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THIRD SESSION
ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

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PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

PETITIONS

1. The Audited Financial Statements of the Vehicle Management Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the financial year ended 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 Trinidad and Tobago Free Zones 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)

3. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of National Flour Mills 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)

4. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Agricultural Development Bank of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2014.

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

5. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Agricultural Development Bank of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2015.

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

6. The Consolidated Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards 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)

7. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the National Library and Information System 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)

8. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Fair Trading Commission for the year ended September 30, 2017.

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

9. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Public Transport Service Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2006.

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

10. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Public Transport Service Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2007.

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

11. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Public Transport Service Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2008.

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

12. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Children's Authority of Trinidad and Tobago, Children Authority Fund 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)

13. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Children's Authority of Trinidad and Tobago, Children Authority Fund for the year ended September 30, 2017.

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

14. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Mayaro-Rio Claro Regional Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2007.

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

15. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the San Fernando City Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2005.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
16. The Special Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on a Follow-Up Audit of the Targeted Conditional Cash Transfer Programme (TTCCCTP) of the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
17. 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 June 30, 2018.
(By the Minister of Finance)
18. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance 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 Finance)
19. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance to the Eleventh Report of the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee on the Examination of the Audited Accounts, Balance Sheet and other Financial Statements of the National Maintenance, Training and Security Company Limited for the financial years 2008 to 2016.
(By the Minister of Finance)
20. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Public Utilities to the Eleventh Report of the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee on the Examination of the Audited Accounts, Balance Sheet and other Financial Statements of the National Maintenance, Training and Security Company Limited for the financial years 2008 to 2016.
(By the Minister of Public Utilities)
21. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance 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 Minister of Finance)
22. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Education 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 Minister of Education)
23. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Public Utilities to the Ninth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on the Examination of the Ministry of Public Utilities with specific reference to Follow-up to the First and Third Reports and the corresponding Ministerial Responses as well as the Ministry's Statement of Expenditure as at October 2017.
(By the Minister of Public Utilities)
24. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries to the Thirteenth Report of the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee on the Examination of the Audited

Accounts, Balance Sheet and other Financial Statements of Union Estate Electricity Generation Company Limited for the financial years 2008 to 2015.

(By the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries)

25. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries to the Eighth Report of the Joint Select Committee on State Enterprises on an Inquiry to examine the Operations of the National Quarries Company Limited and to determine its effectiveness in fulfilling its mandate by maintaining quality of product and stability of supply.

(By the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries)

26. The Response of the Statutory Authorities Service Commission to the Eighth 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 of the Statutory Authorities Service Commission.

(By the Minister of Public Administration)

27. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Public Administration to the Tenth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an Examination into the Inventory Control and Internal Audit Systems within the Public Service with specific reference to Follow-up to the Third and Fourth Reports of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee.

(By the Minister of Public Administration)

28. The Response of the Personnel Department to the Tenth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an Examination into the Inventory Control and Internal Audit Systems within the Public Service with specific reference to Follow-up to the Third and Fourth Reports of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee.

(By the Minister of Public Administration)

29. The Response of the Personnel Department to the Sixth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an Examination into the Tobago House of Assembly with specific reference to Accountability and Transparency, Inventory Control, Internal Audit, Sub-Head 02-Goods and Services, Sub-Head 03-Minor Equipment Purchases, Sub-Head 04-Current Transfers and Subsidies and Sub-Head 09-Development Programme-Consolidated Fund.

(By the Minister of Public Administration)

30. The Response of the Service Commissions Department to the Sixth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an Examination into the Tobago House of Assembly with specific reference to Accountability and Transparency, Inventory Control, Internal Audit, Sub-Head 02-Goods and Services, Sub-Head 03-Minor Equipment Purchases, Sub-Head 04-Current Transfers and Subsidies and Sub-Head 09-Development Programme-Consolidated Fund.

(By the Minister of Public Administration)

31. The Ministerial Response of the Office of the Prime Minister to the Seventh Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity on an Inquiry into the Status of the Implementation of the 2015 Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Diversity, the Environment and Sustainable Development on the Examination of Programmes and Services which provide support to Victims of Domestic Violence.

(By the Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister)

32. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Health to the Eighth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an Examination into the Ministry of Education with specific reference to Inventory Control, Internal Audit, Sub-Head 02-Goods and Services, Sub-Head 03-Minor Equipment Purchases, Sub-Head 04-Current Transfers and Subsidies and Sub-Head 09-Development Programme-Consolidated Fund and Infrastructural Development Fund.

(By the Minister of Health)

33. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs to the Eighth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Examination of the Report of the Auditor General of Trinidad and Tobago on a Special Audit of the Public Transport Service Corporation.

(By the Attorney General)

34. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of National Security to the Fifth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Social Services and Public Administration on an Inquiry into the Adverse Health Effects of Fireworks.

