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ORDER PAPER

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PRAYERS

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1. The Draft Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Order, 2019.

(By the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government)

2. The Thirty-First Annual Report of the Integrity Commission of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended December 31, 2018.

(By the Deputy Speaker)

3. The Audited Financial Statements of National Quarries Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2013.

(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 National Quarries Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2014.

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

5. The Audited Financial Statements of National Quarries Company 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)

6. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Regulated Industries Commission for the year ended December 31, 2014.

(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 Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation 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)

8. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation 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)

9. The Administrative Report of National Information and Communication Technology Company Limited (iGovTT) for the year ended September 30, 2017.

(By the Minister of Public Administration)

10. The Annual Report of the Children's Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2018.

(By the Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister)

11. The Administrative Report of the Point Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation Limited for the year 2015.

(By the Minister of Works and Transport)

12. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Works and Transport 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 Works and Transport)

13. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance 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 Finance)

14. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Tourism to the Fifteenth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an Examination into the Expenditure and Internal Controls of the Ministry of Tourism.

(By the Minister of Tourism)

15. The Administrative Report of the Ministry of Tourism for the fiscal year 2015.

(By the Minister of Tourism)

16. The Administrative Report of the Ministry of Tourism for the fiscal year 2017.

(By the Minister of Tourism)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Oral Answer

***Question No. 140 to the Prime Minister:**

(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)

With regard to statements in the Prime Minister's address to the nation on September 2, 2018 that, "*the wider population in fence line communities will benefit from some deliberate additional Government expenditure on infrastructure and social support*", could the Prime Minister provide the specific list of projects that have been undertaken within the fence line communities of Pointe-a-Pierre, Santa Flora, Couva and Gasparillo?

***Question No. 158 to the Minister of Finance:**

(By the Member for Naparima)

Could the Minister provide the list of achievements of the lobbyist "Group DC LLC" in fiscal 2018?

Question No. 112 to the Minister of Works and Transport:

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister state:

- a) whether an investigation was launched into alleged reports in January 2019 that a foreigner paid \$1,500 for a counterfeit driver's permit;
- b) whether other counterfeit driver's permits were discovered to date; and
- c) the actions taken to prevent the production of counterfeit driver's permits?

Question No. 113 to the Minister of Works and Transport:

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Further to the response to House of Representatives Question No. 187 on April 27, 2018, could the Minister provide a status update on the commencement date for repairs to the landslide at Pluck Road, San Francique?

Question No. 114 to the Minister of Public Utilities:

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister indicate the expected date for the resumption of a regular supply of pipe borne water to residents in the area of Pluck Road, San Francique?

Question No. 134 to the Minister of Health:

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

With regard to the San Fernando General Hospital, could the Minister state:

- a) the expected completion date for roof repairs at the Labour Ward;
- b) the expected date that the CT scanner in the Accident and Emergency Department will be fully functional; and
- c) the expected date that the three non-functioning lifts at the main old building of the will be fully functional?

***Question Nos. 140 and 158 were deferred for two (2) weeks on Friday March 22, 2019.**

Question No. 135 to the Minister of Education:**(By the Member for Fyzabad)**

Further to the response to House of Representatives Question No. 157 on March 21, 2018, could the Minister provide a status update on the construction of the Siparia East Secondary School?

Question No. 136 to the Minister of Education:**(By the Member for Fyzabad)**

Further to the response to House of Representatives Question No. 156 on March 21, 2018, could the Minister provide a status update on the construction of the Early Care and Childhood Education Centre at Dabie Avenue, Avocat?

Question No. 145 to the Minister of Health:**(By the Member for Chaguanas East)**

With regard to the Insert Vector Control Division, could the Minister state:

- a) the current number of vehicles assigned to the Division; and
- b) the current number of operational vehicles at the Division?

Question No. 146 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:**(By the Member for Chaguanas East)**

With regard to the Angostura Oil Field located off the east coast of Trinidad, could the Minister state:

- a) whether oil was extracted from this field to date; and
- b) if the answer in part (a) is affirmative, provide the total volume extracted to date?

Question No. 147 to the Minister of National Security:**(By the Member for Chaguanas East)**

Could the Minister provide the actions taken to address the refugee problem in Trinidad and Tobago?

Question No. 161 to the Minister of Health:**(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)**

Could the Minister indicate whether the Ministry intends to use the Master Plans that were completed for the San Fernando General Hospital, the Port of Spain General Hospital and the Eric Williams Medical Sciences Complex?

Question No. 162 to the Minister of National Security:**(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)**

Could the Minister indicate the average monthly cost for the upkeep of an inmate at:

- a) the Immigration Detention Centre;
- b) the Remand Yard, Golden Grove;
- c) the Port of Spain Prison;
- d) the Golden Grove Prison; and
- e) the Carrera Island Prison?

Question No. 163 to the Minister of National Security:**(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)**

Could the Minister indicate:

- a) the current number of prisoners on death row; and
- b) the commencement year of incarceration for each prisoner on death row in part (a)?

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

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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 subsection (3) of section 4 of the Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Act (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”), that as soon as may be after the Elections and Boundaries Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) has submitted a report under paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 4 of the Act, the Minister shall lay before the House of Representatives for its approval the draft of an Order by the President for giving effect, whether with or without modifications, to the recommendations contained in the report;

AND WHEREAS the Commission has submitted a report to the Minister in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 4;

AND WHEREAS the draft of an Order entitled the “Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Order, 2019” giving effect to the recommendations of the Commission was laid before the House of Representatives on the 5th day of April, 2019:

BE IT RESOLVED that the draft of the “Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Order, 2019” be approved.

(By the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government)

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, 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)

3. **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 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)

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)

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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FRIDAY APRIL 05, 2019 1:30 P.M. 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 Ministers concerned.

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

Given the public reports that the Chairman of the Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago and the Chairman of the National Infrastructure Development Company Limited (NIDCO) travelled to Malta in February to inspect the MV Jean De La Valette (JDLV), could the Minister inform this House on what technical expertise did these Chairmen rely on for their assessment?

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

With regard to recent reports indicating that the Director of Virtu Ferries, the Maltese company responsible for the procurement of the new fast ferry for the sea bridge is currently before the courts on bribery and money laundering charges, could the Minister indicate whether the Government intends to continue the transaction in light of these revelations?

3. **To the Minister of Education:**
(By the Member for Caroni East)

Could the Minister indicate the consequences and remedial action required to be taken with respect to the concerns regarding the mathematical component of the Secondary Entrance Assessment examination papers on Thursday April 04, 2019?

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

In light of the recent fire at the Radiology Department of the Port of Spain General Hospital which displaced several in-house patients, could the Minister state where these patients are currently located?

5. **To the Minister of Works and Transport:**
(By the Member for Princes Town)

In light of the recent burning of a connecting bridge in Princes Town which has severely impacted upon the mobility of two communities, could the Minister inform this House what urgent measures will be taken to bring swift relief to the affected residents?

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