

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE OF  
THE 2014 SESSION OF  
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

The meeting was held on Monday June 23, 2014 and commenced at 11:00 a.m. under the Chairmanship of the Minister of Finance and the Economy, Senator the Honourable Larry Howai.

**PRESENT WERE:**

Hon. Dr. Roodal Moonilal	Minister of Housing and Urban Development (Member for Oropouche East)
Hon. Winston Dookeran	Minister of Foreign Affairs (Member for Tunapuna)
Hon. Errol McLeod	Minister of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development (Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)
Hon. Chandresh Sharma	(Member for Fyzabad)
Hon. Dr. Tim Gopeesingh	Minister of Education (Member for Caroni East)
Hon. Dr. Surujrattan Rambachan	Minister of Works and Infrastructure (Member for Tabaquite)
Hon. Carolyn Seepersad-Bachan	Minister of Public Administration (Member for San Fernando West)
Hon. Jairam Seemungal	Minister of Land and Marine Resources (Member for La Horquetta/Talparo)
Hon. Anil Roberts	Minister of Sport (Member for D'abadie/O'meara)

Hon. Stephen Cadiz	Minister of Transport (Member for Chaguanas East)
Hon. Nizam Baksh	Minister of Public Utilities (Member for Naparima)
Hon. Dr. Delmon Baker	Minister of Tobago Development (Member for Tobago West)
Hon. Clifton De Coteau	Minister of Gender, Youth and Child Development (Member for Moruga/Tableland)
Hon. Dr. Fuad Khan	Minister of Health (Member for Barataria/San Juan)
Hon. Rudranath Indarsingh	Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance and the Economy (Member for Couva South)
Hon. Rodger Samuel	Minister of National Diversity and Social Integration (Member for Arima)
Hon. Ramona Ramdial	Minister of State in the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources (Member for Couva North)
Ms. Marlene McDonald	Member for Port of Spain South
Mr. NiLeung Hypolite	Member for Laventille West
Mrs. Patricia McIntosh	Member for Port of Spain North/ St. Ann's West
Mr. Colm Imbert	Member for Diego Martin North/East
Mr. Fitzgerald Jeffrey	Member for La Brea
Dr. Amery Browne	Member for Diego Martin Central
Ms. Joanne Thomas	Member for St. Ann's East

Miss Alicia Hospedales	Member for Arouca/Maloney
Mr. Terrence Deyalsingh	Member for St. Joseph
Mr. Jack Austin Warner	Member for Chaguanas West

**ABSENT WERE:**

Hon. Kamla Persad-Bissessar	Prime Minister (Member for Siparia)
Hon. Prakash Ramadhar	Minister of Legal Affairs (Member for St. Augustine)
Hon. Winston Peters	Minister of Community Development (Member for Mayaro)
Ms. Nela Khan	Deputy Speaker (Member for Princes Town)
Hon. Dr. Rupert Griffith	Minister of Science and Technology (Member for Toco/Sangre Grande)
Hon. Dr. Lincoln Douglas	Minister of the Arts and Multiculturalism (Member for Lopinot/Bon Air West)
Hon. Stacy Roopnarine	Minister of State in the Ministry of Works and Infrastructure (Member for Oropouche West)
Hon. Vernella Alleyne-Toppin	Minister of State in the Ministry of the People and Social Development (Member for Tobago East)
Hon. Collin Partap	Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla
Hon. Dr. Glen Ramadharsingh	(Member for Caroni Central)
Hon. Dr. Keith Rowley	Leader of the Opposition (Member for Diego Martin West)
Ms. Donna Cox	Member for Laventille East/Morvant

Mrs. Paula Gopee-Scoon	Member for Point Fortin
Mr. Patrick Manning	Member for San Fernando East

The following items were then considered:

***Item No. 01 – Minutes of the Second Meeting of Finance Committee***

The Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Finance Committee of the 2013 Session of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago held on Monday June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 were confirmed.

