



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

THIRD SESSION
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ORDER PAPER

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PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

PETITIONS

PAPERS

1. The Audited Financial Statements of the Educational Facilities Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2014.
(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 the National Quarries Company Limited for the year ended September 30, 2010.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
3. The Audited Financial Statements of the National Quarries Company Limited for the year ended September 30, 2011.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
4. The Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Tourism Business Development Limited for the year ended December 31, 2016.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
5. The Annual Report of the Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2017.
(By the Minister of Finance)
6. The Report of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago on Insurance and Pensions for the year ended December 31, 2015.
(By the Minister of Finance)

7. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of National Security to the Fifth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity on the Examination of the Human Rights of Remandees at Remand Prisons.

(By the Minister of National Security)

8. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs to the Second Report of the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee on an Examination of the Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on a Special Audit of the Operations of the Sports Company of Trinidad and Tobago with particular reference to the development and upgrading of Sporting Facilities in Trinidad.

(By the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs)

9. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development to the Fifth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an Examination into the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development with specific reference to Accountability and Transparency, Inventory Control, Internal Audit, Sub-Head 02 - Goods and Services, Sub-Head 03 - Minor Equipment Purchases, Sub-Head 09 Development Programme – Consolidated Fund and Infrastructure Development Fund.

(By the Minister of Housing and Urban Development)

10. The Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation (Vesting) (Amendment to the First Schedule) (No. 6) Order, 2017.

(By the Minister of Housing and Urban Development)

11. The Annual Report of the Legal Aid and Advisory Authority for the year 2012/2013.

(By the Attorney General)

12. The Administrative Report of the National Library and Information System Authority for the fiscal year 2015 to 2016.

(By the Minister of Public Administration and Communications)

13. The Additional Information relating to the Administrative Report of the former Ministry of Arts and Multiculturalism for the period 2014/2015.

(By the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

1. The Seventh Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an Examination into the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs with specific reference to Follow-up to the First Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee and Current Expenditure Related to Official Travel to Tobago.

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

2. The Eighth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an Examination into the Ministry of Education with specific reference to Inventory Control, Internal Audit, Sub-Head 02 – Goods and Services, Sub-Head 03 – Minor Equipment Purchases, Sub-Head 04 – Current Transfers and Subsidies, Sub-Head 09 – Development Programme – Consolidated Fund and Infrastructure Development Fund.

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Written Answer appear in Appendix I

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 52 to the Minister of Education

(By the Member for Princes Town)

Could the Minister state whether construction of Princes Town Presbyterian 1 Primary School will commence in this financial year?

Question No. 53 to the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts

(By the Member for Princes Town)

Could the Minister indicate the number of grants from the National Commission for Self-Help Limited that were disbursed to flood-affected citizens during the months of September, October and November 2017?

Question No. 54 to the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts

(By the Member for Princes Town)

Could the Minister indicate whether the forensic audit into Pan Trinbago has been completed?

Question No. 56 to the Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Naparima)

Could the Minister state whether the Ministry has sought to investigate reports that citizens of Trinidad and Tobago are currently being held at an Iraqi detention camp?

Question No. 57 to the Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Naparima)

Given the number of crimes against the elderly and women, could the Minister state:

- a) whether non-lethal forms of defense such as stun guns are being considered;
- b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, whether legislation is expected to implement non-lethal forms of defense; and
- c) if the answer to (a) is in the negative, state the reasons non-lethal forms of defense are not being considered?

Question No. 58 to the Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs

(By the Member for Naparima)

Could the Minister provide the expected date for outstanding payment of terminal benefits to former diplomats who demitted office after September 2015?

Question No. 61 to the Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Is the Minister aware of the presence of illegal migrants in Trinidad and Tobago and if so, what actions have been taken to monitor and prevent the illegal smuggling of migrants to Trinidad and Tobago?

Question No. 62 to the Minister of Education**(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

Could the Minister indicate the actions initiated by his Ministry to curtail secondary school bullying?

Question No. 64 to the Minister of Finance**(By the Member for Couva South)**

Could the Minister indicate the measures which will be implemented by the National Insurance Board of Trinidad and Tobago (NIBTT) to increase its income in light of the pronouncement that NIBTT's total expenditure is projected to exceed its contribution and investment income by 2019-2020?

Question No. 65 to the Minister of National Security**(By the Member for Naparima)**

Could the Minister indicate whether there are systems in place for identifying and repatriating illegal immigrants who enter Trinidad and Tobago through the "back door"?

Question No. 66 to the Minister of Public Utilities**(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)**

Is the Minister aware that the Trinidad and Tobago Postal Service (TTPOST) has stopped delivering registered mail and is further directing customers to obtain this service through the private mailing company DHL, which is located at TTPOST centres at higher rates?

