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PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

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PETITIONS

PAPERS

1. The Audited Financial Statements of the University of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2013.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
2. The Administrative Report of the Ministry of Tertiary Education and Skills Training for the period October 2014 to September 2015.
(By the Minister of Education)
3. The Administrative Report of the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus for fiscal year 2014 to 2015.
(By the Minister of Education)
4. The Administrative Report of the University of Trinidad and Tobago for the period October 2014 to September 2015.
(By the Minister of Education)
5. The Administrative Report of the National Training Agency for fiscal year 2013 to 2014.
(By the Minister of Education)
6. The Administrative Report of the Youth Training and Employment Partnership Programme Limited for fiscal year 2014 to 2015.
(By the Minister of Education)

7. The Administrative Report of the National Institute of Higher Education (Research, Science and Technology) for fiscal year 2014 to 2015.

(By the Minister of Education)

8. The Administrative Report of the Ministry of National Security for the fiscal year 2014.

(By the Minister of National Security)

9. The Annual Report on the Operation of the Interception of Communications Act, Chap. 15:08 for the year 2013.

(By the Minister of National Security)

10. The Annual Report on the Operation of the Interception of Communications Act, Chap. 15:08 for the year 2014.

(By the Minister of National Security)

11. The Annual Report of the Integrity Commission for the year 2016.

(By the Deputy Speaker)

12. The Annual Administrative Report of the Ministry of Science and Technology for the period October 01, 2014 to September 30, 2015.

(By the Minister of Public Administration and Communications)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 127 to the Minister of Education

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister state when the review of the National Test 2018 will be completed and the report submitted?

Question No. 128 to the Minister of Finance

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Having regard to citizens' concerns about high food prices due to the unavailability of the US currency, could the Minister state:

- a) whether there is a US currency shortage; and
- b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, what are the measures being implemented to alleviate this problem?

Question No. 129 to the Minister of Public Utilities

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister provide the breakdown of outstanding payments owed to the National Gas Company by the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission?

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 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 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)

2. 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)

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

(By the Attorney General)

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

(By the Attorney General)

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

(By the Attorney General)

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

(By the Attorney General)

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

(By the Attorney General)

8. 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 May 26, 2017 will be resumed:**

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)

2. **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)

3. **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)

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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 Couva North)

Could the Minister inform this House of the next step in the impasse between Tourism Development Company/Communication Workers' Union and Ministry of Tourism since the Industrial Court decision?

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

With the statement today by the President of the Principal's Association of Special Needs Schools, that no schools have been paid since the beginning of this academic year which conflicts with the Minister's statement that two (2) schools have received payment, can the Minister give an assurance to this House that he will make a statement to this House at the next sitting clarifying this inconsistency?

3. **To the Minister of Finance:**
(By the Member for Chaguanas East)

Is the Minister aware that for the years 2013 and 2014, the National Insurance Board paid out more money in benefits than it is collecting from contributions, while, for the year 2015 there was a small surplus of \$45,000.00?

4. **To the Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs:**
(By the Member for Princes Town)

In light of the Prime Minister's recent call for the President of the Organisation of American States (OAS) to step down, could the Minister indicate whether the Government has directed the Trinidad and Tobago representative to the OAS to move a motion calling for member states to agree to have the President of the OAS removed or resign?

5. **To the Attorney General:**
(By the Member for Oropouche West)

In light of recent comments made by the Minister of National Security in relation to mobile scanners to be utilized by the Customs and Excise Division, which are in Trinidad but not

operational, could the Attorney General state the legal issues and the cause of the delay to resolving same?

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