**Item No. 02 – Supplementation of Appropriation for fiscal year 2014**

The Finance Committee approved the Supplementation of Appropriation for fiscal year 2014 in the sum of **\$3,820,601,879** as follows:

<b>Head of Expenditure</b>		<b>Amount \$</b>
03	Judiciary	25,026,864
04	Industrial Court	576,100
05	Parliament	22,697,940
15	Tobago House of Assembly	187,880,000
18	Ministry of Finance and the Economy	1,694,095,350
22	Ministry of National Security	86,962,000
23	Ministry of the Attorney General	13,900,000
24	Ministry of Legal Affairs	56,706,212
25	Ministry of Food Production	145,574,400
28	Ministry of Health	239,061,200
30	Ministry of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development	16,153,320
34	Ministry of Transport	51,500,000
35	Ministry of Tourism	7,004,800
39	Ministry of Public Utilities	700,000
40	Ministry of Energy and Energy Affairs	1,153,500
42	Ministry of Local Government	417,168,000

<b>Head of Expenditure</b>		<b>Amount \$</b>
48	Ministry of Trade, Industry and Investment	1,441,860
56	Ministry of the People and Social Development	16,000,000
58	Ministry of Justice	6,633,450
59	Ministry of Tobago Development	40,373,143
62	Ministry of Community Development	3,696,860
63	Ministry of the Arts and Multiculturalism	1,244,270
65	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	22,973,700
66	Ministry of Gender, Youth and Child Development	16,618,340
67	Ministry of Planning and Sustainable Development	59,600,000
68	Ministry of Sport	40,953,000
69	Ministry of Works and Infrastructure	200,000,000
70	Ministry of Communications	10,000,000
71	Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources	154,000,000
72	Ministry of Tertiary Education and Skills Training	173,570,200
74	Ministry of National Diversity and Social Integration	35,155,970
76	Ministry of Land and Marine Resources	72,181,400
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,820,601,879</b>

***Questions and issues raised in respect of Supplementation of Appropriation for fiscal year 2014 (Item No. 02)***

Head 03 – Judiciary

The Member for Arouca/Maloney requested a list of the contractors and the amount allocated for each project at the selected Magistrates' Court. The Member also requested detailed information on the number of jurors to be paid, the amount owed to each of the jurors, as well as a list of the funeral homes and the equivalent sums owed to them for the storage of bodies for which inquests were held.

The Chairman indicated that the information would be provided at a later date.

Head 04 –Industrial Court

The Member for Port of Spain South enquired whether it was Government's intention to build three (3) new Magistrates' Courts.

The Chairman advised that he would get additional information.

The Member for Chaguanas West enquired whether there was a policy that governed medical expenses incurred by the President of the Industrial Court.

The Chairman indicated that a copy would be provided.

Head 05 – Parliament

The Member for Port of Spain South and the Member for Arouca/Maloney requested the total cost for the restoration of the Red House and the quantum spent to date.

The Chairman duly noted the request.

The Member for Chaguanas West asked that the following information be provided on:

- the nature of the archaeological works undertaken at the Red House;
- whether there were any archaeological discoveries at the Red House site since the last discovery of remains in March 2013; and
- if not, the works conducted and the status of the restoration.

The Chairman agreed to provide the information.

The Member for Diego Martin North/ East enquired whether the archaeological works were affecting the restoration exercise. He further requested a breakdown of the \$10.697Mn for the restoration and confirmation that the entire sum of \$10.7Mn would be spent solely on archaeological works. He also requested the following information:

- the nature of the archaeological work;
- details on the expected final cost of the archaeological work;
- the kind of delays the archaeological work caused on the completion of the Red House Restoration Project;
- whether provisions were made for Parliamentarians' medical plan; and
- under which Head of Expenditure could Parliamentarians claim for reimbursements of medical expenses.

The Chairman agreed to provide the information.

The Member for St. Joseph enquired whether any systems were put in place to reimburse Members of Parliament who had already submitted claims and who were not reimbursed.



The Chairman indicated that he was not aware that Members were not reimbursed and that enquires would be made.

