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ORDER PAPER

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PRAYERS

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1. The Notification of Her Excellency, the President in respect of the nomination of Ms. Bliss Seepersad, for appointment as a Member of the Police Service Commission.

(By the Leader of the House)

2. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Land Settlement Agency 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 Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Land Settlement Agency for the year ended September 30, 2011.

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

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

1. The Ninth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Local Authorities, Service Commissions and Statutory Authorities (including the THA), Third Session (2017/2018), Eleventh Parliament on an Inquiry into Certain Aspects of the Chaguaramas Development Authority.

(By the Member for Moruga/Tableland)

2. The Interim Report of the Special Select Committee established to consider and report on the process followed in relation to the Notifications pursuant to section 123 of the Constitution.

(By the Member for Laventille West)

3. The Interim Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Gambling (Gaming and Betting) Bill, 2016.

(By the Member for Diego Martin North/East)

4. The Interim Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Cybercrime Bill, 2017.

(By the Member for San Fernando West)

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Written Answer will appear in Appendix II

Questions for Oral Answer

***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?

Question No. 152 to the Minister of Education

(By the Member for Princes Town)

Could the Minister state the expected date for the re-commencement of construction work at the Parvati Girls College and Shiva Boys College?

Question No. 153 to the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts

(By the Member for Princes Town)

Could the Minister provide the number of National Commission for Self Help Limited grants disbursed since September 2017 for each region?

Question No. 154 to the Prime Minister

(By the Member for Princes Town)

Could the Prime Minister indicate whether Stollmeyer's Castle is earmarked to be used as the Office of the Prime Minister?

Question No. 176 to the Minister of Health

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

* Question Nos. 169 and 175 remained unanswered at the expiry of time allocated to Questions on Notice on Friday March 23, 2018. In accordance with S.O 29(10) it was agreed that the questions would be answered at the next sitting.

Could the Minister state whether the investigation into the collapse of the water tower at the Couva Children and Adult Hospital has been completed?

Question No. 177 to the Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Could the Minister state whether the Ministry has plans to increase the number of lifeguards in order to adequately patrol beaches throughout Trinidad and Tobago?

Question No. 178 to the Minister of Works and Transport

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Could the Minister indicate the expected date for the commencement of repair works on the four (4) non-functional sluice gates which contributed to the recent flooding in St. John Trace, Avocat?

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

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** section 122(3) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Chap. 1:01 ("the Act") provides that the President shall, after consultation with the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition nominate persons, who are qualified and experienced in the disciplines of law, finance, sociology or management, to be appointed as members of the Police Service Commission;

AND WHEREAS section 122(4) of the Act provides that the President shall issue a Notification in respect of each person nominated for appointment under subsection (3) and the Notification shall be subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives;

AND WHEREAS the President has nominated Ms. Bliss Seepersad to be appointed as a member of the Police Service Commission;

AND WHEREAS the President has on the 26th day of March, 2018 made a Notification in respect of the nomination;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the Notification:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Notification of the nomination of Ms. Bliss Seepersad as a member of the Police Service Commission be approved.

(By the Leader of the House)

2. **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)

3. **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)

4. **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)

5. **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)

6. **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)

7. **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)

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. 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)

9. **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)

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday March 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)

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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

List of Amendments made in the Senate at the Committee Stage of

the Miscellaneous Provisions (Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, Proceeds of Crime, Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago, Customs and Exchange Control) Bill, 2017 on Tuesday March 13, 2018

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

Senate Secretariat
March 14, 2018

APPENDIX II

ORDER PAPER WEDNESDAY MARCH 28, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Question No. 144 to the Minister of Works and Transport

(By the Member for Couva North)

Could the Minister inform this House of the expected date(s) for maintenance works to clean, dredge and desilt rivers, ravines and natural watercourses throughout the country in order to mitigate against flooding during the upcoming rainy season?

(Answer due by 28.03.2018)

Question No. 155 to the Minister of Education**(By the Member for Fyzabad)**

Could the Minister provide the absenteeism rate for the past ten (10) years on Ash Wednesday for staff and students at each school in Trinidad and Tobago?

(Answer due by 28.03.2018)

Question No. 158 to the Minister of Health**(By the Member for Fyzabad)**

Could the Minister provide the annual number of deliveries and maternal deaths at each of hospital for the period 2008 to 2017?

