



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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1. The Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Heritage and Stabilisation Fund for the financial year ended September 30, 2018.

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

2. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Planning and Development 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 Planning and Development)**

3. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Public Administration to the Eleventh Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an Examination of the administration and expenditure of the Ministry of Public Administration and Communications.

**(By the Minister of Public Administration)**

4. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Education to the Sixth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Social Services and Public Administration on an Inquiry into Mental Health and Wellness Services and Facilities in Trinidad and Tobago.

**(By the Minister of Education)**

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**Questions for Oral Answer****\*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. 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. 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. 34 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:****(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

With regard to the Dragon Gas Field deal, could the Minister state:

- a) the percentage of the deal completed; and
- b) the expected date of the first supply of gas?

**Question No. 35 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:****(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

Given that the actual expenditure on renewable energy and energy efficiency for fiscal 2017 was \$429,454, could the Minister provide:

- a) a breakdown of the 2017 actual expenditure; and
- b) the measures implemented over the past two years to increase use of renewable, wind and solar energy (exclusive of projects that commenced prior to 2015)?

**Question No. 36 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:****(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

Given that the actual expenditure on extractive industry initiatives for fiscal 2017 was \$438,895, could the Minister provide a breakdown of the 2017 actual expenditure inclusive of a list of initiatives?

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**\*Question No. 43 was deferred for two (2) weeks on Friday January 11, 2019.**

**\*Questions Nos. 33 and 46 were deferred on Friday January 18, 2019.**

**Question No. 47 to the Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs:****(By the Member for Naparima)**

Could the Minister state the measures the Ministry intends to adopt to prevent a re-occurrence of the issues that emanated from Trinidad and Tobago's vote at the Organization of the American States with respect to the fee waiver from Dominica?

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS****Motions:**

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House consider the details of the two-part address by the Hon. Keith Rowley, MP, Prime Minister termed, "*Mind your Business: Reporting to the Nation*" that aired on January 6, 2019 and January 7, 2019.

**(By the Member for Siparia)**

2. **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)**

3. **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)**

4. **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)**

### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

#### **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)

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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 Minister concerned.

1. **To the Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs:**  
(By the Member for Princes Town)

In light of a statement issued by the President of the United States on January 23rd 2019 declaring that the US recognizes Juan Guaido as the interim President of Venezuela and calling on Governments in the western hemisphere to reject Nicolas Maduro's Presidency as illegitimate and undemocratic, could the Minister indicate what is Trinidad and Tobago's response to this position adopted by the President of the United States?

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

Could the Minister confirm reports of a baby being born in a car after being turned away from a public health facility?

3. **To the Minister of National Security:**  
(By the Member for Oropouche West)

With regard to a video circulating on social media this week depicting prisoners complaining about their meals, could the Minister indicate whether the cell phone jammers as well as other contraband prevention apparatus at the prisons are functional?

4. **To the Minister of Health:**  
(By the Member for Oropouche West)

With regard to reports indicating that a patient spent two days on a trolley because of the unavailability of beds, could the Minister indicate whether these reports are true?

5. **To the Attorney General:**  
(By the Member for Oropouche West)

With regard to reports indicating that the use of authorization letters by family members to apply for birth certificates on behalf of relatives has now been stopped, could the Minister indicate what alternative arrangements have been implemented to assist citizens who are physically incapable of applying for same?

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