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ORDER PAPER

WEDNESDAY APRIL 12, 2017: 1:30 P.M

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 the Trinidad and Tobago Tourism Business Development Limited for the financial year ended December 31, 2014.
(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 the Trinidad and Tobago Tourism Business Development Limited for the financial year ended December 31, 2015.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
3. The Annual Report on the National Insurance Board of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year ended June 30, 2015.
(By the Minister of Finance)
4. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Education to the First Report of the Joint Select Committee on Social Services and Public Administration on the Inquiry into the Current Level of violence among students in Schools with particular focus on Physical and Cyber Bullying.
(By the Minister of Education)
5. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of National Security to the Third Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity on the Treatment of Child Offenders at the Youth Training Centre, St. Michael's Rehabilitation Centre for Young Male Offenders and St. Jude's Interim Rehabilitation Centre for Young Female Offenders.
(By the Minister of National Security)

6. The Response of the Statutory Authorities Service Commission Department to the Third Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity on the Treatment of Child Offenders at the Youth Training Centre, St. Michael's Rehabilitation Centre for Young Male Offenders and St. Jude's Interim Rehabilitation Centre for Young Female Offenders.

(By the Deputy Speaker)

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

(By the Deputy Speaker)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

1. The Third Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee for the Second Session, Eleventh Parliament on the Examination of the Audited Accounts, Balance Sheet and other Financial Statements of the Community Improvement Services Limited for the financial years 2008 to 2012.

(By the Member for Lopinot/Bon Air West)

2. The Fourth Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee for the Second Session, Eleventh Parliament on the Examination of the Audited Accounts, Balance Sheet and other Financial Statements of the Community Based Environmental Protection and Enhancement Programme for the financial years 2009 to 2014.

(By the Member for Lopinot/Bon Air West)

3. The Fifth Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee for the Second Session, Eleventh Parliament on the Examination of the Audited Accounts, Balance Sheet and other Financial Statements of the Point Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation Limited (PLIPDECO) for the financial years 2008 to 2015.

(By the Member for Lopinot/Bon Air West)

4. The Sixth Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee for the Second Session, Eleventh Parliament on the Examination of the Audited Accounts, Balance Sheet and other Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Solid Waste Management Company Limited for the financial years 2008 to 2013.

(By the Member for Lopinot/Bon Air West)

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Written Answer appear in the Appendix

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 86 to the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs

(By the Member for Caroni East)

Could the Minister provide the opening date and the immediate plans for the Brian Lara Cricket Stadium, Tarouba?

Question No. 87 to the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs**(By the Member for Caroni East)**

Could the Minister provide a list of the confirmed events in 2017 for:

- a. the National Cycling Centre;
- b. the National Aquatic Centre; and
- c. the National Tennis Centre?

Question No. 93 to the Minister of Finance**(By the Member for Tabaquite)**

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

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

Question No. 96 to the Minister of Education**(By the Member for Point-a-Pierre)**

Could the Minister state when will construction start on the Harmony Hall Presbyterian Primary School given that it was carded to commence in 2015?

Question No. 97 to the Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development**(By the Member for Point-a-Pierre)**

Could the Minister inform this House whether the twenty per cent increase to the OJT stipends promised in the last two budgets has been effected and if so, on what date?

Question No. 98 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries**(By the Member for Point-a-Pierre)**

Could the Minister provide the names and professional backgrounds of the seven member committee to make recommendations on the restructuring of Petrotrin?

Question No. 107 to the Prime Minister**(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

With respect to audit reviews by Pricewaterhouse Coopers Limited on Ministries, Departments, Statutory Corporations, State Enterprises and Special Purpose Companies which reportedly commenced 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; and
- c. the cost of per audit in (a) and (b) above;
- d. the outstanding quantum of monies yet to be paid to the audit firm?

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

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

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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 a Joint Select Committee be established to consider the First Report of the Committee established 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 as well as 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, laid in the House of Representatives on November 9, 2016 and March 24, 2017, respectively: and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Committee be mandated to:

- (a) review and analyze the Reports;
- (b) consider the findings and recommendations contained in the Reports; and
- (c) report its observations and recommendations no later than June 5, 2017.

(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)

3. **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 Wednesday April 05, 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 12, 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. 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)

Question No. 84 to the Minister of Education

(By the Member for Caroni East)

With respect to contractors of Education Facilities Company Limited during the period October 1, 2015 to December 30, 2016, could the Minister state:

- a. the names of the contractors;
- b. the total payment to each contractor;
- c. the payment dates;
- d. the services provided;
- e. the outstanding sums yet to be paid; and
- f. the planned payment schedule for the outstanding sums?

(Answer due by 11.04.2017)



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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 Works and Transport:**
(By the Member for Chaguanas East)

Could the Minister state who is the Authorising Signatory for the Charter Party Agreement for the Super-Fast Galicia?

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

What is the future employment status of the 75 School Social Workers who have been on month to month contracts for the last year, many of whom have not been paid their March salary?

3. **To the Prime Minister:**
(By the Member for Caroni East)

Could the Prime Minister indicate how his Government intends to compensate the HIV infected patients including a child, contaminated by blood given from the National Blood Bank Transfusion Centre?

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

In light of the rejection of their application to the Children's Life Fund by the parents of Shannen Luke, could the Minister indicate whether a second opinion medical report was sought to consider exercising the provision of section 9 of the Children's Life Fund Act?

5. **Minister of Education:**
(By the Member for Couva North)

Could the Minister please indicate which schools if any will be undergoing any Easter vacation repairs.

6. **Minister of Tourism:**
(By the Member for Couva North)

In light of the termination of the lease of the SuperFast Galacia by the government, would the Minister please state what are the government plan to assist the Tobago Tourism stakeholders in transporting critical supplies on a timely basis from Trinidad to Scarborough?

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NOTICE OF PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

The under-mentioned Questions which have been accepted by the Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 26 are hereby forwarded for the attention of the Prime Minister.

1. Could the Prime Minister state when the community of Enterprise will benefit from the School Improvement Project (SIP), as the one recently launched in the community of Laventille?
(By the Member for Chaguanas East)
2. Could the Prime Minister state, which state companies are earmarked to be dissolved between 2017 to 2020?
(By the Member for Chaguanas East)
3. Further to your response to Prime Minister's Question No. 10 on November 18, 2016, could the Prime Minister indicate by when Members of Parliament and the public will obtain a copy of the GATE Report?
(By the Member for Chaguanas East)
4. Could the Prime Minister state what services are intended to be decentralised so as to ease the woes of the travelling public?
(By the Member for Chaguanas East)
5. In light of the continued failure of the Government to protect the citizens of this country from the criminal threat and in the face of mounting applications from these citizens to acquire firearms, is the Prime Minister willing to consider the creation of a Commission to properly evaluate these applications for firearms licenses, so that citizens can protect themselves?
(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)
6. Could the Prime Minister state the reasons for the discontinuation of payments since October 2016 to Private Sector Partnership Stakeholders of the Early Childhood Education Centres?
(By the Member for Caroni East)
7. Could the Prime Minister state the policy of the Government with respect to the future of the Universal Early Childhood Education Programme?
(By the Member for Caroni East)

8. Given statements by the President General of the OWTU that worker safety issues were the main cause of his union's objections to the Angelin Project and that the regulatory bodies such as the EMA and OSHA were not functioning to protect workers. Does the Prime Minister agree with this assertion and what steps will his Government put in place to avoid a repeat of the Angelin fiasco?

(By the Member for Naparima)

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