#### Head 18 – Ministry of Finance and the Economy

The Member for Chaguanas West requested:

- a breakdown of the \$258Mn required to provide support for the OECS as a result of the CLICO/BAICO collapse;
- a list of the projects that received additional funds from the Infrastructure Development Fund (IDF);
- the number of loans granted to the Government of St. Lucia;
- the total amount of each loan; and
- the terms and conditions of the loans;

The Chairman responded that one loan was granted to the Government of St. Lucia and the detailed terms and conditions would be provided during the Debate.

The Member for Port of Spain South also requested a list of the projects and the sums allocated to each of the projects.

The Member for Port of Spain North/St. Ann's West sought clarification on the Insurance Act of Trinidad and Tobago and its ability to provide for the support of policies outside of Trinidad and Tobago.

The Chairman responded in the negative but indicated that there was a policy decision made by the Government to provide support to the Governments of the OECS directly.

The Member for Diego Martin North/East requested the policy for the funding of the OECS.

The Chairman indicated his willingness to provide the document.

The Member for Diego Martin North/East requested:

- a complete breakdown of the \$1.2Bn additional funding for the IDF;
- the terms and amount allocated to each project;
- the loans for the Government of St. Lucia;
- the policy that drives it; and
- the terms of this loan.

The Chairman indicated that he would provide the details during the Debate.

The Member for Diego Martin North/East requested Government's policy position on foreign loans.

The Chairman agreed to provide the information and added that specific costs were incurred as a result of the collapse of CLICO/BAICO.

The Member for Diego Martin North/East requested further information concerning St. Lucia's short term problems and the need to provide the country with funds.

The Chairman acknowledged that this issue could affect banks in the region and assured that the matter would be dealt with.

The Member for Arouca/Maloney requested information on the different stages of the IDF projects, those completed and those yet to be completed.

The Chairman concurred.

#### Head 22 – Ministry of National Security

The Member for Port of Spain South requested the details and the breakdown of the \$78.9Mn for the acquisition of a Digital Public Safety Communications System for the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service.

The Chairman concurred.

The Member for Chaguanas West requested further details regarding the Digital Public Safety Communications System and enquired whether a cost benefit analysis was conducted.

The Chairman agreed.

The Member for Chaguanas West enquired of the difference between similar systems purchased in the past.

The Chairman advised that the matter would be referred to the relevant Minister for the provision of a comprehensive statement to be given during the Debate.

The Member for Diego Martin North/East asked the following:

- whether tenders were invited;
- the process used;
- who have been contracted; and

- whether the contractor was the lowest or the highest bidder .

The Member also requested a breakdown of the Item 02/001/36 (i.e. Extraordinary Expenditure).

The Chairman agreed to provide the data requested.

The Member for St. Joseph sought information regarding Community Comforts, whether funding for that programme was allocated in the budget or whether a new appropriation was being sought.

He also enquired whether there was a reporting function between the Community Comfort Programme and the Police and the policy governing same.

The Chairman agreed to provide the information during the Debate.

The Member for Arouca/Maloney requested a breakdown of the funding allocated for the acquisition of services, maintenance and training for the Digital Public Safety Communications System.

#### Head 23 – Ministry of the Attorney General

The Member for Port of Spain South requested a breakdown of the \$8Mn required for the Sub-item Fees.

She further requested that the contract positions as well as the critical vacant positions be identified.

The Chairman concurred.

The Member for Chaguanas West sought the following:

- a breakdown of the salaries for each position;
- what accounted for the increase of the case work requiring the Attorney General's input;
- a breakdown of the current expenditure to date on the Investigating Committee;
- the lawyers for this Committee; and
- their respective fees.

The Member for Oropouche East advised that the Committee is known as the Independent Committee.

The Member for Chaguanas West indicated that he was referring to the Investigating Committee.

The Chairman stated that it was the Independent Committee to investigate and review.

The Member for Diego Martin North/East enquired whether the sum of \$8Mn is to meet the cost of outstanding legal fees as well as the cost incurred by the appointment of an Independent Consultant.

The Member for Port of Spain South also requested a breakdown of the \$8 Mn. for legal fees.

The Member for Caroni East advised that the legal fees are for other cases.