(By the Minister of National Security)

35. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Trade and Industry to the Ninth Report of the Joint Select Committee on State Enterprises on an Inquiry into the Operations of Evolving Technologies and Enterprise Development Company Limited and to determine its effectiveness in fulfilling its mandate to make suitable real estate available to qualified tenants, developers and operators in a commercially viable manner.

(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)

36. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government to the Fifth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Social Services and Public Administration on an Inquiry into the Adverse Health Effects of Fireworks.

(By the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government)

37. The Administrative Report of the Port of Spain Corporation for the period 2016-2017.

(By the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government)

38. The Administrative Report of the Ministry of Trade and Industry for the fiscal year 2016.

(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)

39. The Administrative Report of the Ministry of Trade and Industry for the fiscal year 2017.

(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)

40. The Animals (Importation) Control (Amendment) Regulations, 2018.

(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)

41. The Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Regulations, 2018.

(By the Minister of Works and Transport)

42. The Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations, 2018.

(By the Minister of Works and Transport)

43. A Green Paper on the revised Draft National Policy on Persons with Disabilities and the Action Plan.

(By the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services)

44. The Delegation Report on the Annual Conference of the Caribbean, the Americas, and the Atlantic Region of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association on Building Small Developing States held in Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands from June 15 to 23, 2018.

(By the Deputy Speaker)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

1. The Interim Report of the Joint Select Committee established to consider and report on the Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority Bill, 2018, Third Session (2017/2018), Eleventh Parliament.

(By the Member for Diego Martin North/East)

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Written Answer will appear in the Appendix

Questions for Oral Answer

***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. 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. 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. 282 to the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries:

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

In light of reports that the Usine Pond Ste. Madeleine is used as a dump site for the bodies of murder victims, could the Minister indicate whether there are any plans to secure the facility to deter this activity?

* Question No. 254 was deferred for two (2) weeks on Wednesday June 20, 2018, Question No. 265 was deferred for two (2) weeks on June 20, 2018 and Question No. 273 was deferred for two weeks on Monday June 25, 2018 for two (2) weeks.

Question No. 284 to the Minister of Health:**(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

Could the Minister provide the reasons for the dismissal of Mrs. Gail Miller-Meade as the former Chief Executive Officer, South West Regional Health Authority?

Question No. 285 to the Minister of Housing and Urban Development:**(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

With regard to the recent collapse of a home and a family being homeless at Murli Street, La Romain, could the Minister indicate whether housing assistance can be provided to this family?

Question No. 288 to the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries:**(By the Member for Princes Town)**

Could the Minister indicate the mechanisms, if any, employed by the Agricultural Development Bank (ADB) to assist farmers/agribusiness entrepreneurs with the restoration of their projects including:

- a) the number of farmers/agribusiness entrepreneurs impacted;
- b) the quantum of funds utilized in these relief efforts;
- c) the quantum of funds, in terms of subventions, remitted by the Ministry to the ADB to assist in these relief efforts?

Question No. 289 to the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries:**(By the Member for Princes Town)**

Could the Minister indicate:

- a) the expected date for ADB employee wage negotiations to be concluded for the negotiating period 2011 to 2013;
- b) whether the prolonged ADB employee wage negotiations has impacted on the implementation of relief initiatives to farmers/agribusiness entrepreneurs and if so, can he provide details?

Question No. 290 to the Minister of Works and Transport:**(By the Member for Couva South)**

Could the Minister inform this House when will the Captain Watson Bridge be officially opened?

Question No. 291 to the Minister of Finance:**(By the Member for Couva South)**

Further to the response provided to Question No. 124 on March 9, 2018, could the Minister inform this House when will the board of the National Insurance Appeals Tribunal be fully established and all members appointed?

Question No. 292 to the Minister of Works and Transport:**(By the Member for Couva South)**

Could the Minister inform this House when will repairs commence to the collapsed cylinder crossing the layby onto the north bound lane of the Solomon Hochoy Highway in the vicinity of the Couva/Point Lisas Interchange?

Question No. 305 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:**(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

Could the Minister state the number of deep water bid rounds that have been undertaken by the Ministry for the period September 8, 2015 to July 1, 2018?

Question No. 306 to the Minister of Finance:**(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

Could the Minister state:

- a) the United States (U.S.) capital actually injected into the EximBank Forex Facility, given the initial allocation of U.S. one million dollars within the 2018 Budget;
- b) the number of local manufacturers that have utilized this facility to date; and
- c) the total amount of U.S. currency utilized to date from the allocation?

Question No. 307 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:**(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

Could the Minister provide a status update on:

- a) whether the NiQuan Energy Trinidad Limited agreement with Petrotrin to purchase the GTL Plant has been finalized by both parties; and
- b) the expected commencement date for NiQuan's ownership of the GTL Plant?

