



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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1. The Audited Financial Statements of Trinidad and Tobago Tourism Business Development 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)

2. The Audited Financial Statements of the Youth Training and Employment Partnership Programme Limited for the financial year ended 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 Youth Training and Employment Partnership Programme 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 Audited Financial Statements of the Youth Training and Employment Partnership Programme 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 Annual Report of the Public Service Commission for the year 2017.

(By the Minister of Public Administration)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

1. The Fifteenth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an Examination of the expenditure and internal controls of the Ministry of Tourism.

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Oral Answer

***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?

Question No. 26 to the Attorney General:**(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

Could the Minister indicate whether any legislative actions have been initiated to date to treat with asylum requests from foreign nationals?

Question No. 27 to the Minister of National Security:**(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

With regard to the increased number of robberies and others serious crimes within the Penal/Debe region, could the Minister state:

- a) whether police patrols will be increased in the Penal/Debe region; and
- b) the number of persons arrested for serious crimes within the Penal/Debe region during the period January to November 2018?

Question No. 31 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:**(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

With regard to Trinidad and Tobago's importation of fuel for commercial use from October 1, 2018 to date, could the Minister state:

- a) the name of the supplier(s);
- b) the purchase price; and
- c) the quantity of imported fuel purchased?

Question No. 32 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:**(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

With regard to Trinidad and Tobago's exportation of crude oil from August 1, 2018 to present, could the Minister state:

- a) the quantity of crude oil sold;
- b) the name of the buyer(s);
- c) the selling price; and
- d) the list of purchasing countries on a monthly basis?

Question No. 33 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 state:

- a) the list of names and positions of the executive management team hired to date; and
- b) the total compensation package inclusive of salary, housing, travelling and any other allowances?

Question No. 44 to the Minister of National Security:**(By the Member for Naparima)**

Could the Minister provide the expected time frame for the advertising, acquiring and commissioning of the fourteen (14) interceptor vessels for the coast guard?

Question No. 45 to the Minister of National Security:**(By the Member for Naparima)**

Could the Minister provide a breakdown of expenditure for the National Crime Prevention Programme to date?

Question No. 46 to the Minister of Planning and Development:**(By the Member for Naparima)**

Could the Minister state whether there are proposed plans to revise our national building codes in the light of the increased frequency of earthquakes?

Question No. 51 to the Minister of Works and Transport:**(By the Member for Couva South)**

Could the Minister inform this House of the measures to reduce the waiting time of citizens to clear goods at ports of entry prior to the Christmas season and beyond?

Question No. 52 to the Minister of Public Utilities:**(By the Member for Couva South)**

Could the Minister inform this House of the number of unionised and non-unionised staff of the Telecommunications Services of Trinidad and Tobago who have been terminated to date since the commencement of the restructuring exercise?

Question No. 59 to the Minister of National Security:**(By the Member for Princes Town)**

With respect to the policy framework on refugees, could the Minister state:

- a) the expected completion date of the policy; and
- b) the timeframe for the introduction of legislation in Parliament to give effect to the policy?

Question No. 60 to the Attorney General:**(By the Member for Princes Town)**

Given concerns raised by international organizations on the Attorney General's interpretation of the legality of treaties related to the treatment of refugees, has the Attorney General communicated with the international organizations on Trinidad and Tobago's position on this matter?

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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 Companies Act”.

(By the Minister of Finance)

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

(By the Attorney General)

5. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Trespass Act, Chap. 11:07”.

(By the Minister in the Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs)

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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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 Minister concerned.

1. **To the Minister of Education:**
(By the Member for Couva North)

Given that students of the Carapichaima West High School have been asked to stay away from school at this time, could the Minister state when will the proposed refurbishment works to the school take place?

2. **To the Minister of Works and Transport:**
(By the Member for Couva North)

Could the Minister indicate when will work begin on the collapsed portion of the Randy Carter Road which is causing great inconvenience to motorists and pedestrians?

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

Could the Minister indicate the circumstances surrounding an accident involving the Galleons Passage at the Tobago Pier on Wednesday January 16, 2019?

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FRIDAY JANUARY 18, 2019 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. Would the Prime Minister state whether the Government will be amenable to changing the Magdalena Grand hotel to a time sharing or rehabilitation hotel or even a hotel with a similar plan as Sandals?
(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)
2. Could the Prime Minister indicate whether there was a cost involved in the production and airing of his two part programme entitled "Mind Your Business" and if so will he disclose this cost?
(By the Member for Princes Town)
3. Could the Prime Minister indicate when he expects the Couva Hospital to be available for use by citizens of Trinidad and Tobago?
(By the Member for Fyzabad)
4. Could the Prime Minister inform the House whether the relationship with any of the existing Rating Agencies has been severed by the government of Trinidad and Tobago?
(By the Member for Caroni Central)
5. As it relates to a meeting between the Prime Minister, CIC Capital Corporation and China ZhenHua Oil Company, can the Prime Minister enlighten this House as to the nature of this meeting?
(By the Member for Oropouche West)
6. With regard to a recent meeting between the Prime Minister and executives from the Sunwing Travel Group, can the Prime Minister inform this House if it is the Government's intention to sell Magdalena Grand Beach Resort and Golf Course to Sunwing Travel Group?
(By the Member for Oropouche West)
7. Could the Prime Minister state why the Government has not to date hired more nurses and doctors for the public health-care system?
(By the Member for Caroni East)

8. Could the Prime Minister confirm whether between September and December 2015, the Minister of Finance made six (6) requests for dividend payments from the National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited?
(By the Member for Caroni Central)
9. Could the Prime Minister indicate what debt to GDP ratio threshold his Government has set for the management of our economy and any measures he intends to adopt, to not exceed the identified ceiling?
(By the Member for Naparima)
10. Could the Prime Minister give reasons why at this critical juncture in our diplomatic relations with Venezuela, our country has no Ambassador resident in that jurisdiction?
(By the Member for Naparima)
11. Given the collapse of the Sandals Tobago Project, could the Prime Minister inform this House of what alternative projects will be pursued by the Government to boost tourism in Tobago?
(By the Member for Couva South)
12. Given the withdrawal by Sandals Resort from the Government's intended Sandals Tobago project, could the Prime Minister state whether there was a cost to the state and would he disclose this cost?
(By the Member for Couva North)
13. Could the Prime Minister state whether infrastructure and development works have begun on "No Man Land/Island" or any other property in Tobago in preparation for the Sandals Resort project?
(By the Member for Oropouche East)
14. Could the Prime Minister indicate whether the proposed construction of the billion dollar Terminal at the ANR Robinson International Airport in Tobago will proceed in the wake of the collapse of the Sandals project?
(By the Member for Oropouche East)
15. Could the Prime Minister what is the policy of the Government as it relates to the hiring of persons by statutory boards for promotional campaigns?
(By the Member for Princes Town)

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