



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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## ORDER PAPER FRIDAY JUNE 23, 2017: 1:30 P.M

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1. The Audited Financial Statements of the Point Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation Limited for the financial year ended December 31, 2016.

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

2. The Audited Financial Statements of EXIMBANK for the financial year ended December 31, 2016.

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

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

1. The Second Report of the Joint Select Committee on Land and Physical Infrastructure for the Second Session (2016/2017) of the Eleventh Parliament on an Inquiry into the Allocation and Utilisation of State Lands for Food Production.

**(By the Member for Diego Martin Central)**

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

**Questions for Oral Answer**

**\*Question No. 135 to the Minister of Public Administration and Communications****(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

With respect to the Ministry's Media Release dated April 23, 2017 entitled "Measures to deal with public service pension payments," could the Minister state whether similar measures will be implemented for the payment of gratuity for contract officers in the public service?

**Question No. 152 to the Minister of Finance****(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

Could the Minister state whether Caribbean Airlines is still subsidized by the Government and if yes, provide the steps being taken to make the company self-sufficient?

**Question No. 153 to the Minister of National Security****(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

Based on social unrest plaguing Venezuela coupled with media reports of Venezuelan nationals attempting to seek refuge in Trinidad and Tobago, could the Minister state the measures in place to safeguard our borders from an influx of immigrants?

**Question No. 154 to the Minister of Trade and Industry****(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

Could the Minister provide an update (inclusive of whether the agreement is still active or was a one-off purchase) on the Bilateral Commercial Agreements between Trinidad and Tobago's local manufacturers and the Corporación Venezolana de Comercio Exterior (CORPOVEX) which led to Venezuela purchasing over US\$50 million in goods?

**Question No. 161 to the Minister of National Security****(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

In light of revelations by the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) that the car parks of shopping malls and hospitals are the main hunting grounds for car thieves, will the Minister be embarking on any initiatives to strengthen the TTPS presence at shopping malls and hospitals?

**Question No. 162 to the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs****(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

With respect to the Opening Ceremony for the Brian Lara Cricket Academy, could the Minister provide:

- a) the total cost;
- b) the total profit generated; and
- c) the rental cost of the facilities for private entities?

**Question No. 163 to the Minister of Tourism****(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

In light of the Minister's comments that the Government will be focusing on tourism as a major forex generator, could the Minister indicate:

- a) the status of the "Sandals Tobago" project; and
- b) the projects that are scheduled for completion in fiscal 2017?

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\* Question No. 135 was deferred for two (2) weeks on June 09, 2017.

**Question No. 164 to the Minister of Education****(By the Member for Chaguanas East)**

Could the Minister provide the total amount spent to date for fiscal 2017 on the School Improvement Project – Laventille Community?

**Question No. 165 to the Minister of Education****(By the Member for Chaguanas East)**

Could the Minister state whether there are current plans to reduce the staff and campuses of the University of Trinidad and Tobago for the academic years 2018 – 2020?

**Question No. 166 to the Minister of Education****(By the Member for Chaguanas East)**

Could the Minister state how much has been expended on the University of Trinidad and Tobago, Tamana Campus, from its inception to date, inclusive of costs for construction?

**Question No. 169 to the Prime Minister****(By the Member for Princes Town)**

With respect to the ongoing restoration works at Stollmeyers Castle, could the Prime Minister state for what purpose will this building be used upon completion?

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

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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 in progress on Wednesday June 14, 2017 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50 to introduce a system of traffic violations for certain breaches of the Act, to provide for the

implementation of a red-light camera system, a demerit points system and the reform of the fixed penalty system and related legal proceedings and other related matters”.

**(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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APPENDIXORDER PAPER FRIDAY JUNE 23, 2017QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWERQuestion No. 150 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries

**(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

Given that \$18 million was allocated to the Ministry for the use and development of projects in renewable energy in fiscal 2017, could the Minister state:

- a) details on the money expended to date; and
- b) the projects undertaken in the past year to facilitate renewable energy?

**(Answer due by 17.06.2017)**



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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 Social Development and Family Services:**  
(By the Member for Couva North)

Could the Minister state whether there is going to be a fast tracking process for the issuing of grants for those families affected by Tropical Storm Bret?

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

Could the Minister state when will the natural watercourses and major rivers be dredged and cleaned across Trinidad and Tobago in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Bret?

3. **To the Minister of Housing and Urban Development:**  
(By the Member for Oropouche East)

Could the Minister indicate what emergency actions have been taken to expedite the provision of housing repair grants to citizens badly affect by Tropical Storm Bret?

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

Could the Minister state the measures that are being taken to ensure there is equity, transparency, fair play and probity in the distribution of funds to victims of Tropical Storm Bret?

5. **To the Minister of Health:**  
(By the Member for Caroni East)

Could the Minister state the measures that are being taken to effectively address the issues affecting workers of the Dietary Department of the Port of Spain General Hospital that led to a protest by the employees on June 22, 2017?



6. **To the Minister of Works and Transport:**  
**(By the Member for Chaguanas West)**

In light of the severe flooding and widespread dislocation caused by Tropical Storm Bret, could the Minister state what measures will be taken by his Ministry to mitigate the adverse effects and impact of flooding in Trinidad and Tobago during the current rainy season?

7. **To the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts:**  
**(By the Member for Princes Town)**

Could the Minister inform this House what form of assistance will the National Commission for Self Help Limited be providing to persons whose homes were severely affected by Tropical Storm Bret?

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

Could the Minister state the urgent measures that would be undertaken to address the outfalls of the Wymair and Caroni rivers to mitigate against flooding in El Carmen, St Helena, Kelly Village and Warrenville?

9. **To the Minister of National Security:**  
**(By the Member for Couva North)**

Could the Minister state why the Government has not declared flood-affected areas of south, east and central Trinidad disaster zones?

10. **To the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government:**  
**(By the Member for Couva North)**

Could the Minister state when will funds be disbursed for the clearing of minor drains and watercourses?

11. **To the Minister of Social Development and Family Services:**  
**(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

Could the Minister outline the emergency mechanisms in place to provide grants and other relief to the hard hit areas in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Bret?

12. **To the Minister of National Security:**  
**(By the Member for Couva North)**

Does the Minister have any plans to re-introduce the National Operations Centre (NOC) in light of the failure by the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM) to effectively coordinate effective relief strategies to the affected citizens?

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