



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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**(By the Member for Mayaro)**

Could the Minister provide a status of the operationalisation of the Galeota Fishing Port?

**Question No. 219 to the Minister of Works and Transport:**

**(By the Member for Mayaro)**

Could the Minister provide a list the major repair works to be undertaken for the Tableland to Rio Claro segment of the Naparima/Mayaro Road?

**Question No. 221 to the Minister of Housing and Urban Development:****(By the Member for Mayaro)**

Could the Minister provide an update on the status of the Land Settlement Agency Plots which were developed in the La Savanne Circular and Nurse Trace areas of Guayaguayare?

**Question No. 230 to the Attorney General:****(By the Member for Couva South)**

Given the recent disclosure that there were 3,772 cases of reported teenage pregnancies for the period 2014 to 2018 and that 570 of such pregnancies were between the age group of 13 to 16 years, could the Minister provide the number of perpetrators from the 570 cases that are before the Court as at April 30, 2019?

**Question No. 231 to the Minister of Works and Transport:****(By the Member for Couva South)**

Could the Minister provide the number of ports in Trinidad and Tobago that are being used by the Venezuela's state oil company Petroleos de Venezuela (PDVSA) in order to avoid economic sanctions imposed by the Government of the United States of America?

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**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Motions:**

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate amendments to the Administration of Justice (Indictable Proceedings) (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2019 listed in the Appendix be now considered.

**(By the Attorney General)**

2. **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 5<sup>th</sup> 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)**

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, 2018 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 190 dated the 19<sup>th</sup> 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)**

4. **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 18<sup>th</sup> 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)**

5. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 38(1) of the Tobacco Control Act, Chap. 30:04 (hereinafter called “the Act”) that the Minister may make Regulations prescribing requirements and standards for tobacco product constituents, including emissions of smoked products, additives and product design and specifying methods for testing and measuring compliance with the performance prescribed and generally for carrying out the purpose of this Act;

**AND WHEREAS** it is also provided by section 38(1) of the Act that Regulations made under that section shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

**AND WHEREAS** the Minister has on the 29th day of May, 2019 made the Tobacco Control (Amendment) Regulations, 2019 (hereinafter called “the Regulations”);

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient that the Regulations now be affirmed:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tobacco Control (Amendment) Regulations, 2019 be approved.

**(By the Minister of Health)**

**Bills Second Reading:**

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Financial Institutions Act, Chap 79:09 the Securities Act, Chap. 83:02 and the Insurance Act, No. 4 of 2018”.

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

2. A Bill entitled, “An Act to provide for a tax amnesty in relation to certain revenue laws and to amend the Retiring Allowances (Legislative Service) Act, Chap. 2:03; the President’s Emoluments Act, Chap. 2:50; the Prime Minister’s Pensions Act, Chap. 2:51; the Judges Salaries and Pensions Act, Chap. 6:02; the Freedom of Information Act, Chap. 22:02; the National Insurance Act, Chap. 32:02; the Central Bank Act, Chap. 79:02; and the Non-Profit Organisations Act, 2019 (Act No. 7 of 2019)”.

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

3. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Registrar General Act, Chap. 19:03, the Registration of Deeds Act, Chap. 19:06, the Conveyancing and Law of Property Act, Chap. 56:01, the Real Property Act, Chap. 56:02, the Stamp Duty Act, Chap. 76:01 and the Registration of Title to Land Act, 2000”.

**(By the Attorney General)**

4. 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)**

5. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Supplemental Police Act, Chap. 15:02”.

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

6. A Bill entitled, “An Act to validate the constitution of licensing committees established under section 5 of the Liquor Licences Act, Chap. 84:10 as well as the grant, transfer and renewal of licences and all other acts and omissions by licensing committees and for related matters”.

**(By the Attorney General)**

7. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Municipal Corporations Act, Chap. 25:04, the Burial Grounds Act, Chap. 30:50, the Cremation Act, Chap 30:51, the Advertisements Regulation Act, Chap. 30:53, the Recreation Grounds and Pastures Act, Chap. 41:01, the Highways Act, Chap. 48:01, the Dogs Act, Chap. 67:54 and the Property Taxes Act, Chap. 76:04”.

**(By the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government)**

**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)**

2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House adopt the Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to consider and report on the Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority Bill, 2018.

