



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIFTH SESSION

NO. 17

ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

2019/2020

ORDER PAPER

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2020: 1:30 P.M.

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1. The Audited Financial Statements of Taurus Services Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2017.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
2. The Audited Financial Statements of Taurus Services Limited 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)
3. The Audited Financial Statements of National Information and Communications Technology Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2019.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
4. The Administrative Report of the InvesTT Limited for the year ended September 30, 2015.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)
5. The Administrative Report of the InvesTT Limited for the year ended September 30, 2016.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)
6. The Administrative Report of the InvesTT Limited for the year ended September 30, 2017.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)
7. The Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards for the year ended September 30, 2014.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)

8. The Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards for the year ended September 30, 2015.

(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)

9. The Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards for the year ended September 30, 2016.

(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)

10. The Strategic Services Agency Regulations, 2020.

(By the Minister of National Security)

11. The Strategic Services Agency (Personnel) Regulations, 2020.

(By the Minister of National Security)

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PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

***Question for Oral Answer**

Question No. 17 to the Minister of Education:

(By the Member for Chaguanas East)

With regard to the announcement that \$800 million dollars were allocated to complete schools yet to be completed since 2015, could the Minister provide:

- a) the list of schools to be completed; and
- b) the expected commencement and completion dates for each school in part (a)?

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

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

* Question No. 17 was deferred for two (2) weeks on Monday January 27, 2020.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 3(1) of the Development Loans Act that the Government is authorized, for the purpose of –
 - (a) financing general development in Trinidad and Tobago;
 - (b) repayment of borrowings effected for such general development; or
 - (c) repayment of borrowings effected for general development–
 - i. by a statutory authority within the meaning of the Statutory Authorities Act;
 - ii. by an enterprise that is controlled by or on behalf of the State; or
 - iii. by the University of the West Indies,

to borrow from time to time money externally or internally in a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate forty five thousand million dollars in the currency of Trinidad and Tobago;

AND WHEREAS it is also provided in the said section 3(1), that thereafter such sum in such currency may from time to time be specified by Resolution passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary for the Government to borrow further sums of money for the purposes stated in the said section;

BE IT RESOLVED that for the purposes stated in the said section, the Government is hereby authorized to borrow money externally or internally in a further sum or in further sums not exceeding in the aggregate ten thousand million dollars in the currency of Trinidad and Tobago.

(By the Minister of Finance)

Bills Second Reading:

1. **The Second Reading stage of the following Bill which was in progress on Wednesday November 27, 2019 will be completed:**

A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Bail Act, Chap. 4:60”.

(By the Attorney General)

2. 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)

3. A Bill entitled, “An Act to repeal and replace the Shipping Act, Chap 50:10, the Harbours Act, Chap 50:06, the Droghers Act, Chap. 50:07, the Motor Launches Act, Chap. 50:08, to amend the Port Authority Act, Chap. 51:01 and the Coroners Act, Chap. 6:04 to provide for the and the certification and registration of vessels and offshore installations, matters relating to crew safety and security of life at sea and matters incidental thereto”.

(By the Minister of Works and Transport)

4. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Constitution (Prescribed Matters) Act, Chap. 1:02, the Interpretation Act, Chap. 3:01 and the Judicial and Legal Service Act, Chap. 6:01”.

(By the Attorney General)

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House adopt the Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to consider and report on the Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters Bill, 2018, the Tax Information Exchange Agreements Bill, 2018 and the Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2019 in the Fifth Session, Eleventh Parliament.

(By the Member for Diego Martin North/East)

2. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday February 7, 2020 will be resumed:**

BE IT RESOLVED that this House adopt the Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to consider and report on the Gambling (Gaming and Betting) Control Bill, 2016 in the Fifth Session, Eleventh Parliament.

(By the Member for Diego Martin North/East)

3. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House adopt the Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to consider and report on the Private Security Industry Bill, 2019 in the Fifth Session, Eleventh Parliament.

(By the Member for Laventille West)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday November 22, 2019 will be resumed:**

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 has, from time to time, experienced cycles of drought, heavy rainfall, hurricanes and floods;

AND WHEREAS earthquakes and other natural disasters must be anticipated and 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 the perennial flooding

in Trinidad and Tobago and the effective management of drought conditions and the impact of such disasters on the quality of human life.

(By the Member for Caroni Central)

2. **WHEREAS** the prices of oil and natural gas on which the 2020 Budget was premised were too high and production of natural gas is likely to be lower than estimated yielding shortfalls in revenue targets;

AND WHEREAS business and consumer confidence in the economy continues to deteriorate characterised by business closures, lack of investment and job losses;

AND WHEREAS the official debt is upward of one hundred billion indebtedness is much higher and our foreign reserves, unsupported by export gains have been dwindling;

AND WHEREAS there has been little action with regard to diversification;

AND WHEREAS Government policy is yet to yield recovery, prompt a structural shift or transform the economy;

AND WHEREAS the fiscal, monetary and economic policies of the Government have been a collection of contradictions and a total failure;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House call on the Prime Minister to immediately dissolve Parliament and call for a General Election to facilitate the change needed to execute coherent and inclusive policies that will promote the recovery and renewal of confidence of the economy.

