

### **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

THIRD SESSION
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## ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY MARCH 23, 2018: 1:30 P.M.

**PRAYERS** 

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

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**PETITIONS** 

**PAPERS** 

1. The Audited Financial Statements of Caribbean Airlines Limited (CAL) for the financial year ended December 31, 2014.

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

2. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the National Agricultural Marketing and Development Corporation 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)

3. The Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Rules, 2018.

(By the Attorney General)

4. The Family Proceedings (Amendment) Rules, 2018.

(By the Attorney General)

5. The Children Court Rules, 2018.

(By the Attorney General)

6. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries to the Twelfth 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 2016.

(By the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries)

7. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries to the Fourteenth 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 2016 with specific reference to the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries.

#### (By the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

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URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

#### Questions for Written Answer will appear in Appendix I

**Questions for Oral Answer** 

#### \*Question No. 123 to the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries

#### (By the Member for Mayaro)

With respect to the recent sale of the Carlsen Field Rice Mill, could the Minister indicate:

- a) the name of the buyer;
- b) whether the sale was made via public/open tender;
- c) the number of offers received;
- d) the names of the bidders;
- e) the final sale price; and
- f) the name of the person or entity that had ownership and control of the Mill, prior to its sale?

#### \*Question No. 126 to the Minister of Finance

#### (By the Member for Couva South)

Could the Minister inform this House the total amount owed to private construction companies?

#### \*Question No. 129 to the Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs

#### (By the Member for Naparima)

Could the Minister state:

- a) the number of full scholarships, training and staff exchange programs offered by foreign Governments and multilateral organizations since September 2015;
- b) the number of these offers that were not accepted;
- c) the areas of training involved; and
- d) the reasons for not accepting the offers in part (b)?

#### \*Question No. 132 to the Minister of Works and Transport

#### (By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)

Could the Minister outline the major landslides in Trinidad and Tobago as at January 31, 2018 and the Ministry's plans for immediate works?

#### \*Question No. 133 to the Minister of Works and Transport

<sup>\*</sup> Question Nos. 123, 126, 129, 132 and 133 were deferred for two (2) weeks on Friday March 09, 2018.

#### (By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)

Could the Minister provide a list of the major roads and highways that are scheduled for repaving?

#### Question No. 136 to the Minister of Education

#### (By the Member for Oropouche West)

In light of reports of the closure of University of Trinidad and Tobago's Campus at the Southern Academy for Performing Arts, could the Minister indicate:

- a) whether administrative and teaching staff will be affected;
- b) the number of students affected; and
- c) whether the Ministry plans to provide room, board, transportation and funding to the students from south Trinidad who will now have to travel to other campuses?

#### Question No. 137 to the Prime Minister

#### (By the Member for Oropouche West)

Further to the response provided to Question No. 78 on April 01, 2016, could the Minister confirm whether the Sexual Offender Registry was created?

#### Question No. 141 to the Minister of Works and Transport

#### (By the Member for Couva North)

Could the Minister indicate the urgent steps being taken in the short term to ensure a more reliable passenger and cargo service between Trinidad and Tobago?

#### Question No. 142 to the Minister of National Security

#### (By the Member for Couva North)

Could the Minister inform this House of the new crime fighting initiatives to mitigate the increased monthly murder rate since January 2018?

#### Question No. 143 to the Minister of Trade and Industry

#### (By the Member for Couva North)

Could the Minister provide this House with a breakdown of the construction and refurbishment costs of the swimming pool at the Hilton Hotel?

#### Question No. 149 to the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs

#### (By the Member for Princes Town)

Could the Minister indicate the total number and names of the dismissed employees of the Sport Company of Trinidad and Tobago who have filed legal action against the Company since September 30, 2015?

#### Question No. 150 to the Minister of Trade and Industry

#### (By the Member for Princes Town)

Could the Minister state the foreign exchange generated by the Trinidad Hilton in 2017?

#### Question No. 151 to the Minister of Education

#### (By the Member for Princes Town)

Could the Minister state the expected date for the commencement of construction at the Princes Town Presbyterian No. 1 Primary School?

#### Question No. 161 to the Minister of Public Administration and Communications

#### (By the Member for Fyzabad)

Could the Minister state:

- a) whether the refurbished building located at the old Hilo site in Apex, Fyzabad is owned by the State; and
- b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, state the Ministry's plans for the utilization of this abandoned building?

#### Question No. 162 to the Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development

#### (By the Member for Fyzabad)

Could the Minister provide this House with a status update on the proposed Heroes Museum in Fyzabad?

#### Question No. 167 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries

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

Could the Minister state:

- a) whether the Ministry plans to issue a competitive bid round for hydrocarbon prospects; and
- b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, state whether the competitive bid rounds were completed?

#### Question No. 168 to the Minister of Health

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

With regard to the non-payment of the annual subvention to the Cancer Society for the past three (3) years, could the Minister state the reasons for the non-payment and the expected date that subvention will issued?

