



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SECOND SESSION  
ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

NO. 27  
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## ORDER PAPER

WEDNESDAY APRIL 5, 2017: 1:30 P.M

PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

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1. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the National Schools Dietary Services Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2015.

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

2. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Regional Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2004.

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

3. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Regional Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2005.

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

4. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Regional Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2006.

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

5. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Regional Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2007.

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

6. The Annual Administrative Report of the National Information and Communication Technology Company Limited (iGovTT) for the period October, 2014 to September, 2015.

**(By the Minister of Public Administration and Communications)**

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

**(By the Deputy Speaker)**

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PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

**Questions for Oral Answer**

**\*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. 82 to the Minister of National Security**

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

Could the Minister state the annual number of Trinidad and Tobago nationals who were deported from the United States for the past ten years?

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\* On Wednesday March 15, 2017 Question Nos. 61 and 62 were deferred for two (2) weeks.

**Question No. 83 to the Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs****(By the Member for Caroni East)**

Could the Minister state:

- a. the number of CARICOM nationals granted Trinidad and Tobago work permits for 2014, 2015 and 2016 and provide the list of applicable nationalities for each year; and
- b. the number of CARICOM nationals deported from Trinidad and Tobago for 2014, 2015 and 2016:
  - i. as a result of criminal offences;
  - ii. for reasons other than the commission
  - iii. of criminal offences; and the nationalities of the CARICOM nationals deported for each of the specified years in (i) and (ii)?

**Question No. 85 to the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts****(By the Member for Caroni East)**

Could the Minister state:

- a. the sum of money that National Carnival Commission collected as gate receipts from each Panorama event held at the Queen's Park Savannah in 2017; and
- b. the sum of money that Pan Trinbago collected for each Panorama event held at the Queen's Park Savannah in 2016?

**Question No. 88 to the Prime Minister****(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

With respect to audit reviews by Ernst and Young for Ministries, Departments, Statutory Corporations, State Enterprises and Special Purpose Companies since September 2015, could the Prime Minister indicate:

- a. the list of audit reviews completed to date;
- b. the list of audit reviews in the process of being completed;
- c. the cost of per audit in (a) and (b) above;
- d. the total amount spent to date; and
- e. the outstanding quantum of monies yet to be paid?

**Question No. 89 to the Prime Minister****(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

With respect to the lobbyist or lobbying firm hired by the Government to promote the interests of Trinidad and Tobago in the United States, could the Prime Minister indicate:

- a. the date that the decision to hire was taken;
- b. the person/entity that made the decision to hire;
- c. the procurement process for the services;
- d. the total cost incurred to date;
- e. the total cost for the services; and
- f. the terms of reference or scope of work?

**Question No. 90 to the Minister of Public Utilities****(By the Member for Tabaquite)**

Could the Minister state the daily tons of garbage dumped from January 1 to December 31, 2016 at:

- a. Forres Park Landfill;
- b. Beetham Landfill;
- c. Guanapo Landfill; and
- d. Guapo/ Point Fortin Landfill?

**Question No. 91 to the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government**

**(By the Member for Tabaquite)**

Could the Minister state the total annual expenditure in 2016 on Garbage Collection for each of the fourteen (14) Regional/Borough Corporations?

**Question No. 92 to the Minister of Finance**

**(By the Member for Tabaquite)**

Could the Minister state the number of full time employees in each Division of the Tobago House of Assembly:

- a. Community Development;
- b. Enterprise Development and Labour;
- c. Education, Innovation and Energy;
- d. Finance and the Economy;
- e. Food Production and Fisheries;
- f. Health, Wellness and Family Development;
- g. Infrastructure, Quarries and the Environment;
- h. Office of the Chief Secretary;
- i. Settlements, Urban Renewal and Public Utilities;
- j. Sports and Youth Affairs;
- k. Tourism, Culture and Transportation?

**Question No. 94 to the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts**

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

With respect to Dimanche Gras Competition 2017, could the Minister state:

- A. the total amount collected from ticket sales;
- B. the total quantum of prize money and to whom?

**Question No. 95 to the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts**

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

With respect to the booth rentals around the Queen's Park Savannah, could the Minister state:

- A. the amount of money collected; and
- B. the percentage of booths that were occupied?

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

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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 16<sup>th</sup> 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)****PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS****Motions:**

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday March 24, 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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ORDER PAPER WEDNESDAY APRIL 05, 2017QUESTIONS 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 Deputy Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 27 are hereby forwarded for the attention of the Minister concerned.

1. **To the Minister of Education:**  
**(By the Member for Caroni East)**

Given that more than one hundred (100) IT Technicians at your Ministry have been subjected to month to month contracts over the last year, could the Minister indicate when they will be given three (3) year contracts?

2. **To the Minister of Health:**  
**(By the Member for Fyzabad)**

Could the Minister indicate whether the 16 slice CT scanner located at the Accident and Emergency Department at the San Fernando General Hospital is currently working?

3. **To the Minister of Health:**  
**(By the Member for Naparima)**

Given the intermittent functionality and the recent downtime of CT scanners in the public system, could the Minister indicate what measures are in place to reduce the exacerbated waiting time for CT imaging at the nation's hospitals?

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

Given that the International Monetary Fund is still working on proposals to separate the heritage and stabilization components of the Heritage and Stabilisation Fund (HSF), could the Minister provide the reasons for continued withdrawals from the HSF in the absence of this policy?

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

In view of the reported shooting of a mentally ill patient by a police officer within the precincts of the Point Fortin Area Hospital, is the Minister satisfied with the manner in which the incident was handled?

6. **To the Minister of Health:**  
**(By the Member for Princes Town)**

Is the Minister of Health aware that the link to the application form on the website of the Children's Life Fund is broken, making it extremely difficult for parents or guardians of children to access same, and what urgent steps will be taken to rectify this situation?

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