



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FOURTH SESSION
ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

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ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY MARCH 29, 2019: 1:30 P.M.

PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

PETITIONS

PAPERS

1. The 2019 Report of the Elections and Boundaries Commission on the Review of Constituency Boundaries pursuant to Section 72 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago dated March 14, 2019.

(By the Deputy Speaker)

2. The Annual Report of the Police Service Commission for the period January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

(By the Deputy Speaker)

3. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the National Carnival Commission of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2005.

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

4. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the National Carnival Commission of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2006.

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

5. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the National Carnival Commission of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2007.

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

6. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the San Juan/Laventille Regional Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2013.

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

7. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the North West Regional Health Authority for the year ended September 30, 2008.

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

8. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the North West Regional Health Authority for the year ended September 30, 2009.

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

9. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the North West Regional Health Authority for the year ended September 30, 2010.

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

10. The Consolidated Audited Financial Statements of First Citizens Bank Limited and its Subsidiaries 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 [Enterprises] Committee)

11. The Response of the Auditor General's Department to the Twentieth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Examination of the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year 2017.

(By the Minister of Finance)

12. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs to 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 Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs)

13. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Public Administration to the Sixteenth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an Examination into the implementation of the Public Sector Investment Programme.

(By the Minister of Public Administration)

14. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Education to the Seventh Report of the Joint Select Committee on State Enterprises on an Inquiry into the Efficiency and Effectiveness on the Education Facilities Company Limited in managing the construction and repair of Government and Government Assisted Schools.

(By the Minister of Education)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Written Answer will appear in the Appendix

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 94 to the Minister of Health:

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister indicate the number of children with physical and mental disabilities abandoned by their parents at public hospitals from September 2015 to present?

Question No. 95 to the Attorney General:

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Given recent comments that the use of judge-alone trials will not address the backlog of cases in the criminal justice system, could the Attorney General state the additional measures to be implemented to address the backlog of matters?

Question No. 111 to the Minister of National Security:

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister state whether the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard has sufficient resources to treat with increased incidents of piracy in our territorial waters?

Question No. 123 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Could the Minister state whether the Petrotrin Recreation Ground located at Apex Fyzabad is still available for public use?

Question No. 124 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Could the Minister state the total value of the drugs and medical supplies that were stored at the Augustus Long Hospital as at December 1, 2018?

Question No. 125 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Could the Minister state whether any patients are currently being treated at the Augustus Long Hospital?

Question No. 132 to the Minister of Health:

(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)

Could the Minister state whether the supply of H1N1 vaccines is currently depleted in health facilities?

Question No. 133 to the Minister of Tourism:**(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)**

Could the Minister indicate why cruise ship arrivals are not timed to coincide with Carnival activities (inclusive of Carnival shows and Carnival promotions)?

Question No. 141 to the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries:**(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

With regard to the Agricultural Financial Support Programme referenced in the Budget Statement 2019, could the Minister provide:

- a) the number of agricultural producers who have received grants to date; and
- b) the name of the agricultural producer and the value of each grant in part (a)?

Question No. 142 to the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts:**(By the Member for Chaguanas East)**

Could the Minister provide the expected date that construction will be resumed on the African Ground Community Centre in Enterprise?

Question No. 143 to the Minister of Education:**(By the Member for Chaguanas East)**

Further to the response to House of Representatives Question No. 190 on April 9, 2018, could the Minister provide a status update on the ECCE Centre at Dass Trace?

Question No. 144 to the Minister of Education:**(By the Member for Chaguanas East)**

Further to the response to House of Representatives Question No. 191 on April 13, 2018, could the Minister provide a status update on the Oasis/Egypt Primary School?

Question No. 155 to the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government:**(By the Member for Couva South)**

Could the Minister inform this House of the list of projects approved by the Rural Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for implementation in the district of Couva for fiscal year 2019?

Question No. 156 to the Minister of Education:**(By the Member for Couva South)**

Further to the responses to House of Representatives Question No. 80 on March 24, 2017 and House of Representatives Question No. 127 on March 16, 2018, could the Minister provide a status update on the opening date of the Early Childhood Care and Education Centre at Sonny Ladoo Development?

