



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FOURTH SESSION  
ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

NO. 15  
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## ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY JANUARY 11, 2019: 1:30 P.M.

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3. The Annual Report of the Police Service Commission for the period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.  
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4. The Annual Report of the Police Service Commission for the period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.  
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5. The Audited Consolidated Financial Statements of the Union Estate Electricity Generation Company Limited for the year ended December 31, 2017.  
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6. The Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago International Financial Centre Management Company Limited for the year ended September 30, 2018.

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

7. The Report on the Operations of the National Insurance Board of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year ended June 30, 2018.

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

8. The Consolidated Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards 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 Financial (Amendment) Regulations, 2018.

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

10. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance to the Fourth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Finance and Legal Affairs on an Inquiry into certain aspects of the National Insurance System of Trinidad and Tobago.

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

11. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance to the Tenth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Local Authorities, Service Commissions and Statutory Authorities (including the THA) on an Inquiry into the Internal Control Systems and Corporate Social Responsibility Policies of the National Lotteries Control Board.

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

12. The Response of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service to the Eighth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity on an Examination of the Perceived Inequality Faced by Single Fathers in Trinidad and Tobago with specific focus on Custody Matters, Policies and Access to Programmes and Services.

**(By the Minister of National Security)**

13. The Response of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service to the Ninth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity on an Inquiry into the Treatment of Detainees and Conditions at Holding Cells in Trinidad and Tobago Police Stations.

**(By the Minister of National Security)**

14. The Senior Citizens' Pension (Amendment of Schedule) Order, 2018.

**(By the Minister of Social Development and Family Services)**

15. The Administrative Report of the National Flour Mills Limited for the year ended December 31, 2017.

**(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)**

16. The Annual Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Civil Aviation Authority for the year ended September 30, 2018.

**(By the Minister of Works and Transport)**

#### 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.

**(By the Member for Diego Martin North/East)**

2. The Third Report of the Joint Select Committee on Foreign Affairs on the Circumstances surrounding Trinidad and Tobago's vote at the Permanent Council, Organisation of American States (OAS) on the Request by the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica for a waiver of its contribution to the annual budget of the OAS on March 23, 2018.

**(By the Member for Tobago West)**

#### PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

#### URGENT QUESTIONS

#### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

**Questions for Written Answer will appear in the Appendix**

**Questions for Oral Answer**

**\*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. 18 to the Minister of Health:**

**(By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)**

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

- a) the number of areas that have been sprayed and defogged by the Insect Vector Control Division; and

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**\* Question Nos. 12 and 13 were deferred for two (2) weeks on Wednesday December 12, 2018.**

- b) whether there will be continuous monitoring of these areas for additional spraying and defogging?

**Question No. 19 to the Minister of Health:**

**(By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)**

Could the Minister indicate whether during the floods of October 19 to 21, 2018, the hospitals and health centres provided priority medical services to flood victims with asthmatic and respiratory ailments?

**Question No. 20 to the Minister of Health:**

**(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 precautionary measures being taken to ensure that contaminated food is not being sold; and
- b) the number of Health Inspectors who inspected food outlets and vegetable stalls for contaminated foods?

**Question No. 22 to the Minister of Health:**

**(By the Member for Fyzabad)**

With regard to reports that there are two hundred and sixteen (216) unregistered geriatric homes in Trinidad and Tobago, could the Minister state the measures being taken to ensure that all geriatric homes are legally registered?

**Question No. 23 to the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries:**

**(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

With regard to the floods that occurred in South Trinidad during the period November 15 to 19, 2018, could the Minister state:

- a) the number of farmers affected;
- b) the expected completion date for the processing of compensation payments; and
- c) whether compensation will be provided to affected livestock and poultry farmers?

**Question No. 24 to the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries:**

**(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

With regard to reports indicating that the Tulsa Trace Flood gates are dysfunctional, could the Minister state:

- a) the expected completion date for repair works to the flood gates;
- b) the estimated cost of repair works; and
- c) the current impact of dysfunctional flood gates?

**Question No. 25 to the Minister of National Security:**

**(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

Could the Minister state the current measures in place to treat with the increased number of missing person cases?

**Question No. 28 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:****(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

Could the Minister state the total amount spent to date on the severance packages for Petrotrin workers?

**Question No. 29 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:****(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

Further to the contribution made on October 5, 2018, could the Minister state the estimated final cost to mothball the Petrotrin refinery?

**Question No. 30 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:****(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

With regard to Petrotrin's restructuring and the launch of three new oil companies, could the Minister provide a list of all consultants hired to undertake recruitment/employment process and the cost of these consultancy services?

**Question No. 41 to the Minister of Works and Transport:****(By the Member for Naparima)**

Could the Minister provide the rationale for priority being given to building new roads rather than repairs to existing roads in the Ministry's work programme?

