



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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ORDER PAPER

WEDNESDAY JUNE 20, 2018: 1:30 P.M.

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 Tobago Regional Health Authority 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)
2. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Tobago Regional Health Authority for the year ended September 30, 2012.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
3. The Audited Financial Statements of InvesTT Limited for the 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 Audited Financial Statements of the Rural Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited 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)
5. The Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Mortgage Finance Company Limited for the financial year ended December 31, 2017.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)

6. The Report on the Operations of the National Insurance Board of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year ended June 30, 2017.

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

7. The Report of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago with respect to the Progress of the Proposals to Restructure CLICO, BAT and CIB for the quarter ended March 31, 2018.

(By the Minister of Finance)

8. The Annual Report of the First Citizens Asset Management Limited for the year ended September 30, 2017.

(By the Minister of Finance)

9. The Annual Report of the First Citizens Bank Limited for the year ended September 30, 2017.

(By the Minister of Finance)

10. The Administrative Report of the MIC Institute of Technology Limited for the year ended September 30, 2015.

(By the Minister of Education)

11. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries to the Sixteenth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission for the financial years 2012 to 2015.

(By the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries)

12. The Annual Report of the Strategic Services Agency, Ministry of National Security for the year 2016.

(By the Minister of National Security)

13. The Annual Report of the Children's Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the year 2017.

(By the Prime Minister)

14. The Response of the Auditor General's Department to the Twelfth Report of the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee on the Examination of the Audited Accounts, Balance Sheet and other Financial Statements of the National Training Agency for the financial years 2008 to 2011.

(By the Deputy Speaker)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Written Answer will appear in the Appendix

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 230 to the Minister of Works and Transport*(By the Member for Naparima)**

With regard to the Trinidad and Tobago Spirit and Trinidad and Tobago Express, could the Minister state:

- a) the total amount spent on vessel repairs since May 2017;
- b) the total number of days each vessel was out of service since May 2017; and
- c) the companies/contractors who were engaged to undertake repairs to these vessels?

Question No. 234 to the Minister of National Security*(By the Member for Naparima)**

Does the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) utilize machines to assist in criminal background checks and if so, could the Minister state:

- a) how many such machines does the TTPS possess;
- b) how many of these machines are currently functional;
- c) whether there is a maintenance schedule for such machines; and
- d) the parties responsible for the maintenance and repairs of such machines?

Question No. 235 to the Minister of Finance*(By the Member for Naparima)**

Could the Minister provide an update on the Small Business Incentive Programme as announced in the 2018 Budget Presentation?

Question No. 245 to the Attorney General*(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

With regard to the recently launched online CourtPay service, could the Minister indicate:

- a) the cost of setting up this initiative; and
- b) the number of persons who have accessed this service to date?

Question No. 241 to the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs*(By the Member for Princes Town)**

Could the Minister state:

- a) the name of contractor who was awarded the contract for the Diego Martin Stadium; and
- b) the procurement process to award the contract for the Diego Martin Stadium?

Question No. 254 to the Minister of Finance**(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

Could the Minister state the purpose for the new loan agreement with Corporación Andina de Fomento Development Bank?

Question No. 255 to the Minister of Health**(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

Could the Minister indicate the actions taken:

- a) to address reports of mismatched components for hemiarthroplasty surgeries at Port of Spain General Hospital; and

*** Question Nos. 230, 234, 235 and 245 were deferred for two weeks on Monday May 28, 2018. Question No. 241 was deferred for two weeks on Wednesday June 06, 2018.**

- b) to ensure components are supplied from the same manufacturer in accordance with international best practice?

Question No. 256 to the Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister indicate when the new Counter Terrorism Unit Division will be operationalized?

Question No. 260 to the Minister of Trade and Industry

(By the Member for Chaguanas East)

With regard to the profits of Hyatt Regency for the period 2013 to 2017, could the Minister state:

- a) the percentage of the profits as a result of local bookings for each year; and
b) the percentage of profits as a result of foreign bookings for each year?

Question No. 261 to the Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Oropouche East)

Could the Minister indicate who issued the invitation to the Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister to visit Camp Cumuto on October 31, 2015?

Question No. 262 to the Minister of Works and Transport

(By the Member for Oropouche East)

In light of the impending rainy season, could the Minister state the expected commencement date for drainage works at Chester Street, Debe?

