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1. The Audited Financial Statements of the Cocoa Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the financial year ending September 30, 2014.

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

2. The Audited Financial Statements of the Cocoa Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the financial year ending September 30, 2015.

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

3. The Audited Financial Statements of the Cocoa Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2016.

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

4. The Annual Report of Taurus Services Limited for the financial year ending September 30, 2017.

(By the Minister of Finance)

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Question No. 272 to the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government
(By the Member for Fyzabad)

In light of the recent burglaries of vehicles at the Mosquito Creek Cremation Site, could the Minister state whether there are plans to introduce new security measures to mitigate the probability of such crimes recurring?

Question No. 273 to the Minister of Finance
(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Could the Minister indicate whether shipping couriers are experiencing delays to import goods due to foreign exchange shortages?

Question No. 274 to the Minister of Health
(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Further to the response to House of Representatives Question 209 on May 04, 2018, could the Minister provide the reasons for a lower number of cataract surgeries at the Eric Williams Medical Sciences Complex in comparison to the Port of Spain General Hospital and San Fernando General Hospital?

Question No. 277 to the Minister of National Security
(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister indicate whether an investigation was conducted into allegations of a prostitution ring involving women from South America and local law enforcement officials?

Question No. 278 to the Minister of Health
(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister state the actions taken to address reports of patients requiring elective surgery being turned away from the Scarborough General Hospital due to non-functioning sterilization machines and lack of water?

Question No. 279 to the Minister of National Security
(By the Member for Oropouche West)

In relation to the numerous reports regarding inappropriate behavior within the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS), could the Minister indicate:

- a) the number of TTPS officers under investigation for disciplinary misconduct;
- b) the measures in place to curtail disciplinary misconduct within the TTPS; and
- c) whether there were changes to the screening process for TTPS recruits?

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Motions:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate amendments to the Land Tribunal (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2017 listed in Appendix I be now considered.

(By the Attorney General)

2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate amendments to the Land Adjudication (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2017 listed in Appendix II be now considered.

(By the Attorney General)

3. **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 amend the Corporation Tax Act, Chap. 75:02”.

(By the Minister of Finance)

2. 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)

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Wednesday June 20, 2018 will be resumed:**

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)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday June 22, 2018 will be resumed:**

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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June 22, 2018

APPENDIX I**The Land Tribunal (Amendment) (No.2) Bill, 2017**

List of Amendments made in the Senate at the Committee Stage of the Land Tribunal (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2017 on Thursday June 7, 2018

Clause	Extent of Amendments
4	In subsection (3B) (2), after the word “office” insert the words “ and such salary, remuneration and allowances of the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and other members of the Tribunal shall be a charge on the Consolidated Fund ”

Senate Secretariat
June 12, 2018

APPENDIX IIThe Land Adjudication (Amendment) (No.2) Bill, 2017

List of Amendments made in the Senate at the Committee Stage of the Land Adjudication (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2017 on Thursday June 7, 2018

<u>Clause</u>	<u>Extent of Amendments</u>
4	<p>A. Delete paragraph (a) and replace with the following new paragraph:</p> <p>“(a) in subsection 1 –</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(i) by deleting the words “an Adjudication Officer” and substituting the words “a Chief Adjudication Officer”; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(ii) by deleting the words “shall be appointed by the”, and substituting the words “shall be appointed for a period of five years by the President on the advice of the”;”;</p> <p>B. In paragraph (b) –</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) in proposed subsection (1A), delete the word “recruited” and replace with the word “appointed”;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) in proposed subsection (1B), delete the words “and shall be appointed by the” and replace with the words “who shall be appointed for a period of three years by the President on the advice of the”;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(c) insert after proposed subsection (1B), the following new subsections:</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">“(1C) The remuneration, allowances and other conditions of the Chief Adjudication Officer and Deputy Adjudication Officers shall not be altered to their disadvantage after their appointment and during their tenure of office.</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(1D) There shall be paid to the Chief Adjudication Officer or a Deputy Adjudication Officer such remuneration and allowances as may be determined by the President, and such remuneration and allowances shall be a charge on the Consolidated Fund.</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(1E) Notwithstanding that their term of office has expired, the Chief Adjudication Officer and a Deputy Adjudication Officer, may, with the approval of the President, continue in office for such a period after the expiry of their term as may be necessary to complete adjudications conducted by them in an adjudication area or to do</p>

	<p>anything in relation to proceedings that were commenced before their term of office expired.”</p> <p>C. In paragraph (f) –</p> <p>(a) in proposed subsection (8)(b), by deleting the words “reasonable notice” and replace with the words “no less than fourteen days notice”; and</p> <p>(b) in proposed subsection (8A) –</p> <p>(i) delete the word “and” and replace with word “,”; and</p> <p>(ii) delete the words “which will require” and replace with the word “requiring”.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>A. In paragraph (b) –</p> <p>(a) delete subparagraph (b)(i) and replace with the following new subparagraph: “(i) in paragraph (b) – (A) by inserting after the words “such possession”, the words “with the intention to possess the land as his own”; and (B) by deleting the word “thirty” and substituting the word “sixteen”; (C) by deleting the word “absolute” and substituting the word “provisional”;” ;</p> <p>(b) in subparagraph (ii), in proposed paragraph (c), insert after the words “such possession”, the words “with the intention to possess the land as his own”; and</p> <p>B. In paragraph (c), in proposed subsection (5), insert after the words “(1)”, the words “(b) and”.</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>A. Delete paragraph (a) and replace with the following: “(a) by deleting paragraph (a) and substituting the following new paragraph: “(a) having been served with a notice issued by an adjudication officer under section 4(6), willfully neglects to attend in pursuance of such notice”;”.</p>



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MONDAY JUNE 25, 2018 1:30 P.M. 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 Works and Transport:**
(By the Member for Oropouche West)

In light of reports that the Galleons Passage will once again remain in Cuba for upgrades, could the Minister indicate the new estimated time of arrival of the vessel?

2. **To the Minister of Finance:**
(By the Member for Chaguanas East)

Could the Minister confirm whether a Caribbean Airlines aircraft to be used in the upcoming busy travel period was sabotaged?

3. **To the Minister of Works and Transport:**
(By the Member for Fyzabad)

In light of a recent warning to motorists from licensing officers regarding a \$5000.00 fine for not having any inspection stickers, could the Minister confirm if these inspection stickers are available at all inspection centres across the country?

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