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(By the Minister of Works and Transport)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

1. The Eleventh 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 Regulated Industries Commission.

(By the Member for Couva North)

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Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 10 to the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries:**(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

With regard to reports of the disposal of oil in a tributary to the Caparo River resulting in the destruction of various flora and fauna and threatening other ecosystems, could the Minister state:

- a) whether the tributary has been cleaned;
- b) the Ministry's plans to revitalize the ecosystem;
- c) the measures taken to mitigate further contamination; and
- d) the measures taken to ensure perpetrators are held accountable?

Question No. 11 to the Minister of Health:**(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

Given the report from the Pan American Health Organization that Trinidad and Tobago has the third highest suicide rate within the English Speaking Caribbean, could the Minister indicate the measures implemented to treat with the suicide rate in Trinidad and Tobago?

Question No. 12 to the Minister Social Development and Family Services:**(By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)**

With regard to the floods during the period October 19 to 21, 2018, could the Minister indicate:

- a) whether the site visits to flood victims were completed;
- b) whether the assessment of flood victims was completed; and
- c) the status of cheque distributions to flood victims?

Question No. 13 to the Minister Social Development and Family Services:**(By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)**

With regard to the floods during the period October 19 to 21, 2018, could the Minister indicate:

- a) the number of calls received via the 800-OPIC (Older Persons Information Centre) for assistance; and
- b) the number of responses initiated by the Ministry as a result of calls received in part (a)?

Question No. 14 to the Minister Social Development and Family Services:**(By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)**

With regard to the floods during the period October 19 to 21, 2018, could the Minister state:

- a) the number of social workers who were stationed at designated shelters to provide counselling and psychological support to flood victims; and
- b) whether counselling and psychological support continues to be available in the aftermath of the flooding?

Question No. 21 to the Minister of National Security:**(By the Member for Fyzabad)**

Given the recent alleged murder-suicide involving two (2) police officers, could the Minister state the current measures for the detection of psychological issues amongst members of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service?

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1. A Bill entitled, “An Act to provide for the variation of certain duties and taxes and to introduce provisions of a fiscal nature and for related matters”.

(By the Minister of Finance)

2. 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)

3. 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)

4. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Administration of Justice (Indictable Proceedings) Act, 2011 (Act No. 20 of 2011)”.

(By the Attorney General)

5. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Companies Act”.

(By the Minister of Finance)

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday November 09, 2018 will be resumed:**

BE IT RESOLVED that this House adopt the Fifth Report of the Joint Select Committee on National Security on the Final Report of the Police Manpower Audit Committee.

(By the Member for Laventille West)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** the Government has taken a policy decision to construct and establish an all-inclusive tourist destination in Tobago;

AND WHEREAS this decision has been met with considerable public disquiet, controversy and outrage over matters of procurement of Sandals Resorts International and project planning and development;

AND WHEREAS it is felt that this project had been conceptualized and is being implemented without any regard to transparency, accountability and good governance;

AND WHEREAS this project involves the expenditure of approximately one billion Trinidad and Tobago dollars with concerns over the social and economic returns to such an investment;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House condemn the lack of proper procurement policy, disclosure and the improper implementation of the Sandals Resorts International project.

(By the Member for Couva North)

2. **WHEREAS** the United Nations established seventeen (17) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to transform the world by 2030;

AND WHEREAS the second target under SDG number five (5) states, “the elimination all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation”;

AND WHEREAS women are increasingly becoming victims of domestic abuse, violent crime and human trafficking in Trinidad and Tobago;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government take urgent steps to ensure the protection of our nation’s women.

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

3. **WHEREAS** climate change is a matter of global concern which threatens all nations;

AND WHEREAS small island states and coastal states are especially susceptible to the impact of climate change;

AND WHEREAS the Caribbean region including Trinidad and Tobago has recently experienced heavy rainfall, devastating hurricanes, and floods;

AND WHEREAS earthquakes and drought are anticipated and must be prepared for;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House agree that the Government develop a holistic and sustainable national response to climate change inclusive of solutions to perennial flooding in Trinidad and Tobago and the management of drought conditions.

(By the Member for Caroni Central)

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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 Works and Transport:

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

With regard to the TT Spirit being pulled from servicing the sea-bridge last Tuesday due to a cracked crank case, could the Minister indicate when the vessel will be properly repaired and returned to service?

2. To the Minister of Health:

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

In light of the recent increase of neonatal deaths at the San Fernando General Hospital, could the Minister indicate what is being done to prevent same from reoccurring?

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WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12, 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. Could the Prime Minister indicate his course of action in relation to the request by the Law Association to consider triggering Section 137 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago?
(By the Member for Oropouche East)
2. Could the Prime Minister indicate whether an agreement has been reached to sell CLICO to a company in the financial sector?
(By the Member for Caroni Central)
3. Given warnings issued by Opposition forces in Venezuela that they will not honour agreements entered into with the Maduro Government, could the Prime Minister indicate what steps the Government intends to take to ensure that our agreements survive a change of Government in that country?
(By the Member for Naparima)
4. Could the Prime Minister state the plans in place to assist fence-line communities such as Marabella and Santa Flora to cope with the closure of Petrotrin?
(By the Member for Naparima)
5. In light of additional reports surfacing about a pattern of behaviour by at least one Cabinet Minister at the Piarco International Airport, could the Prime Minister indicate what steps have been taken to ensure that Government Ministers do not defy the authority of customs officials upon entering and exiting the country?
(By the Member for Princes Town)
6. In light of the devastating floods to hit south Trinidad recently, could the Prime Minister indicate how many persons have received their grants up to this time?
(By the Member for Princes Town)

7. With regard to the Prime Minister's comments at a public meeting in Marabella, indicating that the Petrotrin workers would be taken care off, could the Prime Minister indicate the plans are for the fired Petrotrin workers?

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

8. Could the Prime Minister state whether an official investigation has been launched into the recent spate of threatening phone calls to his phone?

(By the Member for Couva North)

9. Could the Prime Minister state how close the Government is to signing a final contract with Sandals International?

(By the Member for Couva North)

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