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PRAYERS

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1. The Annual Report of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board for the period October 01, 2013 to September 30, 2014.

(By the Minister of National Security)

2. The Response of the Service Commissions Department to the Seventh Report of the Joint Select Committee on Local Authorities, Service Commissions and Statutory Authorities (including the THA) on an Inquiry into the Efficiency and Effectiveness on the Public Service Commission.

(By the Minister of Public Administration and Communications)

3. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance 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 Finance)

4. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance to the Thirteenth 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 Finance.

(By the Minister of Finance)

5. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries to the Eleventh Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Land Settlement Agency for the financial years 2008 and 2009.

(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)

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PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Written Answer will appear in Appendix II

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 185 to the Minister of Housing and Urban Development

(By the Member for Oropouche East)

Could the Minister state:

- a) the basis upon which the Trinidad and Tobago Mortgage Finance Company has been recommending specific roofing contractors and suppliers of furniture; and
- b) the names of recommended roofing contractors and suppliers of furniture?

Question No. 191 to the Minister of Education

(By the Member for Chaguanas East)

Could the Minister provide the expected opening date for the Egypt Primary School at Egypt Extension?

Question No. 192 to the Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Chaguanas East)

Further to the response to House of Representatives Urgent Question on May 31, 2017 on the identification of a location for the establishment of a police station in Enterprise, could the Minister provide an update on the expected commencement date for the construction of the Enterprise Police Station?

Question No. 193 to the Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

With regard to reports that the Ministry will be importing 15,000 DNA Kits, could the Minister indicate:

- a) whether the kits were imported through a local agent;
- b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, the name of the local agent; and
- c) the cost per DNA Kit?

Question No. 194 to the Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

With regard to reports that firearm trainers are charging applicants \$50,000 for firearm training and assistance to obtain a firearm users licence, could the Minister indicate what action has been taken to curtail this development?

Question No. 195 to the Minister of Finance**(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

Given that Caribbean Airlines Limited (CAL) conducted 1,222 flights to Tobago at a subsidized cost during February 2018 to accommodate displaced sea-bridge passengers, could the Minister state the total operational costs incurred by CAL to facilitate this arrangement?

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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. **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)

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 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)

5. **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)

6. **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)

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. 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 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)

2. 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)

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

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

***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. 173 was deferred for two (2) weeks on March 28, 2018.



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FRIDAY APRIL 13, 2018 1:30 P.M. NOTICE OF PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

The under-mentioned Questions which have been accepted by the Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 26 are hereby forwarded for the attention of the Prime Minister.

1. Is the Prime Minister aware of information in the public domain in which the Minister of National Security has been ordered by a United States (US) Court to return forthwith large sums of monies as well as other assets and properties allegedly taken from a US citizen?
(By the Member for Naparima)
2. In light of recent allegations against a high ranking official relating to sexual harassment in the work place, could the Prime Minister inform this House whether his Government intends to table sexual harassment legislation forthwith in this Parliament?
(By the Member for Princes Town)
3. In light of the public interest in the expenditure of public funds amounting to \$150,000 to settle a wrongful dismissal of a worker on the grounds of sexual harassment, could the Prime Minister inform this House whether the said matter was brought to his attention prior to the execution of a settlement by the parties involved?
(By the Member for Princes Town)
4. Could the Prime Minister inform this House of the terms of reference of the recently appointed committee headed by former ambassador Christopher Thomas in respect of this country's vote against Dominica at an OAS meeting?
(By the Member for Couva South)
5. Could the Prime Minister inform this House of the terms of reference and remuneration of the members of the Committee chaired by Ms. Jacqueline Wilson, former Permanent Secretary to investigate the recent execution of a non-disclosure agreement by a Permanent Secretary?
(By the Member for Couva South)
6. Given recent reports that the Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister met with the Venezuelan Oil Minister to evaluate the progress of the Gas Export Agreement between the two countries, could the Prime Minister inform this House when this country can expect to secure its first supply of Natural Gas from Venezuela?
(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)

7. Could the Prime Minister provide this House with a status report on the current phase of construction of the official residence of the Prime Minister in Tobago?
(By the Member for Princes Town)
8. Could the Prime Minister indicate whether it is official Government policy to expend public funds to settle industrial relations matters in the public service utilizing non-disclosure agreements?
(By the Member for Princes Town)
9. Could the Prime Minister indicate whether he has communicated directly or indirectly via his Permanent Secretary on the role played by the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs involving the expenditure of \$150,000 of public funds in respect of the wrongful dismissal of a former employee of the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs?
(By the Member for Princes Town)
10. In light of the outstanding performances of Dylan Carter, Michelle-Lee Ahye, and Jereem Richards at the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Australia, could the Prime Minister inform this House how the Government intends to reward these outstanding athletes upon their return?
(By the Member for Oropouche West)
11. Could the Prime Minister advise this House of the date on which the Prime Minister was informed of the non-disclosure agreement?
(By the Member for Princes Town)

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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 Planning and Development:**
(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Could the Minister state why a decision has reportedly been taken to demolish the temple situated in St. Mary's Village South Oropouche which has been on that site for over 40 years?

2. **To the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries:**
(By the Member for Oropouche West)

With regard to recent reports indicating the illegal importation of livestock from Venezuela and the threat of zoonotic diseases, could the Minister inform this House what measures are being implemented to prevent this activity?

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

Given recent reports that the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard lacks the resources to deploy several of its patrol vessels, could the Minister inform this House whether this development has placed our fisher folk at greater risk on the high seas?

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