member for Couva South)

Further to the response provided to Question 30 on January 13, 2017, could the Minister provide an update on the opening date of the Early Childhood Care and Education Centre at the Sonny Ladoo Trace Development?

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

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

¹ On Friday March 03, 2017 Question No. 57 was deferred for two (2) weeks and for a further one (1) week on Friday March 17, 2017.

* On Friday March 17, 2017 Question Nos. 73, 76 and 80 were deferred for one (1) week.

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)

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 Wednesday March 22, 2017 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, “An Act to establish a system of plea discussions and plea agreements and for matters incidental thereto.”

(By the Attorney General)

2. **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)

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 Anti-Terrorism Act, Chap. 12:07”.

(By the Attorney General)

10. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Bail Act, Chap. 4:60.”

(By the Attorney General)

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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 is hereby forwarded for the attention of the Minister concerned.

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

In light of newspaper reports, what measures will be taken to remedy the Sewer problems at Chaguanas Government Primary School?

2. **To the Minister of Education**
(By the Member for Chaguanas East)

Can the Honourable Minister state whether the Waterloo High School has a School Based Management Plan that includes children's safety?

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

Can the Minister indicate the most important project that will be financed from the 1.7 billion withdrawal from the Heritage and Stabilization Fund?

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

Given the recent increase in the number of missing persons, some of whom eventually turn up dead, could the Minister inform this House what are the procedures employed by the Police Service when missing persons are reported/filed?

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

In light of the recent protest action by parents at the Santa Rita Roman Catholic Primary School, could the Minister indicate what measures have been put in place by the Ministry to deal with the reports of violence exhibited by students towards their peers and their teachers?

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

In light of the continued lack of availability of US currency and the resultant weakening of our Exchange Rate, could the Minister identify what immediate steps the Government has taken to stabilize and/or increase the strength of our Exchange Rate?

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