Question No. 263 to the Minister of Housing and Urban Development

(By the Member for Oropouche East)

Could the Minister update this House on the status of construction of the Penal Fire Station?

Question No. 264 to the Minister of Social Development and Family Services

(By the Member for Couva South)

Could the Minister inform this House of the number of short-term contract employees of the Ministry who were issued letters related to the non-renewal of contracts effective June 30, 2018?

Question No. 265 to the Minister of Finance

(By the Member for Couva South)

Could the Minister inform this House of the effective commencement date for citizens to pay property tax based on the Property Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2018?

Question No. 266 to the Minister of Education

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Could the Minister provide the Ministry's plans regarding the refurbished building located at the old Hilo site in Apex, Fyzabad?

Question No. 267 to the Minister of Public Administration and Communications

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Could the Minister provide a timeline for the establishment of the new TTT Channel?

Question No. 268 to the Minister of Health**(By the Member for Fyzabad)**

Could the Minister state the Ministry's policies in order to protect citizens from the increased trade of counterfeit medical drugs?

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 Corporation Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2018.
(By the Minister of Finance)
2. The National Statistical Institute of Trinidad and Tobago Bill, 2018.
(By the Minister of Planning and Development)

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

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 Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Bill, 2018.
(By the Member for San Fernando West)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**Motions:**

1. **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)

Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled, "An Act to combat corruption and other wrongdoings by encouraging and facilitating disclosures of improper conduct in the public and private sector, to protect persons

making those disclosures from detrimental action, to regulate the receiving, investigating or otherwise dealing with disclosures of improper conduct and to provide for other matters connected therewith”.

(By the Attorney General)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** the Minister of National Security is responsible for ensuring public safety by the maintenance of law and order and the effective oversight of the national security infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the number of citizens who have lost their lives to the criminal element since September 2015 has risen astronomically to unprecedented levels leading to a nation paralyzed by fear;

AND WHEREAS women, children and the elderly have been under attack in the most vicious and brutal ways ever experienced as a result of the rampant and emboldened criminal elements;

AND WHEREAS the actions and inactions of the Minister of National Security have demonstrated his failure to properly discharge his functions;

AND WHEREAS the conduct, actions and non-performance of the Minister of National Security have been the subject of widespread adverse commentary, criticism and censure by citizens, the media and the civil society which has undermined public confidence in him:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House express its lack of confidence in the Minister of National Security and call upon the Prime Minister to revoke his appointment forthwith.

(By the Member for Naparima)

2. **The debate on the following Motion which was adjourned on Friday May 25, 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)

3. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday April 27, 2018 will be resumed:**

WHEREAS since September 2015 the Government has squandered millions of taxpayer's dollars on the now collapsed sea-bridge;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed in its every attempt to remedy what is now seen as a disaster and an injustice to the travelling public via the sea-bridge;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Works and Transport has utterly failed in discharging his responsibility to adequately manage this primary and vital mode of public transportation;

AND WHEREAS the actions, conduct and non-performance of the Minister of Works and Transport in this regard have been the subject of widespread adverse commentary and criticism;

AND WHEREAS the procurement and operations of the vessels on the sea bridge since 2015 have been marred by allegations of corruption and nepotism with accompanying stakeholder criticism and public uproar;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Works and Transport has presided over the utilization of vessels with serious safety defects and by so doing risking the lives and health of the public:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House express its lack of confidence in the Minister of Works and Transport and call upon the Prime Minister to revoke the said Minister's appointment forthwith.

(By the Member for Tabaquite)

4. **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**ORDER PAPER WEDNESDAY JUNE 20, 2018****QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER****Question No. 275 to the Minister of Health****(By the Member for Fyzabad)**

Could the Minister provide:

- a) the number of patients awaiting gynecological cancer surgery at each of the Regional Health Authorities in Trinidad and Tobago; and
- b) the waiting time for each patient listed in part (a)?

(Answer due by 15.06.2018)***Question No. 242 to the Attorney General****(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

Could the Attorney General state:

- a) the total amount spent on legal fees including opinion and advice by or on behalf of the Housing Development Corporation (HDC) and/or the Government since December 2015 to date on the civil matter regarding the purchase of Eden Gardens lands;
- b) the name and amount paid to each legal firm and lawyer (local and foreign) who provided the legal services and advice at part (a) since December 2015;
- c) the names of all consultants and/or firms procured (local and foreign) to provide technical advice and professional services involving the Eden Gardens land matter since December 2015;
- d) the breakdown of the quantum of monies paid to date to all law firms, lawyers, consultants, firms, technical advisors and professional service providers (local and foreign) associated with the Eden Gardens matter since December 2015;
- e) the breakdown of the quantum of monies owing to all law firms, lawyers, consultants, firms, technical advisors and professional service providers, local and foreign, associated with the Eden Gardens matter since December 2015?