#### Question No. 169 to the Minister of Tourism

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

Could the Minister state the number of tourist arrivals to Trinidad and Tobago for the periods:

- a) January 1, 2016 to February 28, 2016;
- b) January 1, 2017 to February 28, 2017; and
- c) January 1, 2018 to February 28, 2018?

#### **Question No. 175 to the Attorney General:**

#### (By the Member for Fyzabad)

Could the Minister state whether there are safety rules/regulations/laws in place to protect citizens who participate in jet skiing, parasailing and other watersport activities?

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

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

#### **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

#### **Motions:**

1. The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday February 23, 2018 will be resumed:

**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)

2. **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)

#### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

#### **Motions:**

1. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 34(1) of the Administration of Justice (Deoxyribonucleic Acid) Act, 2012 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") that the Minister may make Regulations for the purpose of giving effect to this Act, and all such other matters and things as may appear necessary or expedient or are required to be prescribed for effectively carrying into operation the provisions of the Act:

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 34(2), that Regulations made under the Act shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament:

**AND WHEREAS** the Minister of National Security has on the 5th day of March, 2018 made the Administration of Justice (Deoxyribonucleic Acid) Regulations, 2018:

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient that the Administration of Justice (Deoxyribonucleic Acid)

Regulations, 2018 now be affirmed:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Administration of Justice (Deoxyribonucleic Acid) Regulations, 2018 be approved.

(By the Attorney General)

- 2. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 53(1)(a),(d),(e),(f) and (g) of the Children's Community Residences, Foster Care and Nurseries Act, Chap. 46:04 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") that the Authority may, with the approval of the Minister, make Regulations for, *inter alia*,
  - (a) the management of any community residence...;
  - (d) the imposition of requirements as to the accommodation and equipment to be provided in residences, foster homes and nurseries;
  - (e) the medical arrangements to be made for protecting the health of the children in Community Residences and foster homes;
  - (f) the provision of information to the Authority by the Managers as to the facilities provided for the parents or guardians of children in Community Residences and foster homes, to visit and communicate with the children and where not provided to authorise the Authority to give directions as to the provision of such facilities; and
  - (g) all such matters and things...for effectively carrying into operation the provisions of the Act:

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 53(2) of the Act that Regulations made under this section shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament:

**AND WHEREAS** the Children's Community Residences (Children's Homes) Regulations, 2018 were made by the Authority under section 53(1) of the Act on the 20th day of February, 2018 and approved by the Minister on the 5th day of March, 2018:

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Regulations:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Children's Community Residences (Children's Homes) Regulations, 2018 be approved.

(By the Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister)

- 3. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 53(1)(a),(d),(e),(f) and (g) of the Children's Community Residences, Foster Care and Nurseries Act, Chap. 46:04 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") that the Authority may, with the approval of the Minister, make Regulations for, *inter alia*,
  - (a) the management of any Community Residence...;
  - (d) the imposition of requirements as to the accommodation and equipment to be provided in residences, foster homes and nurseries;
  - (e) the medical arrangements to be made for protecting the health of the children in Community Residences and foster homes;
  - (f) the provision of information to the Authority by the Managers as to the facilities provided for the parents or guardians of children in Community Residences and foster homes, to visit and communicate with the children and where not provided to authorise the Authority to give directions as to the provision of such facilities; and
  - (g) all such matters and things...for effectively carrying into operation the provisions of the Act:

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 53(2) of the Act that Regulations made under this section shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament:

**AND WHEREAS** the Children's Community Residences (Rehabilitation Centres) Regulations, 2018 were made by the Authority under section 53 of the Act on the 20th day of February, 2018 and approved by the Minister on the 5th day of March, 2018:

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Regulations:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Children's Community Residences (Rehabilitation Centres) Regulations, 2018 be approved.

(By the Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister)

4. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate amendments to the Miscellaneous Provisions (Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, Proceeds of Crime, Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago, Customs and Exchange Control) Bill, 2017 listed in Appendix I be now considered.

(By the Attorney General)

5. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House consider the findings and recommendations of the Thirty-Eighth, Thirty-Ninth and Fortieth Annual Reports of the Ombudsman.

(By the Leader of the House)

6. The debate on the following Motion which was adjourned on Friday February 02, 2018 will be resumed:

**WHEREAS** section 123 (3) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Chap. 1:01 ("the Act") provides that the Police Service Commission shall submit to the President a list of the names of the persons nominated for appointment to the office of Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner of Police;

**AND WHEREAS** section 123 (4) of the Act provides that the President shall issue a Notification in respect of each person nominated under subsection (3) and the Notification shall be subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives;

**AND WHEREAS** the Police Service Commission has submitted to the President the name **Mr. Deodat Dulalchan** as the person nominated for appointment to the office of Commissioner of Police;

**AND WHEREAS** the President has on the 26th day of January, 2018 issued a Notification in respect of the nomination;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the Notification:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Notification of the President of the nomination by the Police Service Commission of **Mr. Deodat Dulalchan** to the office of Commissioner of Police be approved.