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

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**Motions:**

1. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5A of the Dental Profession Act, Chap. 29:54 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") that the Minister may by Order, after consultation with the Council, amend the Schedule by adding thereto or deleting therefrom any University, College or other Institution;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by the said section 5A of the Act that every Order made under this section shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS the Dental Profession (Amendment to the Schedule) Order, 2017 was made by the Minister under section 5A of the Act on the 10th day of November, 2017;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the said Order:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Dental Profession (Amendment to the Schedule) Order, 2017 be approved.

(By the Minister of Health)

2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House consider the findings and recommendations of the Thirty-Eighth and Thirty-Ninth Annual Reports 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 Friday December 15, 2017 will be resumed:**

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)

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

(By the Attorney General)

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

(By the Attorney General)

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

(By the Attorney General)

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

(By the Attorney General)

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House adopt the Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to consider and report on the Insurance Bill, 2016.

(By the Member for Diego Martin North/East)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** climate change is a matter of global concern which threatens the wellbeing of the earth;

AND WHEREAS small island states and coastal states are especially susceptible to the impact of climate change;

AND WHEREAS the Caribbean region has recently experienced heavy rainfall and devastating hurricanes and Trinidad and Tobago experienced heavy rainfall that led to widespread flooding;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House agree that the Government develop a holistic national response to climate change inclusive of solutions to perennial flooding in Trinidad and Tobago.

(By the Member for Caroni Central)

2. **WHEREAS** there has been a noticeable decline in the level of investment in Trinidad and Tobago;

AND WHEREAS there has also been a failure by the Government to create job opportunities;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House take note of the failure of the Government to present a viable plan to diversify the economy and to place Trinidad and Tobago on the path of sustainable growth.

(By the Member for Chaguanas East)

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APPENDIX I**ORDER PAPER FRIDAY JANUARY 12, 2018****QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER****Question No. 31 to the Minister of Tourism****(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

With regards to the Sandals Tobago Project, could the Minister state:

- a) the date the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed;
- b) the location that the MOU was signed; and
- c) the list of persons that signed the MOU on behalf of the parties to the agreement?

(Answer due by 09.12.2017)**Question No. 32 to the Minister of Tourism****(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

Could the Minister provide the terms of the agreement signed between the Government and Sandals Resorts International?

(Answer due by 09.12.2017)**Question No. 33 to the Minister of Tourism****(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

Could the Minister indicate the incentives and/or facilities that were extended to the Sandals Resorts inclusive of taxation, land, environment, labour and financing?

(Answer due by 09.12.2017)**Question No. 34 to the Prime Minister****(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

Could the Prime Minister indicate whether expressions of interest were sought from any other resort developers or operators, apart from Sandals, for the resort and hotel development project in Tobago?

(Answer due by 09.12.2017)**Question No. 35 to the Prime Minister****(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

Could the Prime Minister outline the process by which Sandals Resorts International was procured as the operator or developer for the resort and hotel development project in Tobago?

(Answer due by 09.12.2017)**Question No. 36 to the Minister of Tourism****(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

Could the Minister indicate the name and directors of the special purpose company used to hold the parcel of land known as "No Man's Land" in Tobago?

(Answer due by 09.12.2017)



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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 Ministers concerned.

**1. To the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:
(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

Can the Minister indicate whether or not the "fake oil" scandal which resulted in two completed investigative reports has been referred to the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service?

**2. To the Minister of National Security:
(By the Member for Naparima)**

Given the recent attempted murder/suicide, among others, of Drupatee Sankar by her ex-husband Bishnu Sankar, what plans are in place to ensure that restraining orders are better enforced to more effectively protect vulnerable women of our country?

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

Based on recent reports which stated that the Ministry was scheduled to begin road works on the Sixth Company Road in New Grant village after residents had undertaken protest action for the second time in one week to highlight its deplorable condition, can the Minister state if it is the Policy of the Ministry to only undertake repairs to roads which are in dire need of attention after protest action has been taken by citizens?

**4. To the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:
(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

Based on recent reports which stated that the Oilfield Workers Trade Union (OWTU) has warned Government against retrenchment of workers in its planned Restructuring of PETROTRIN, can the Minister state if there would be any job losses at PETROTRIN as a result of its restructuring plans at the state-owned oil company?

**5. To the Minister of Finance:
(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

Based on recent reports to the effect that the Government has recently purchased a new passenger ferry which is expected to arrive in Trinidad and Tobago in the two months to service the sea-bridge, can the Minister provide this House with information relating to the final cost of the ferry, its age and its passenger and cargo capacity?

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