The Member for Diego Martin Central enquired as to whether there are any costs associated with the committee investigating the death of baby Cottle that were not included in Fees.

The Chairman advised that he would seek clarification from the Attorney General.

The Member for Arouca /Maloney requested information on whether the vacancies under Contract Employment were advertised and whether interviews were conducted for the filling of positions.

The Chairman agreed to provide the information.

#### Head 24 – Ministry of Legal Affairs

The Member for Port of Spain South sought the following information:

- the necessity to hire staff for the newly established Registrar General;
- the duration of the Short Term Employment; and
- the positions and whether those positions were advertised.

She further requested a breakdown of the \$9Mn allocated under Promotions, Publicity and Printing.

The Member for Port of Spain North/St. Ann's West enquired why are persons hired under Short Term Employment.

The Chairman indicated that he would provide the information during the debate.

The Member for St. Joseph requested further information on the additional media campaigns under the sub item Promotions, Publicity and Printing: the purpose and the names of contractors appointed to do the printing, as well as a breakdown of the costs.

The Chairman concurred.

The Member for Chaguanas West requested a breakdown of the cost incurred for each media houses and advertising agencies associated with the campaign.

The Member for Port of Spain South requested detailed information on the cost to date, the budgeted expenditure and the balance outstanding for the National Consultation on Constitutional Reform.

The Member for Chaguanas West sought clarification on whether the work was already done or whether it was for work to be done to produce the final document.

The Chairman advised that the work was already completed and the cost was incurred last year and that payments were made. He also indicated that further information would be provided at the debate.

The Member for Oropouche East advised that the Member for St Augustine was in a period of mourning but would speak to him in order to provide the relevant information during the debate.

The Member for Diego Martin North /East requested confirmation that the payment was made to Defense Attorneys and not to the Prosecution.

The Chairman responded by advising that it was paid through Legal Aid and further advised he would provide clarity on the matter.

The Member for Diego Martin North/East sought details on the total cost of expenditure with respect to constitutional reform, as well as claims paid, the recipients and the purpose for payment.

The Chairman responded that the costs were in respect of the previous year.

The Member for Diego Martin Central asked for clarification on the date of issue of the contract and the name of the contractor with respect to the polymer paper for certificates. He also enquired on the projected length of time it would take to utilize 2.5 million certificates.

The Member for Port of Spain North/ St Ann's West asked whether tenders were invited for the contract.

The Chairman was of the opinion that the award was done overseas through the process of a sole selective tender.

The Member for Diego Martin North/East referred to a question he asked before and wanted the names of the defense attorneys; the amount paid to each and the procedure used in selection in the Coleman case.

The Member for St Joseph enquired whether the supplementary funding of \$481,000 would be used for hiring outside investigators under the Police Complaints Authority (PCA). He observed that as a result of an increase in its workload the PCA would require increased funding.

The Member for Port of Spain South citing the project "Strengthened Information Management at the Registrar General's Department" for which supplementary funding of \$8.9M was recommended wanted details of the project and the areas on which the money would be spent.

The Chairman promised to provide the information.

#### Head 25 – Ministry of Food Production

The Member for Diego Martin North/East enquired about the status of the Praedial Larceny Squad whether it was established, its function and whether anyone was prosecuted.

The Chairman promised to provide the information and indicated that a number of charges were filed.



The Member for Diego Martin North/East wanted a list of the agricultural access roads, the cost and location of each. The Member also sought information on the agriculture incentive programme. He wanted a list of locations by regions where the rebates were paid.

The Member for St Joseph referring to the Medium Policy Framework 2011 – 2014 which indicated that by 2014, agriculture would be contributing 0.5 percent of GDP enquired whether agriculture had actually contributed to the increased GDP.

The Chairman promised to provide the information during the debate.

The Member for La Brea probed into the Praedial Larceny Squad. The Member wanted employment figures as well as information on the recruitment process and a breakdown of the supplementary funding of \$14,873,000 into administrative and operational expenses. He further inquired as to the location of the Squad.

The Member for Arouca/Maloney asked to be provided with a list contractors under the Agricultural Access Roads Programme.