Question No. 157 to the Minister of Public Utilities:**(By the Member for Couva South)**

Further to the response to House of Representatives Question No. 128 on March 16, 2018, could the Minister provide:

- a) a status update on the illumination of the Esperanza Recreation Grounds under the street lighting programme of the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission; and
- b) whether the Ministry has re-considered its decision to not grant approval for the illumination of the Beucarro Recreation Grounds?

Question No. 160 to the Minister of Health:

(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)

With regard to the new Women's Outpatient and Colposcopy Centre at the Mt. Hope Women's Hospital, could the Minister indicate:

- a) its construction commencement date; and
- b) the services available?

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

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

1. The Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2019*.

(By the Minister of Finance)

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE AND MOVED BY A MINISTER

PUBLIC BUSINESS

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:

*At the Sitting of the House of Representatives held on Friday March 22, 2019, the Leader of the House gave notice of the intention to move for the suspension of S.O. 78 to permit the introduction of the Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2019.

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

(By the Attorney General)

2. **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, 2019 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 34 dated the 18th day of February, 2019;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the said Order:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) Order, 2019 be approved.

(By the Attorney General)

Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act to provide for the registration of non-profit organisations, the establishment and maintenance of a register of non-profit organisations, the obligations of non-profit organisations and for related matters”.

(By the Attorney General)

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 establish a Council for Urban and Regional Planners and to provide for the regulation of the urban and regional planning profession and other matters incidental thereto”.

(By the Minister of Planning and Development)

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 provide for the establishment of the Civil Asset Recovery and Management Agency for the recovery of criminal property through the use of the remedies of restriction in dealings with civil assets restriction and forfeiture of criminal property and the management of criminal property, and unexplained wealth orders and matters incidental thereto”.

(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. **The debate on the following Motion which was adjourned on Friday March 22, 2019 will be resumed:**

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)

2. **WHEREAS** over the recent past there have been a number of media articles alleging acts of serious misbehaviour and abuse of office by the Chief Justice, the most serious of which remain unanswered;

AND WHEREAS the Chief Justice has by his resolute refusal to respond adequately to these allegations, brought the office of Chief Justice and by extension, the entire Judiciary into disrepute and odium;

AND WHEREAS by Section 137 of the Constitution the Prime Minister has the authority and responsibility to act in the interest of the integrity of the Office of the Chief Justice and the Judiciary;

AND WHEREAS the Law Association of Trinidad and Tobago established a Committee to investigate allegations of misconduct by the Chief Justice and the Committee Report was sent to the Prime Minister for which action is yet to be taken;

AND WHEREAS there have been public calls for the Prime Minister to act and trigger Section 137 thereby allowing for the course of natural justice which would allow for the rebuilding of public confidence in the administration of justice and the Judiciary;

AND WHEREAS the Prime Minister by his failure to act permits the perception that the Government is protecting the Chief Justice and has further eroded public confidence in the administration of justice;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House call upon the Prime Minister to trigger Section 137 of the Constitution and forthwith advise the President that the question of removing the Chief Justice ought to be investigated.

(By the Member for Oropouche East)

3. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday February 22, 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)

4. **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)

5. **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 MARCH 29, 2019QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWERQuestion No. 164 to the Minister of Housing and Urban Development:

(By the Member for Princes Town)

With regard to the distribution of Housing Development Corporation houses in the Gomez Trace Housing Development, Moruga on February 18, 2019, could the Minister provide a list that includes a breakdown of:

- a) the list of recipients;
- b) the residential district on the application of each recipient;
- c) the application date for each recipient; and
- d) the criteria used to select each recipient?

(Answer due by 29.03.2019)



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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 Ministers concerned.

1. **To the Minister of National Security:**
(By the Member for St. Augustine)

In light of fires which has been raging for day in the Northern Range, could the Minister indicate the status of firefighting equipment for mountainous regions?

2. **To the Minister of Finance:**
(By the Member for Oropouche East)

Could the Minister indicate the reasons for the lack of timely disbursement of releases to the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service to ensure implementation of critical crime fighting policies and programs?

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

With regard to the cancellation of two scheduled Cabo Star sailings on Thursday March 28, 2019 and Friday March 29, 2019, could the Minister indicate what urgent measures have been taken to accommodate passengers affected by this change?

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

Could the Minister indicate why the Public Transport Service Corporation has cancelled all services for tomorrow, a public holiday?

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

In light of a recent report indicating that there are anomalies in the procurement process of medical supplies at the Mt. Hope Hospital, could the Minister indicate whether any investigation has been launched into this matter?

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