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ORDER PAPER

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

2. The Economic Sanctions (Implementation of United Nations Resolutions on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea) Order, 2018.

(By the Attorney General)

3. The Economic Sanctions (Implementation of United Nations Resolutions on the Islamic Republic of Iran) Order, 2018.

(By the Attorney General)

4. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Education to the Fifteenth Report of the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee on the Examination of the Audited Accounts, Balance Sheets and Other Financial Statements of the Youth Training and Employment Partnership Programme for the financial years 2008 to 2014.

(By the Minister of Education)

5. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government to the Nineteenth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Chaguanas Borough Corporation for the financial years 2008 to 2011.

(By the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government)

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Questions for Oral Answer

***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?

Question No. 72 to the Minister of Works and Transport:

(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)

Could the Minister provide:

- a) the percentage of vehicles that have been found to be defective at the inspection stations in 2018;
- b) the time period or frequency cars are required to be inspected; and
- c) the breakdown of the inspection fee and the percentage of the inspective fee remitted to the Government?

Question No. 76 to the Minister of Finance:

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister provide the plans to restructure National Insurance Board of Trinidad and Tobago (NIBTT) in order to mitigate NIBTT deficits in the future?

Question No. 77 to the Minister of Health:

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister state:

- a) the number of persons assessed to be mentally unstable from January to December 2018; and
- b) the current number of persons detained for assessment at the St. Ann's Psychiatric Hospital as a result of being referred by a Court of criminal jurisdiction?

Question No. 81 to the Minister of Works and Transport:

(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)

Could the Minister state the process for obtaining a disability parking permit?

Question No. 82 to the Minister of National Security:**(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)**

Could the Minister indicate:

- a) the number of terrorists apprehended on the Trinidad to Tobago airbridge in the past five (5) years;
- b) if the answer to part (a) is in the negative, could the Minister account for the need for stringent searches on the Trinidad to Tobago air bridge?

Question No. 86 to the Minister of Tourism:**(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

Could the Minister state whether infrastructural and development works had begun on “No Man’s Land” or any other Tobago property in preparation for the Sandals Resort Project?

Question No. 87 to the Minister of Tourism:**(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

Could the Minister state whether the proposed construction of a new terminal building at the ANR Robinson International Airport will proceed in light of the collapse of the Sandals Resort Project in Tobago?

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS**Motions:**

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday January 25, 2019 will be resumed:**

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 Leader of the Opposition)

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

Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may by resolution approve an Order made under section 5(1);

AND WHEREAS the Land Acquisition (Requisition) Order, 2018 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 190 dated the 19th day of December, 2018;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the said Order:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) Order, 2018 be approved.

(By the Attorney General)

2. **WHEREAS** by section 4 of the Economic Sanctions Act, Chap. 81:05 (“the Act”), 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 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 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 14th December, 2018 signed the Economic Sanctions (Implementation of United Nations Resolutions on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea) Order, 2018 ("the Order").

AND WHEREAS the President, in accordance with section 4(4) of the Act, did cause to be delivered on the 17th 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 the statement of Her Excellency the President, was debated in the House of Representatives on 11th January, 2019 and approved and was published as Legal Notice No. 14 of 2019.

AND WHEREAS section 4(3) of the Act provides that subject to section 4(5), an Order made under section 4(1) shall, unless previously revoked, remain in force for three months.

AND WHEREAS section 4(5) of the Act provides that before the expiration of an Order made under section 4(3), the Order may be extended, either indefinitely or for a specified period, by a resolution supported by a simple majority vote of the House of Representatives.

AND WHEREAS it has become necessary to extend the life of the Order until such time as it is revoked:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Order shall remain in force until such time as it is revoked.

(By the Attorney General)

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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 14th December, 2018 signed the Economic Sanctions (Implementation of United Nations Resolutions on The Islamic Republic of Iran) Order, 2018 ("the Order").

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AND WHEREAS it has become necessary to extend the life of the Order as follows:

- (a) Clauses 21, 22 and 23 of the Order shall continue in force until 18 October 2020 and then expire;
- (b) Clauses 12, 19 and 20 of the Order shall continue in force until 18 October 2023 and then expire; and
- (c) Clauses 16 and 17 of the Order shall continue in force until 18 October 2025 and then expire.

BE IT RESOLVED that the life of the Order be extended as follows:

- (a) Clauses 21, 22 and 23 of the Order shall continue in force until 18 October 2020 and then expire;
- (b) Clauses 12, 19 and 20 of the Order shall continue in force until 18 October 2023 and then expire; and

- (c) Clauses 16 and 17 of the Order shall continue in force until 18 October 2025 and then expire.

(By the Attorney General)

Bills Second Reading:

1. 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)

2. 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)

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APPENDIX**ORDER PAPER FRIDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2019****QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER*****Question No. 61 to the Minister of National Security:****(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)**

Could the Minister state:

- a) the number of work permits issued to Chinese labourers from 2015 to 2018; and
- b) the skills of these Chinese labourers?

(Answer due by 05.02.2019)***Question No. 62 to the Minister of Finance:****(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)**

Could the Minister provide the list of Government projects being executed by Chinese state companies inclusive of:

- a) the total cost per project;
- b) the labour cost per project expressed as a percentage of total project cost; and
- c) the percentage of labour cost repatriated by these companies in the form of United States dollars?

(Answer due by 05.02.2019)



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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 is hereby forwarded for the attention of the Ministers concerned.

1. **To the Minister of National Security:**
(By the Member for Barataria/ San Juan)

Could the Minister indicate why detained illegal immigrants at the detention center are not processed efficiently, to prevent the capacity problem occurring there?

2. **To the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:**
(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Given a recent incident where two young boys who slipped into an open oil seep in the Point Fortin, could the Minister indicate what measures are being put in place to address the resultant safety concerns that arise from the existence of such hazards?

3. **To the Minister of Public Utilities:**
(By the Member for Oropouche West)

In light of complaints from residents of Maria David Trace, San Francique, indicating that they have not received any pipe borne water for some fourteen (14) consecutive days, could the Minister indicate when this situation would be rectified?

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

Following a protest held this morning by parents, students and teachers of the Montrose Vedic School, arising from the flea infestation at the school, could the Minister indicate when will this matter be urgently addressed?

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