The Member for Chaguanas West sought not only the names of contractors but also the estimated costs paid to each contractor, the average payment to each farmer and the selection process available under the Agricultural Incentive Programme. The Member further inquired whether the Praedial Larceny Squad is the same as the Agricultural Ranger Squad.

#### Head 28 – Ministry of Health

Member for St Joseph sought information on the Eastern Regional Health Authority which he hoped the Minister of Health would answer during the debate. The Member questioned that from the period 2011 the number of cases before the Courts for breach of contract and the legal fees involved.

The Member for Chaguanas West asked to be provided with additional details on the operational and administrative costs for each Regional Health Authority.

The Chairman agreed.

The Member for Diego Martin North/East wanted a breakdown of the supplementary funding recommended for each Regional Health Authority.

The Chairman agreed to provide the information.

The Member for Diego Martin Central expressed concern with respect to the monitoring and evaluation of performance at the Regional Health Authorities. He sought a complete breakdown of the sums initially requested and the reason the amounts were not included in the 2014 Budget.

The Member for La Brea sought information on the terms of the proposed construction of the Point Fortin Hospital which fell under the purview of the South West Regional Health Authority.

#### Head 30 – Ministry of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development

The Member for Diego Martin North/East requested a report on the non-performing loans in NEDCO for fiscal 2013/2014. He stated that the report should contain the percentage and details of the non-performing loans.

The Chairman reminded the Member that the Minister of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development had previously provided the information.

The Member for Laventille West asked for a breakdown of the \$15 Million in supplementary funding recommended for NEDCO i.e. new loans and operational expenses.

The Chairman indicated that the sum was for new loans but that would be confirmed.

#### Head 34 – Ministry of Transport

The Member for Port of Spain South questioned whether the vessel MV Superfast Galicia was operating.

The Chairman affirmed and added that the vessel worked the past weekend and that further information would be provided in the debate.

The Member for Port of Spain North/ St Anns queried whether the vessel was operating consistently.

The Chairman again indicated that the answer would be provided in the debate.

The Member for Diego Martin North/East sought answers with respect to the procurement process of the vessel and the capacity of the boat as compared to the previous boat used for providing service to Tobago in terms of cargo, vehicles and passengers.

The Member for Chaguanas West sought information on the lease arrangement for the boat Superfast and a detailed breakdown of the \$51.5Million recommended to meet expenditure associated with the charter hire of the vessel.

The Member for Diego Martin North/East further asked about the cost of leasing the boat as compared to the older vessel.

The Member for Diego Martin Central enquired as to the number of trips the vessel conducted between Trinidad and Tobago for the period April 2014 to June 25, 2014.

#### Head 35 – Ministry of Tourism

The Member for Diego Martin North/East queried why no funds have been included for the upgrade and maintenance of beaches, facilities at beaches and lifeguard facilities.

#### Head 42 – Ministry of Local Government

The Member for Laventille West asked for a breakdown of the scavenging sum of \$38 Million by Corporations.

The Member for Diego Martin North/East asked for a complete breakdown by Regional Bodies of the cost scavenging and security services that would be provided with supplementary funding.

Member for La Brea sought a detailed breakdown by Regional Bodies of the sum on the overtime, NIS and allowances of \$45,272,000 under the Ministry of Local Government.

The Member for Diego Martin Central questioned why scavenging, security and arrears of allowances were combined in the document.

The Chairman promised to verify.

Member for Arouca/Maloney requested a list of contractors involved in providing scavenging and security services to the Ministry of Local Government.

The Member for St Ann's East sought a breakdown of arrears of wages and Cola and allowances for each Corporation.

The Chairman promised to provide the information.

#### Head 48 - Ministry of Trade, Industry and Investment

The Member for Diego Martin North/East wanted to know how the Government intended to fund the US\$20Mn to the Cardiovascular Centre under the Ministry. He further asked the reason for not including it as a supplementary allocation.

The Chairman indicated that the US\$20Mn would not be expended through the Ministry's allocation.