(By the Leader of the House)

7. **WHEREAS** section 123 (3) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Chap. 1:01 ("the Act") provides that the Police Service Commission shall submit to the President a list of the names of the persons nominated for appointment to the office of Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner of Police;

**AND WHEREAS** section 123 (4) of the Act provides that the President shall issue a Notification in respect of each person nominated under subsection (3) and the Notification shall be subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives;

**AND WHEREAS** the Police Service Commission has submitted to the President the name **Mr. Deodat Dulalchan** as the person nominated for appointment to the office of Deputy Commissioner of Police;

**AND WHEREAS** the President has on the 26th day of January, 2018 issued a Notification in respect of the nomination;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the Notification:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Notification of the President of the nomination by the Police Service Commission of **Mr. Deodat Dulalchan** to the office of Deputy Commissioner of Police be approved.

(By the Leader of the House)

8. **WHEREAS** section 123 (3) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Chap. 1:01 ("the Act") provides that the Police Service Commission shall submit to the President a list of the names of the persons nominated for appointment to the office of Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner of Police;

**AND WHEREAS** section 123 (4) of the Act provides that the President shall issue a Notification in respect of each person nominated under subsection (3) and the Notification shall be subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives;

**AND WHEREAS** the Police Service Commission has submitted to the President the name **Mr. Harold Phillip** as the person nominated for appointment to the office of Deputy Commissioner of Police;

**AND WHEREAS** the President has on the 26th day of January, 2018 issued a Notification in respect of the nomination;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the Notification:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Notification of the President of the nomination by the Police Service Commission of **Mr. Harold Phillip** to the office of Deputy Commissioner of Police be approved.

(By the Leader of the House)

#### **Bills Second Reading:**

1. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Interpretation Act, Chap. 3:01, the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, Chap. 4:01, the Summary Courts Act, Chap. 4:20, the Bail Act, Chap. 4:60, Administration of Justice (Deoxyribonucleic Acid) Act, Chap. 5:34, the Legal Aid and Advice Act, Chap. 7:07, the Child Rehabilitation Centre Act, Chap. 13:05, the Indictable Offences (Preliminary Enquiry) Act, Chap. 12:01, the Children Act, Chap. 46:01, the Children's Community Residences, Foster Care and Nurseries Act, Chap. 46:04, the Children's Authority Act, Chap. 46:10, and the Family and Children Division Act, 2016".

(By the Attorney General)

2. A Bill entitled, "An Act to make jurisdiction for criminal matters exercisable in a division of the High Court to be known as "the Criminal Division" and to make jurisdiction for criminal and traffic matters exercisable in a division of Summary Courts to be known as "the District Criminal and Traffic Courts" and to make provision for matters connected therewith".

(By the Attorney General)

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#### **APPENDIX I**

# The Miscellaneous Provisions (Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, Proceeds of Crime, Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago, Customs and Exchange Control) Bill, 2017

<u>List of Amendments made in the Senate at the Committee Stage of</u>
<u>the Miscellaneous Provisions (Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, Proceeds of Crime,</u>
<u>Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago, Customs and Exchange Control) Bill, 2017</u>
<u>on Tuesday March 13, 2018</u>

Clause	Extent of Amendments
4	A. In sub-clause (1) paragraph (e), by inserting after the words "any information" in sub-paragraph (2A), the following words:
	"and advise the person that they have a right against self-incrimination as guaranteed under section 5(1)(d) of the Constitution."
	B. (i) In sub-clause (2), insert a new paragraph (b) as follows:  "(b) in regulation 19(3) by inserting after the word "requested" the words "or provided of his own motion".
	(ii) Re-number the paragraphs accordingly.

Senate Secretariat March 14, 2018



## **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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# FRIDAY MARCH 23, 2018 1:30 P.M. 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 National Security: (By the Member for Oropouche East)

In the public interest, could the Minister inform this House whether the Minister of National Security is involved in a matter in a New York Court involving the allegations of exploitation, abuse and fraud?

#### 2. To the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs:

(By the Member for Oropouche East)

In the public interest and with reference to media reports, could the Attorney General indicate whether he has been the recipient of random searches, questioning and/or interrogation at any international airport since assuming Office?

### 3. To the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:

(By the Member for Oropouche East)

Could the Minister confirm whether, in the last 24 hours, the Board of Directors at PETROTRIN has selected Cabinet appointed directors to perform the jobs of executive managers at the company?

#### 4. To the Minister of Education:

(By the Member for Chaguanas East)

In view of the recent attack on the life of a student from Montrose Chaguanas, could the Minister state what plans have been put in place to increase security in and around schools in Chaguanas?

#### 5. To the Minister of Works and Transport:

(By the Member for Couva South)

Could the Minister inform this House of the current status of the lease of the Cabo Star which services the domestic sea bridge between Port of Spain and Scarborough?

# 6. To the Minister of Finance: (By the Member for Oropouche East)

In light of an announcement yesterday at the post Cabinet press conference, could the Minister indicate the source of funding for the new \$500 million terminal building and associated works at the ANR Robinson International Airport?

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