**Question No. 42 to the Minister of National Security:****(By the Member for Naparima)**

Given the recent use of polygraph tests within the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service, could the Minister state whether this measure will be applied to the Customs Division, Immigration Division, Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard and the Trinidad and Tobago Regiment?

**Question No. 43 to the Minister of National Security:****(By the Member for Naparima)**

Given the influx of illegal Venezuelan immigrants, could the Minister state whether there are plans to meet with the Minister of National Security of Venezuela to discuss mutually acceptable protocols to address the issue?

**Question No. 48 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:****(By the Member for Couva South)**

Further to the response in the Senate on November 20, 2018, could the Minister indicate:

- a) whether the Petrotrin Employees Pension Plan (PEPP) has met all payments/liabilities to the workers who retired on December 01, 2018; and
- b) whether after December 01, 2018, the PEPP can meet all its liabilities including cost for its 20,000 plus retirees?

**Question No. 49 to the Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development:****(By the Member for Couva South)**

Could the Minister state when will the Registration, Recognition and Certification Board be appointed?

**Question No. 50 to the Minister of Education:****(By the Member for Couva South)**

Given that the Milton Presbyterian Primary School has been closed since October 10, 2018, could the Minister inform this House when will the school be reopened?

**Question No. 53 to the Minister of Tourism:****(By the Member for Couva North)**

Could the Minister state whether the money owed to Sandals International for drawings and designs has been paid?

**Question No. 54 to the Minister of Tourism:****(By the Member for Couva North)**

Could the Minister indicate what environmental concerns, if any, are associated with the construction of Sandals Hotel at Buccoo Estate?

**Question No. 55 to the Minister of Tourism:****(By the Member for Couva North)**

Could the Minister provide the list of construction companies that have submitted proposals in response to the expression of interest for Sandals Hotel, Tobago?

**Question No. 56 to the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs:****(By the Member for Princes Town)**

Has the Ministry committed to pay the sum awarded by the Court in the matter involving Ms. Thema Williams and the Trinidad and Tobago Gymnastics Federation?

**Question No. 57 to the Minister of National Security:****(By the Member for Princes Town)**

Could the Minister indicate the last time the National Earthquake Disaster Plan was reviewed and updated to meet international standards?

**Question No. 58 to the Attorney General:****(By the Member for Princes Town)**

Further to the response of the Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister to Question No. 137 on March 23, 2018, could the Attorney General indicate the timeframe for the introduction of the relevant legislation in Parliament on the National Sex Offenders Registry?

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

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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. **WHEREAS** by section 4 of the Economic Sanctions Act, Chap. 81:05 the President may for the purpose of implementing a decision, resolution or recommendation by a regional or an international organisation of States or association of States, of which Trinidad and Tobago is a member, that calls on its members to take economic measures against a foreign State make an order with respect to-
  - (a) the restriction or prohibition of any of the activities referred to in section 5 in relation to a foreign State;
  - (b) the seizing, freezing or sequestration in the manner set out in the Order any property situated in Trinidad and Tobago that is held by or on behalf of—
    - (i) a foreign State;
    - (ii) any person in that foreign State; or (iii) a national of that foreign State who does not ordinarily reside in Trinidad and Tobago.
  - (c) the exclusion of any person, property, goods, technical data, services, transactions, ships or aircraft or any class thereof from the application of the Order.

**AND WHEREAS** the United Nations Security Council has issued resolutions requiring members of the United Nations to impose economic sanctions against the Democratic People's Republic of North Korea including resolutions 1718 (2006), 1874 (2009), 1928 (2010), 1985 (2011), 2050 (2012), 2087 (2013), 2094 (2013), 2141 (2014), 2207 (2015), 2270(2016), 2276 (2016), 2321(2016), 2345 (2017), 2356 (2017), 2371 (2017), 2375 (2017), 2397 (2017) and 2407 (2018) and Member Countries of the United Nations were called on to impose those economic sanctions on the Islamic Republic of Iran;

**AND WHEREAS** the aforementioned resolutions require countries to freeze without delay the funds and other assets of, and to ensure that no funds and other assets are made available, directly or indirectly, to or for the benefit of, any person or entity designated by, or under the authority of, the United Nations Security Council under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations;

**AND WHEREAS** the President, by Legal Notice No 184 of 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 signed the Economic Sanctions (Implementation of United Nations Resolutions on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea) Order, 2018;

**AND WHEREAS** the President, in accordance with section 4(4) of the Economic Sanctions Act, Chap. 81:05 did cause to be delivered on the 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 to the Speaker for presentation to the House of Representatives a statement setting out the specific grounds on which the decision to make the Economic Sanctions (Implementation of United Nations Resolutions on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea) Order, 2018 was based;

**AND WHEREAS** section 4(4) requires the statement of Her Excellency the President, be debated as soon as practicable but in any event not later than one month from the date of the commencement of the Order;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Statement of Her Excellency the President pursuant to section 4(4) of the Economic Sanctions Act, Chap 81:05, setting out the specific grounds on which the decision to make the Economic Sanctions (Implementation of United Nations Resolutions on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea) Order, 2018 was based, be approved.