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

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 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 repeal and replace the Statistics Act, Chap. 19:02, establish a National Statistical Institute of Trinidad and Tobago and for other related matters”.

(By the Minister of Planning and Development)

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)

3. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Planning and Facilitation of Development Act, 2014 and to consequentially amend the Environmental Management Act, Chap. 35:05”.

(By the Minister of Planning and Development)

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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APPENDIX

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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Question No. 283 to the Minister of National Security:

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister indicate the specific actions taken to address increased gun violence in Chaguanas?

(Answer due by 11.07.2018)

Question No. 293 to the Minister of Education:

(By the Member for Chaguanas East)

Could the Minister state:

- a) whether the Ministry will be hosting a national vacation camp programme; and
- b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, the locations of these vacation camps?

(Answer due by 07.08.2018)

Question No. 294 to the Minister of Education:

(By the Member for Chaguanas East)

Could the Minister state:

- a) whether the Youth Training and Employment Partnership Programme (YTEPP) training bus and other training buses will be utilized for the July/August vacation period; and
- b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, where these training buses shall be located?

(Answer due by 07.08.2018)

Question No. 295 to the Minister of Education:

(By the Member for Chaguanas East)

Could the Minister state:

- a) the current number of secondary school vacancies in the technical and vocational fields; and
- b) the number of these vacancies that are expected to be filled for the re-opening of the school term in September 2018?

(Answer due by 07.08.2018)

Question No. 296 to the Minister of Education:

(By the Member for Chaguanas East)

Could the Minister state whether new programmes in the areas of Innovation and Entrepreneurship will be offered to students entering tertiary education institutions from August 2018?

(Answer due by 07.08.2018)

Question No. 297 to the Minister of Education:**(By the Member for Chaguanas East)**

Could the Minister state the specific plans to be implemented by Universities under the Ministry's responsibility to strengthen the placement of local and regional graduates from July 2018?

(Answer due by 07.08.2018)**Question No. 298 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:****(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

Could the Minister provide:

- a) the status of the establishment of the Quarries Authority as well as the proposed starting date; and
- b) the breakdown of the total amount spent on the establishment of the Authority as at July 31, 2018?

(Answer due by 08.09.2018)**Question No. 299 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:****(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

Could the Minister state for fiscal 2018:

- a) the renewable energy projects/initiatives that were undertaken;
- b) the specific date/timeline for each project/initiative listed in part (a);
- c) the breakdown of the total cost for each initiative/project listed in part (a); and
- d) the total amount spent as at July 31, 2018?

(Answer due by 08.09.2018)**Question No. 300 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:****(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

With regard to the University Graduate Recruitment Programme, could the Minister state:

- a) the number of university graduates hired during the fiscal year 2018; and
- b) the total amount spent as at July 31, 2018?

(Answer due by 08.09.2018)**Question No. 301 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:****(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

In light of reports that Petrotrin agreed to purchase the offtake products produced by NiQuan Energy Trinidad Limited as part of its Gas to Liquids (GTL) Agreement, could the Minister provide the list of offtake products and the commodity price for each product?

(Answer due by 08.09.2018)

Question No. 302 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:**(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

In light of reports that all upstream assets of the State including the National Gas Company would be transferred to the newly incorporated state company, Trinidad and Tobago Upstream Downstream Energy Operations Company Limited, could the Minister provide a list of the assets that would be transferred and their total value?

(Answer due by 08.09.2018)**Question No. 303 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:****(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

Could the Minister state the new fiscal incentives enacted and undertaken by the Ministry within the oil and gas sector for the period October 1, 2017 to July 1, 2018?

(Answer due by 08.09.2018)**Question No. 304 to the Minister of Trade and Industry:****(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

Could the Minister state:

- a) the date on which the New Business Development Programme became operational;
- b) the number of firms that have accessed funding for this Programme as at July 31, 2018;
- c) the total amount spent as at July 31, 2018; and
- d) the highest and lowest amounts disbursed as a grant to small businesses?

(Answer due by 08.09.2018)



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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 Health:**
(By the Member for Caroni East)

Could the Minister indicate how the Ministry intends to provide the required urgent care for hundreds of patients on the waiting list for major surgical interventions as a result of the closure of the Central Block of the Port of Spain General Hospital?

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

Could the Minister indicate the plans to urgently restore/repair the Barrackpore East and West Secondary Schools as a result of the 6.9 magnitude earthquake?

3. **To the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:**
(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)

In light of the response by the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries in the Senate on September 11, 2018, could the Minister provide an update on the calculation of the termination benefit packages for all categories of Petrotrin refinery workers and the number of employees this would impact?

4. **To the Minister of Education:**
(By the Member for Mayaro)

Given recent threats to the shutdown of the School Maxi Taxi Service by drivers, and the severe hardships that will be placed on parents, can the Minister advise on the status of payments to Maxi Drivers of this School service?

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