(Answer due by 28.03.2018)

Question No. 159 to the Minister of Health**(By the Member for Fyzabad)**

Could the Minister provide:

- a) the annual number of perinatal and neonatal deaths by cause for all births at each public hospital for the period 2008 to 2010 and the year 2017; and
- b) the annual number of perinatal and neonatal deaths by cause for all births at each private hospital for the period 2011 to 2017?

(Answer due by 28.03.2018)

Question No. 160 to the Minister of Health**(By the Member for Fyzabad)**

Could the Minister provide this House with the job description and terms and conditions of employment for the Director of Women's Health?

(Answer due by 28.03.2018)

Question No. 170 to the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts**(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

Could the Minister provide a list of the names and the total value of the grants received by each non-governmental organisation, stakeholder group/individual who received grants to assist with activities related to Carnival 2018?

(Answer due by 28.03.2018)

Question No. 171 to the Minister of Finance**(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

With regard to sponsorship and grants provided by the National Lotteries Control Board (NLCB) to assist with activities related to Carnival 2018, could the Minister provide:

- a) the total amount spent by the NLCB for sponsorship and grants related to Carnival 2018; and
- b) the list of the names of all entities (inclusive of non-governmental organisations, groups, individuals and schools) which received NLCB funding related to Carnival 2018?

(Answer due by 28.03.2018)

Question No. 172 to the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts

(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)

Could the Minister state;

- a) the names and the total value of the remuneration package of each member of the National Carnival Commission (NCC) Board; and
- b) whether the Chairman of NCC is an executive position?

(Answer due by 28.03.2018)

Question No. 173 to the Minister of Trade and Industry

(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)

According to the Budget Statement 2018 in order for existing established manufacturers to qualify for access to a foreign exchange facility licensed under EximBank, there must be an agreement to repatriate a suitable amount of their foreign exchange earnings, could the Minister state:

- a) the expected amount of foreign exchange that manufacturers are expected to repatriate in order to access this facility; and
- b) the name of the companies that have utilised this facility during the period October 2017 to February 2018?

(Answer due by 28.03.2018)

Question No. 174 to the Minister of Trade and Industry

(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)

Could the Minister state:

- a) the criteria for a manufacturing firm to qualify for the Grant Funding Facility (GFF); and
- b) the number and names of manufacturing firms that have utilised this facility to date?

(Answer due by 28.03.2018)

Question No. 179 to the Minister of Works and Transport

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Could the Minister provide a list of the water courses that were desilted within the constituency of Fyzabad for the fiscal year 2018 to date?

(Answer due by 28.03.2018)



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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 Works and Transport:**
(By the Member for Princes Town)

In light of the fire that caused the Water Taxi to shut down on the high seas to Tobago yesterday, could the Minister indicate if any of the passengers on board had to be taken for immediate medical attention?

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

Could the Minister indicate the state of health of the six (6) persons from the Cabo Star who reportedly had to seek medical attention in Tobago, and the nature of the contributing factors during transportation which led to their illness?

3. **To the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs:**
(By the Member for Princes Town)

In light of recent media reports surrounding the payment of \$150,000.00 for a claim brought against the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs under a non-disclosure agreement, could the Minister indicate what is the Ministry's policy regarding settlement of claims using tax payers' money?

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

Could the Minister indicate the rank of the Ministry official against whom a claim was brought which resulted in the settlement of \$150,000.00 of tax payers' money under trade of dispute?

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

Did the Attorney General speak to lawyers representing the interest of fraud accused and Minister Edmund Ernest Dillion in a property dispute case in his capacity as Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago?

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

Could the Minister indicate which organizations will receive state funding for the Spiritual Baptist holiday and the sums if any?

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

Can the Minister indicate whether the vessels on the Water Taxi service from Port of Spain to San Fernando are suitable and safe to operate the sea bridge between Tobago and Trinidad?

8. **To the Attorney General:**
(By the Member for Princes Town)

In light of recent information in the public domain regarding the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs settling a claim of sexual harassment against a former employee with a non-disclosure agreement, could the attorney general say what is the government's policy as it relates to non-disclosure and or trade of dispute clauses when Expending tax payers money to settle claims brought against Ministry personnel?

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