**(By the Attorney General)**

2. **WHEREAS** by section 4 of the Economic Sanctions Act, Chap. 81:05 the President may for the purpose of implementing a decision, resolution or recommendation by a regional or an international organisation of States or association of States, of which Trinidad and Tobago is a member, that calls on its members to take economic measures against a foreign State make an order with respect to-
- (a) the restriction or prohibition of any of the activities referred to in section 5 in relation to a foreign State;
  - (b) the seizing, freezing or sequestration in the manner set out in the Order any property situated in Trinidad and Tobago that is held by or on behalf of—
    - (i) a foreign State;
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  - (c) the exclusion of any person, property, goods, technical data, services, transactions, ships or aircraft or any class thereof from the application of the Order.

**AND WHEREAS** the United Nations Security Council Resolutions 2231(2015) relative to Iran, United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540(2004) and its successor resolution, Member Countries of the United Nations were called on to impose economic sanctions on the Islamic Republic of Iran;

**AND WHEREAS** Trinidad and Tobago is required to implement the Financial Action Task Force's Recommendations 7 relative to the Islamic Republic of Iran which requires that countries implement target financial sanctions to comply with United Nations Security Council Resolutions (UNSCRs) relating to the prevention, suppression and disruption of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and its financing;

**AND WHEREAS** the aforementioned resolutions require countries to freeze without delay the funds and other assets of, and to ensure that no funds and other assets are made available, directly or indirectly, to or for the benefit of, any person or entity designated by, or under the authority of, the United Nations Security Council under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations;

**AND WHEREAS** the President, by Legal Notice No 185 of 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 signed the Economic Sanctions (Implementation of United Nations Resolutions on The Islamic Republic of Iran) Order, 2018;



**AND WHEREAS** the President, in accordance with section 4(4) of the Economic Sanctions Act, Chap. 81:05 did cause to be delivered on the 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 to the Speaker for presentation to the House of Representatives a statement setting out the specific grounds on which the decision to make the Order was based;

**AND WHEREAS** section 4(4) requires the statement of Her Excellency the President, be debated as soon as practicable but in any event not later than one month from the date of the commencement of the Order;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Statement of Her Excellency the President pursuant to section 4(4) of the Economic Sanctions Act, Chap 81:05, setting out the specific grounds on which the decision to make the Economic Sanctions (Implementation of United Nations Resolutions on The Islamic Republic of Iran) Order, 2018 was based, be approved.

**(By the Attorney General)**

**Bills Second Reading:**

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

**(By the Attorney General)**

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 Companies Act”.

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

5. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Magistrates Protection Act, 2018, Chap. 6:03”.

**(By the Attorney General)**

**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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ORDER PAPER FRIDAY JANUARY 11, 2019QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWERQuestion No. 38 to the Minister of Trade and Industry:

**(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

Given that the actual expenditure on the business development of the creative industries for fiscal 2017 was \$4,111,000, could the Minister provide a breakdown of the 2017 actual expenditure inclusive of the creative industry businesses that were developed?

**(Answer due by 02.01.2019)**

Question No. 39 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:

**(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

Given that the actual expenditure on remuneration to Cabinet appointed committees for fiscal 2017 was \$823,601, could the Minister state:

- a) a list of the committee membership; and
- b) the remuneration for each member listed in part (a)?

**(Answer due by 02.01.2019)**

Question No. 40 to the Minister of Trade and Industry:

**(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

With regard to the foreign exchange facility at EximBank that was launched in April 2018, could the Minister state:

- a) the list of firms that accessed the facility as at November 30, 2018; and
- b) the total forex values obtained by each firm listed in part (a)?

**(Answer due by 02.01.2019)**



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

In view of the three (3) reported deaths as a result of the swine flu, could the Minister state the number and laboratory confirmed swine flu cases in Trinidad and Tobago in the past 12 months?

2. **To the Minister of Health:**  
(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)

With regard to the three (3) reported deaths as a result of Swine flu, could the Minister indicate whether there are sufficient Tamiflu tablets in the public health system to combat a possible increase of cases?

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In view of the three (3) reported deaths as a result of the Swine flu, could the Minister state the number of laboratory confirmed Swine flu cases in Trinidad and Tobago in the past twelve (12) months?

2. **To the Minister of Health:**  
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