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*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?

* Question No. 107 was deferred for two (2) weeks on April 12, 2017, one (1) week on April 28, 2017 and two (2) weeks on May 05, 2017. Question No. 114 was deferred for two weeks on May 05, 2017.

Question No. 114 to the Minister of Education**(By the Member for Naparima)**

Given the Minister's statement that laptops will be given to schools, could the Minister tell the House:

- a) the total number of computers distributed to date; and
- b) the number of computers received by each school?

Question No. 115 to the Minister of Public Utilities**(By the Member for Couva South)**

Could the Minister advise this House:

- a) the total backpay owed to the workers of the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission of the respective bargaining units; and
- b) the date that each sum at part (a) will be settled?

Question No. 116 to the Minister of Tourism**(By the Member for Couva South)**

Could the Minister advise this House:

- a) the commencement date of the manpower audit into the operations of the Tourism Development Company (TDC); and
- b) whether there has been any other audit into TDC's operations since September 07, 2015?

Question No. 117 to the Minister of Education**(By the Member for Couva South)**

Could the Minister inform this House when will the Aviation Campus, University of the Trinidad and Tobago located at Camdem Couva be opened and when will the first intake of students commence?

Question No. 118 to the Prime Minister**(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

Could the Prime Minister indicate the public servants and their respective positions and the technocrats from Trinidad and Tobago who accompanied him on his recent trip to Houston, Texas in April 2017?

Question No. 119 to the Minister of Works and Transport**(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

Could the Minister state the reasons why the Cabinet did not approve the recommendation of the Board of the Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the extension of a contract to ensure that the Superfast Galicia continued to service the people of Tobago?

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

(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 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 implement the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters which would make provision for the implementation of agreements between Trinidad and Tobago and other States to provide for the exchange of information for the purposes of taxation, and matters incidental thereto.”
(By the Minister of Finance)

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday April 28, 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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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 Tourism:**
(By the Member for Princes Town)

In light of the justifiable public interest surrounding a phone bill of \$59,601.60 incurred by the Minister during an official trip to the Bahamas, could the Minister indicate whether this bill has to date been paid?

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

With respect to a telephone bill amounting to some \$59,000 which was incurred by the Minister during an official four-day overseas trip, would the Minister advise this House as to whether any time frame was given by TSTT for a conclusive report on the query as requested by the Minister into the matter?

3. **To the Minister of Works and Transport:**
(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)

Can the Minister state the rationale given by the Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for shortlisting the MV La Caracola to service the sea-bridge between Trinidad and Tobago and how many proposals were submitted?

4. **To the Minister of Works and Transport:**
(By the Member for Couva North)

Could the Minister inform this House of the precise time frame for the acquisition of a third vessel to ease the seabridge woes between Trinidad and Tobago?

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

After the assurances given by the Honourable Minister at a the Sitting of this House of Representatives on Friday 28th April with reference to the provision of a Fire Tender at the Mayaro Fire Station, is the Minister aware that after one call out, the Tender has gone missing?

6. **To the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries:**
(By the Member for Mayaro)

Can the Minister advise what urgent steps are being taken to manage the locust invasion currently affecting areas in the Mayaro Constituency?

7. **To the Minister of Public Utilities:**
(By the Member for Oropouche West)

In light of the fiery protest action recently conducted by the residents of Morvant can the Minister indicate what action has been taking to rectify the situation?

8. **To the Minister of Health:**
(By the Member for Oropouche West)

With respect to reports of a rat infestation which led to the closure of the San Fernando Oncology Centre, can the Minister please indicate if the problem has been resolved?

9. **To the Attorney General:**
(By the Member for Couva South)

Could the Attorney General please advise this House as to which state agency and public official were responsible for the demolition of houses at Pine Avenue, Valencia?

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