**(By the Member for Diego Martin North/East)**

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was adjourned on Friday May 24, 2019 will be resumed:**

**WHEREAS** there has been a decline in the educational performance, standards and academic achievements during the current Government's administration;

**AND WHEREAS** the previous Computer Laptop Programme was abandoned, homework centres closed, provision of textbooks significantly decreased, and Student Support Services, IT, Special Needs, School Social professionals, School Feeding Programme and Scholarships have all been reduced;

**AND WHEREAS** many schools were routinely closed during several education terms because of disrepair, maintenance issues and gross incompetence of the Ministry of Education, depriving thousands of students of their education;

**AND WHEREAS** the Primary School Curriculum and the Continuous Assessment Component have been seriously compromised;

**AND WHEREAS** there has been an inadequate response to school disciplinary and security issues;

**AND WHEREAS** the construction of new schools has ceased and an estimated seventy schools at various levels of completion were abandoned with resultant disastrous educational environments;

**AND WHEREAS** the School Transport, School Feeding Programme, personnel and other vital service providers are failing to receive timely payments;

**AND WHEREAS** there has been a serious reduction in the GATE Programme, tertiary education participation, facilities and training in the various Tech-Voc programmes among others;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House condemn this Government for its gross failure in the Education Sector and the resultant detrimental effect on generations of students.

**(By the Member for Chaguanas East)**

2. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday May 10, 2019 will be resumed:**

**WHEREAS** the World Economic Outlook published by the International Monetary Fund projected that the Trinidad and Tobago economy is stagnant;

**AND WHEREAS** this is at variance with the assertions of the Minister of Finance, the Prime Minister and other Government spokesmen on the subjects of growth and economic performance over the past two years;

**AND WHEREAS** the economic experience of the majority of citizens is one of distress and concern, the psychological state of workers is one of anxiety and fear and many among the middle class are challenged to meet their mortgage payments;

**AND WHEREAS** oil production is at its lowest level of production in decades;

**AND WHEREAS** the renegotiation of natural gas prices with producing companies has created new problems for the National Gas Company and the downstream sector and may affect national policy choices in the immediate future;

**AND WHEREAS** the local private sector is hesitant to invest in the local economy and small and medium business are struggling to stave off closure;

**AND WHEREAS** the depletion of foreign reserves is occurring at the net rate of 1.6 billion annually;

**AND WHEREAS** after three and a half years in office, the Government seems unable to manage the economy effectively, citizens of all dimensions are under stress and live with daily uncertainty and the country as a whole seems rudderless and directionless;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House condemn the Government for its recklessness and mismanagement of the finances and economy of Trinidad and Tobago.

**(By the Member for Caroni Central)**

3. **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)**

4. **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)**

5. **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)**

6. **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)**

7. **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)**

8. **WHEREAS** over the past three years there has been a collapse of the public health sector with a significant increase in morbidity, mortality and preventable deaths in major health institutions;

**AND WHEREAS** the collapse of our primary health care system and widespread suffering from chronic, non-communicable diseases have resulted from the absence of public education programmes, reduction in the opening hours at health centres and the unavailability of many CDAP drugs;

**AND WHEREAS** at major hospitals, there exist overcrowding at Emergency Departments with patients dying on trolleys and the unavailability of beds, basic pharmaceutical supplies, reagents for lab testing, first-line chemotherapy, anti-cancer drugs and surgical medical supplies;

**AND WHEREAS** the waiting time for surgery is highly unacceptable and there is non-functional diagnostic equipment;

**AND WHEREAS** hundreds of nationals were denied employment as nurses and doctors despite severe shortages of medical personnel while hundreds of foreign doctors were employed;

**AND WHEREAS** the closure of the Central Block of the Port of Spain General Hospital, the underutilisation of the Couva Hospital and the discontinued construction of the National Oncology Centre have deprived patients of health care and have led to a major crisis in the delivery of medical care;



**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House condemn the Government for its mismanagement of the health sector and call for the implementation of remedial measures, policies and programmes.