(By the Member for Caroni Central)

3. **WHEREAS** the public health sector of Trinidad and Tobago over the past four (4) years has deteriorated, with significantly increased morbidity and preventable deaths;

AND WHEREAS the collapse of the primary health care system has resulted in widespread suffering from chronic, non-communicable diseases;

AND WHEREAS there is overcrowding of Accident and Emergency Departments at public hospitals, with unacceptable waiting times for surgeries as a result of insufficient medical resources and non-functioning diagnostic equipment among other things;

AND WHEREAS numerous nationals were denied employment as doctors, nurses and technicians, despite the shortage of these professionals;

AND WHEREAS the closure of the Central Block of Port of Spain General Hospital has led to patients of North and West Trinidad being deprived of health care;

AND WHEREAS the Government has refused to put the modern Couva Hospital into optimum use and has terminated construction of the National Oncology Centre;

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

(By the Member for Caroni East)

4. **WHEREAS** Trinidad and Tobago's energy sector has been a significant contributor to our nation's revenue, generating employment and promoting economic stability and infrastructural and national development;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed on its commitment to create an environment in which producer companies in the energy sector and aggressively seek new discoveries in oil and gas;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to deliver its promise of ensuring that we have an attractive, competitive and responsive fiscal and regulatory environment that will maximise recovery of our hydrocarbon resources;

AND WHEREAS over the last four years we have seen a reduction in oil and gas production and numerous closures of key operators, service providers and companies within the energy sector;

AND WHEREAS the state of our energy sector presents detrimental consequences for our economy;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House condemn this Government's failure to stimulate, secure and sustainably grow our energy sector in a timely manner.

(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)

5. **WHEREAS** since 2015 this Government has been unable to provide for the safety and security of citizens resulting in increases in serious crimes particularly murder;

AND WHEREAS in 2019 Trinidad and Tobago has experienced two consecutive years with over 516 murders and witnessed in 2019 the second highest annual murder rate in its history;

AND WHEREAS the Government has been unwilling or unable to articulate specific, measurable, timely, and outputs-oriented crime-reduction targets;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to realize that an 'Whole of Government Approach' to solving crime is necessary;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House condemns this Government for its failure to deal with rampant crime.

(By the Member for Naparima)

Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Kabir Association of Trinidad (Incorporation) Ordinance, 1932".

(The Speaker will propose the question that the Bill be read a Second time)

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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2020 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. Can the Prime Minister explain the exorbitant increase of the estimated cost for new Tobago Terminal from \$500 million to \$870 million?
(By the Member for Couva North)
2. Could the Prime Minister provide an update on the state of negotiations between the Government and Patriotic Energies and Technologies Company Limited (Patriotic) as it relates to Patriotic being selected by the Cabinet to be the preferred bidder for the sale of Guaracara Refining Company Limited and Paria Fuel Trading Company Limited?
(By the Member for Couva South)
3. Based on the recent exchange of old one hundred dollar bills for new polymer notes, can the Prime Minister inform the House what is the total quantum of money disbursed by the Central Bank to cover the replacement of old hundred dollar bills?
(By the Member for Caroni Central)
4. Given the downward trend of natural gas and related commodity prices across the world and given the growing uncertainty faced by all energy stakeholders in the current environment, could the Prime Minister state what new approach if any will the Government take to address the survival of stakeholder companies and the sustainability of Trinidad and Tobago's natural gas cluster?
(By the Member for Caroni Central)

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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2020 1:30 P.M. NOTICE OF URGENT QUESTIONS

The under-mentioned Question which has been accepted by the Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 27 is hereby forwarded for the attention of the Minister concerned.

1. **To the Minister of Health:**

In light of the worsening global situation with regard to the novel Coronavirus, can the Minister provide an update on the health status of Trinidad and Tobago nationals who are currently in China?

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

2. **To the Minister of Works and Transport:**

Given recent industrial action taken by PTSC employees, and comments from the PTSC Chairman that bus drivers are not adequately fulfilling their requisite duties, can the Minister please indicate what has been done to address this current and worsening situation?

(By the Member for Couva South)

3. **To the Minister of Education:**

Could the Minister inform this House what urgent measures are being pursued to resolve the issues related to lack of security to hundreds of school which is affecting students and staff due to the fact that the security services provided to the Ministry of Education by the firm Superior Security has been compromised due to the failure of the Ministry to settle outstanding debts to this firm.

(By the Member for Couva South)

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