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PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

PETITIONS

PAPERS

1. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Mayor's Fund of the San Fernando City Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2016.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
2. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Chaguaramas Development Authority for the year ended September 30, 2014.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
3. The Consolidated Audited Financial Statements of First Citizens Bank Limited and its Subsidiaries for the financial year ended September 30, 2017.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
4. The 30th Annual Report of the Integrity Commission of Trinidad and Tobago for the year 2017.
(By the Deputy Speaker)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Oral Answer

***Question No. 145 to the Minister of National Security**

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Could the Minister provide the reasons the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service did not provide the contractual agreements for repairs and servicing of police vehicles totaling \$564,882.25, as stated in the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year 2016?

***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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 180 to the Minister of Works and Transport

(By the Member for Couva South)

* Question No. 145 was deferred for two (2) weeks on March 21, 2018 and Question Nos. 126, 141, 150, 161, 167 and 168 were deferred for two (2) weeks on March 23, 2018.

Subsequent to the Ministry's tour of the Couva South Constituency on August 5, 2017, could the Minister state the expected commencement date for repairs to the fourteen landslips along the Indian Trail Road?

Question No. 181 to the Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

With regard to the drowning incident involving a senior citizen on February 12, 2018 at Maracas Bay, could the Minister state:

- a) the number of lifeguards assigned to work on the beach on that date; and
- b) the number of lifeguards who reported for duty on that date?

Question No. 182 to the Minister of Housing and Urban Development

(By the Member for Oropouche East)

With regard to the construction of Housing Development Corporation housing at the St. Augustine nurseries, could the Minister state whether statutory approvals have been granted from:

- a) the Environmental Management Authority;
- b) the Town and Country Planning Division; and
- c) the Regional Corporation?

Question No. 183 to the Minister of Tourism

(By the Member for Oropouche East)

Given the response to House of Representatives Question No. 32 on January 26, 2018, could the Minister indicate whether Sandals International has broken the "strict confidentiality provisions" in the non-binding agreement by disclosing information relating to its preconditions for investment?

Question No. 184 to the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government

(By the Member for Oropouche East)

Could the Minister indicate the policy approach of the Community-Based Environmental Protection and Enhancement Programme to treat with the increase in litigation by unpaid contractors?

Question No. 186 to the Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister state:

- a) the current number of Juvenile Detention Suites in the nine (9) police divisions;
- b) whether the Ministry has any plans to construct Juvenile Detention Suites for fiscal 2018; and
- c) the estimated cost of construction, if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative?

Question No. 187 to the Minister of Works and Transport

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

In relation to the four landslips along the San Francique Road and Pluck Road, could the Minister state the expected commencement date for repairs and the estimated timeframe for completion?

Question No. 188 to the Minister of Education

(By the Member for Chaguanas East)

With regard to the University of Trinidad and Tobago for the academic years from 2015 to 2018, could the Minister state:

- a) the number of students enrolled; and
- b) the number of faculty employed;

- c) the number research publications which were produced?

Question No. 189 to the Minister of Education

(By the Member for Chaguanas East)

Given the University of Trinidad and Tobago's announcement that its world university ranking had improved by almost 500 places in the academic year 2017/2018, could the Minister state:

- a) the name of the University Ranking Body;
- b) the actual ranking of the UTT in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 according to the University Ranking Body identified in part (a);
- c) whether student enrolment is a performance metric used to determine the university's ranking;
- d) whether faculty to student ratio is a performance metric used to determinate the university's ranking; and
- e) whether the number of research publications is a performance metric used to determinate the university's ranking?

Question No. 190 to the Minister of Education

(By the Member for Chaguanas East)

Further to the response to House of Representatives Question No. 51 on March 03, 2017, could the Minister provide an update on the expected opening date for the ECCE Centre at Dass Trace, Enterprise?

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

1. The Whistleblower Protection Bill, 2018.

(By the Attorney General)

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 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. **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 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)

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 (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)

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)

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
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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 Labour and Small Enterprise Development:**
(By the Member for Couva South)

Could the Minister inform this House whether the Government has a policy on sexual harassment in the workplace?

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

In light of the diplomatic impasse surrounding Trinidad and Tobago's vote taken at the Organization of American States against Dominica, could the Minister indicate on what date did the Ministry issue a diplomatic note officially apologizing to the Government of Dominica?

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

Can the Minister state what measures are in place to properly train police officers to deal with persons with disabilities or mentally ill citizens?

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

Could the Minister inform this House when all the repairs and services to the Trinidad and Tobago Spirit will be completed so as to render the vessel sea worthy?

5. **To the Minister of National Security:**
(By the Member for Couva South)

Given recent events which have resulted in three nationals being detained by officers attached to Venezuela's Guardia Nacional, could the Minister inform this House of the current status of these nationals?

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

In light of reports indicating that 35 PTSC buses are unable to be cleared at the port due to improper documentation, can the Minister indicate when these buses will be cleared and put to use?

7. **To the Prime Minister:**
(By the Member for Caroni Central)

In view of the Cabinet reshuffle announced this morning would the Prime Minister explain whether his reassignment of Hon. Darryl Smith, MP constitutes a demotion in response to matters in the public domain?

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