(By the Member for Caroni East)

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**THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE (INDICTABLE PROCEEDINGS)  
(AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL, 2019**

List of Amendments made in the Senate at the Committee Stage  
of the Administration of Justice (Indictable Proceedings) (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill,  
on Thursday June 6, 2019

Clause	Extent of Amendment
5	<p>A. In subsection (3)(d), delete the words <b>“the evidence filed before the Master discloses”</b> and substitute the words <b>“there is”</b>.</p> <p>B. In subsection (3)(e), delete the words <b>“child witness, or an adult witness who has been assessed as one subject to threats, intimidation or elimination.”</b> and substitute the words <b>“child accused or child witness, or an adult witness who has been subject to domestic violence, threats, intimidation or elimination.”</b>.</p>
10	<p>Delete subsection (6) and substitute the following new subsection:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>“ (6) Depositions taken in, witness statements filed in, exhibits admitted in, and any relevant portion of the record of, proceedings instituted prior to the coming into force of this Act may be admissible as evidence at the trial of an accused.” ”.</b></p>
11	In section 32A, delete subsection (5)(b).

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## MONDAY JUNE 10, 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. Could the Prime Minister indicate the key outcomes of his recent energy related travels to Europe and North America?  
**(By the Member for Oropouche East)**
2. Could the Prime Minister update the Parliament on the number of Venezuelan migrants so far registered?  
**(By the Member for Oropouche East)**
3. Given that over the past six months Heritage Petroleum Company Limited has lost some \$20 million to “thieves and saboteurs” and spent \$5 million to replace stolen or damaged equipment, would the Prime Minister advise of the steps taken to secure taxpayers’ interest in the property of the former Petrotrin oil company?  
**(By the Member for Naparima)**
4. Would the Prime Minister state the benefits, in monetary and other terms, including any securing of gas deals, achieved during his visit to Europe and Houston?  
**(By the Member for Naparima)**
5. Given clear shortcomings in the current amnesty for Venezuelans, why is the Government not giving thought to a comprehensive refugee policy that is consistent with our international obligations?  
**(By the Member for Naparima)**
6. Given the recent announcement by the Government that persons from Africa detained at the Immigration Detention Centre are going to be allowed to register to stay in Trinidad and Tobago, could the Prime Minister state whether the Government has embarked upon a policy of accepting any and all persons illegally entering Trinidad and Tobago?  
**(By the Member for Tabaquite)**
7. Could the Prime Minister state the Government’s position on the hiring of illegal immigrants by individuals and local and international companies doing business in Trinidad and Tobago?  
**(By the Member for Tabaquite)**

8. Could the Prime Minister state whether at the end of the one (1) year period being given to Venezuelans to remain in Trinidad and Tobago they would be repatriated?  
**(By the Member for Tabaquite)**
9. Could the Prime Minister provide this House with details of the new “pricing formula” for natural gas which he announced on Thursday June 6, 2019?  
**(By the Member for Oropouche West)**
10. With regard to statements at the post cabinet press conference on Thursday June 6, 2019 in relation to the education of migrant children, could the Prime Minister indicate what arrangements or policies have been developed to educate migrant children who are registered?  
**(By the Member for Oropouche West)**
11. Could the Prime Minister inform this House whether the Government has taken a decision to grant an amnesty to all persons currently detained at the Immigration Detention Centre (IDC)?  
**(By the Member for Couva South)**
12. Could the Prime Minister give an update on the land acquisition process for Tobago residents who have to be relocated to make way for the construction of the Tobago Terminal?  
**(By the Member for Couva North)**
13. Could the Prime Minister state what is being done to protect citizens from the criminal elements coming out of Venezuela?  
**(By the Member for Couva North)**

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## MONDAY JUNE 10, 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 Health:**  
(By the Member for Oropouche West)

With regard to a social media post indicating that senior staff members at both the Port of Spain and San Fernando General Hospitals stated that many Venezuelan nationals seeking medical attention are HIV positive or have Malaria, could the Minister indicate whether these claims are true?

2. **To the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:**  
(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)

Given a recent report which stated that Heritage Petroleum Company Limited has lost over \$20 million dollars due to thieves and saboteurs, could the Minister state who is the security provider as well as the total cost for their services in the past 6 months for the said company formed under Trinidad Petroleum Holdings Limited?

3. **To the Minister of Health:**  
(By the Member for Naparima)

Can the Minister confirm his recent statement that this country has adequate medical resources to deal with growing needs of Venezuelan nationals in respect of urgent health demands?

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

Could the Minister indicate what measures, if any, have been implemented to address the increase of robberies involving Venezuelan nationals?

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