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PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

PETITIONS

PAPERS

1. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Tobago Regional Health Authority for the year ended September 30, 2010.

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

2. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance to the First Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Examination of the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial years 2014 and 2015 with specific reference to the Auditor General's Department.

(By the Minister of Finance)

3. The Response of the Treasury Division of the Ministry of Finance to the First Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Examination of the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial years 2014 and 2015 with specific reference to the Auditor General's Department.

(By the Minister of Finance)

4. The Response of the Auditor General's Department to the First Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Examination of the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the Financial years 2014 and 2015 with specific reference to the Auditor General's Department.

(By the Minister of Finance)

5. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance to the Sixth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Examination of the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial years 2014 and 2015 with specific reference to the Ministry of Finance.

(By the Minister of Finance)

6. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs to the First Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Examination of the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial years 2014 and 2015 with specific reference to the Auditor General's Department.

(By the Attorney General)

7. The Response of the Personnel Department to the First Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Examination of the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial years 2014 and 2015 with specific reference to the Auditor General's Department.

(By the Deputy Speaker)

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

9. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries to the Fourth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Examination of the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year 2014 with specific reference to the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries.

(By the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries)

10. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Tourism to the Second Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Examination of the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year 2014 with specific reference to the Ministry of Tourism.

(By the Minister of Tourism)

11. The Annual Administrative Report for the Ministry of Tourism for fiscal 2014.

(By the Minister of Tourism)

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. 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. 83 to the Minister of National Security*(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 of criminal offences; and
 - iii. the nationalities of the CARICOM nationals deported for each of the specified years in (i) and (ii)?

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. 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; 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. 99 to the Minister of Finance**(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

Given the issuance of an eight year, fixed bond by the Ministry of Finance, could the Minister state how much money the Government has borrowed via loans and bonds issued both locally and internationally since this Government assumed office in September 2015?

Question No. 100 to the Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister**(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

Further to the response provided to an Urgent Question on March 11, 2016, could the Minister provide an update on the measures taken to protect victims of domestic violence and reduce incidences of domestic violence?

Question No. 101 to the Minister of Public Administration and Communications**(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

Could the Minister state whether the Government intends to adjust the retirement age in the public service?

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

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

1. The Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters Bill, 2017.

(By the Minister of Finance)

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**Motions:**

1. **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)

2. **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 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)

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)

Committee Stage:

1. **The Committee Stage of the following Bill which was in progress when the House adjourned on Wednesday April 12, 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)

Bills Second Reading:

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

(By the Minister of Finance)

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 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)

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

(By the Attorney General)

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

(By the Attorney General)

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

(By the Attorney General)

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

(By the Attorney General)

8. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Anti-Terrorism Act, Chap. 12:07”.

(By the Attorney General)

9. 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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(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. 102 to the Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development

(By the Member for Point-a-Pierre)

Further to the response to Prime Minister's Question on February 26, 2016, could the Minister identify the policies that the Government has executed over the past 15 months to reduce unemployment as well as create employment?

(Answer due by 13.04.2017)

Question No. 103 to the Minister of Finance

(By the Member for Point-a-Pierre)

Further to the response provided to a Prime Minister's Question on November 18, 2016, could the Minister identify the specific initiatives undertaken by the Government over the past 15 months to diversify the national economy?

(Answer due by 13.04.2017)

* Question No. 69 was deferred for two (2) weeks on April 05, 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 Minister concerned.

1. **To the Minister of Public Utilities:**
(By the Member for Tabaquite)

Given the severe water shortage across the country, could the Minister indicate whether there is a water rationing programme and a published nationwide schedule for water distribution?

2. **To the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:**
(By the Member for Caroni Central)

Given the escalating protests in Venezuela and the uncertainties that attend these, could the Minister inform this House of the Government's intentions as it concerns the best approach to bring the Dragonfield Project to fruition within the time frame identified by the Prime Minister during a previous sitting of this House?

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

Could the Minister confirm whether a 25 year old female died at the Sangre Grande Hospital a few days ago reportedly from septicemia due to the mis-diagnosis of a ruptured appendix?

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

Given that six months of the fiscal year 2017 elapsed at the end of February 2017, could the Minister indicate the date of his mid-year budget review?

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

Having regard to recent reports, were any complaints of rat infestation in the Golden Grove and Remand Yard prisons lodged with the Minister?

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

Could the Minister of Finance inform this House as to whether he intends to impose a property tax on citizens before the end of fiscal 2017?

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

Could the Minister advise how soon the person identified to assume the position of Chancellor of the University of the West Indies, is expected to take up the office?

8. **To the Minister of Works and Transport:**
(By the Member for Oropouche East)

Could the Minister outline the procurement process used, and cost incurred, to procure the two vessels announced at his press conference of April 19 2017?

9. **To the Prime Minister:**
(By the Member for Princes Town)

In light of recent reports that the Prime Minister held a private meeting over the Easter weekend with the President of the Tobago Chamber of Commerce over the sea bridge woes to Tobago, could the Prime Minister indicate why other important stakeholders such as the Chairman of the Inter Island Ferry Commission and others were not invited to be a part of those consultations?

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