(Answer due by 31.05.2018)

* Question No. 242 was deferred for two weeks on Wednesday June 06, 2018.



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WEDNESDAY JUNE 20, 2018 1:30 P.M. NOTICE OF PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

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

1. Would the Prime Minister please indicate what percentage of the shares in Trinidad Generation Unlimited (TGU) the GORTT agreed to sell to Ferrostaal GmbH?
(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)
2. Could the Prime Minister state what was the process used for GORTT to agree to the sale of shares to Ferrostaal GmbH?
(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)
3. Apart from the percentage of shares to be sold to Ferrostaal, could the Prime Minister indicate what percentage of the shares in TGU the GORTT agreed to be offered for sale to institutional investors such as National Insurance Board and Unit Trust Corporation?
(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)
4. Could the Prime Minister inform this House of the number of Venezuelan migrants who are employed in the Red House Restoration Project?
(By the Member for Couva South)
5. Could the Prime Minister inform this House if the retrofitting works on the MV Galleons Passage in Santiago, Cuba has been completed?
(By the Member for Couva South)
6. Could the Prime Minister inform this House whether he received the report of the three (3) member committee headed by Ms. Jackie Wilson to investigate the circumstances which led to the payment of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (TT\$150,000) to a former employee of the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs?
(By the Member for Couva South)

7. Could the Prime Minister say if Sandals International will be the recipient of a long tax holiday as seen in other CARICOM countries since he stated the hotel will be constructed and managed locally?
(By the Member for Couva North)

8. Could the Prime Minister give an update on the land acquisition process underway in Tobago for construction of the new Tobago Airport Terminal?
(By the Member for Couva North)

9. Could the Prime Minister say if he will accede to the wishes of the Tobago people and consider full independence for them as was expressed at a recent consultation on the Constitution (Amendment) (Tobago Self Government) Bill 2018?
(By the Member for Couva North)

10. Could the Prime Minister say if he has received an audit report or has been updated on the investigation into the missing 10m from the THA accounts meant for Virgin Atlantic Airways?
(By the Member for Couva North)

11. Could the Prime Minister indicate whether he has received a response from the United Nations regarding his complaint about their local representative commenting on the repatriation of over 82 Venezuelan nationals?
(By the Member for Princes Town)

12. Could the Prime Minister advise whether the cabinet is currently reviewing Trinidad and Tobago's policy on refugees seeking asylum?
(By the Member for Princes Town)

13. Could the Prime Minister inform this House about the procurement procedures that will be adopted for the intended purchase of marine vessels from Australian sources?
(By the Member for Naparima)

14. Given a report in the Trinidad Newsday on Tuesday June 19, 2018, which stated that a list containing the names and addresses of gang members was leaked to the media, could the Prime Minister state why after nearly one month of the Anti-Gang legislation taking effect no gang members have been arrested as promised by the Government?
(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)

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NOTICE OF URGENT QUESTIONS

The under-mentioned Questions which have been accepted by the Deputy Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 27 are hereby forwarded for the attention of the Ministers concerned.

1. **To the Minister of Health:**
(By the Member for Fyzabad)

In light of a recent incident involving a medical intern, could the Minister indicate what mechanisms are in place for the detection and management of stress in the workplace for doctors employed in the public health sector?

2. **To the Minister of Education:**
(By the Member for Couva South)

Could the Minister inform this House of the number of schools which will be repaired during the July-August vacation as a result of the 160 projects identified under the Schools Vacation Repair Programme?

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

With regard to various posts on social media depicting a room filled with high powered rifles, potentially to be used in gang warfare in Trinidad, could the Minister state if any investigations have been launched to validate the authenticity of the post?

4. **To the Minister of Public Utilities:**
(By the Member for Oropouche West)

With regard to reports indicating that residents of Melajo, Vega de Oropouche have not had a pipe borne water supply for the past six months, could the Minister indicate when this situation will be rectified?

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