#### Head 56 - Ministry of the People and Social Development

The Member for Diego Martin Central requested a complete breakdown of the sum of \$16Mn for the Non Profit Institutions.

The Chairman agreed to provide the information.

The Member for Diego Martin Central requested the identification of those programmes that would be funded from the \$16Mn.

The Member for Chaguanas West requested the criteria for which those organizations were selected to receive the funding.

The Chairman indicated that the response would be given at the Debate.

#### Head 58 – Ministry of Justice

Members for St Joseph and Diego Martin North/East enquired whether the increases proposed under “Personnel Expenditure” related to the payment of persons involved in the execution of plans to build four judicial centres in Siparia, Carlsen Field, Sangre Grande and Trincity. They further enquired of the completion dates of the judicial centres.

The Chairman promised to provide the information.

#### Head 59 – Ministry of Tobago Development

The Member for Diego Martin North/East requested to be advised of the legal authority for the Ministry of Tobago Development to incur expenditure in the areas outlined, in the context of the Tobago House of Assembly Act. He expressed the view that this proposed expenditure was in conflict with the THA Act.

The Chairman responded that there may not be any conflict with the THA Act as hinted by the Member and that an appropriate response would be provided.

He further enquired whether the responsibility for Meteorological Services was delegated to the Ministry of Tobago Development and alternatively, if the THA was still responsible for the Meteorological Services Division, and the reason the supplementary funding for this service was being considered under the Ministry of Tobago Development.

The Chairman indicated that the Meteorological Services may not be one of the services excluded from the Fifth Schedule, but that an appropriate response to this query would be provided.

The Member for Chaguanas West added that assuming that there was no conflict with the THA Act, he wished to be provided with a detailed breakdown of the funds required to pay mobilization fees for the construction of a building to house the Meteorological Services and a listing of the contractors involved in this project.

The Chairman indicated that the requested information would be provided.

The Member for Port of Spain South enquired why the funds being requested under Development Programme (\$34 million) were not included in the 2014 budget.

The Chairman responded that approvals were not in place at the time that the budget was finalized and that he would provide the details of the timing during the course of the Debate.

The Member for Port of Spain North/St. Ann's West enquired of the purpose for the rental of the two floors of the ADB Building.

The Chairman responded that it was to house the Ministries operations and that this information would be confirmed during the Debate.

The Member for Arouca/Maloney requested the following information on the Lease/rental of office and training space in the building located in Lowlands and the rental of office space in the ADB Building:

- Size in terms of floor area
- Rental rates per square foot
- Monthly rental rates

The Chairman indicated that the requested details would be provided.

The Member for Arouca/Maloney requested a breakdown of the number of persons to be employed, as well as the salaries to be paid to these persons.

#### Head 62 – Ministry of Community Development

The Member for Chaguanas West raised the following questions in respect of the CARE Programme:

- The reasons for the sums not included in the 2014 Budget for those annual events;

- the justification for the CARE Programme funding prizes for the Chutney Soca Monarch and the International Soca Monarch competitions, since these competitions did not fit the profile of the objectives and targets of the CARE Programme;
- How much of \$11.95Mn in prize money for the two competitions would be paid from the Ministry's allocation and the amount that would be paid via supplementary funding; and
- that the Minister of Arts and Multiculturalism quantify the economic and other returns to the country for the \$11.95Mn spent on these competitions, whether the Ministry received audited or unaudited statements from the promoters of these carnival and other cultural programmes that receive government funding and whether those statements were examined.

The Chairman gave the undertaking that answers to these questions would be provided.

The Member for Diego Martin North/East requested a justification for the amounts requested for these competitions and asked to be advised whether the competitions were 'for-profit' or 'non-profit' and whether budgets were submitted by the organizers for those events. He further enquired whether a statement of income and expenditure for the prior year were used as a basis to justify current payments and if yes, he wish to be apprised of the details of that statement.

The Chairman replied that a Statement of Income and Expenditure would be provided and that the details would be obtained for the Member.

The Member for San Fernando West enquired whether those events should not fall under the portfolio of the Ministry of the Arts and Multiculturalism.

The Chairman responded that they did not and advised that they would obtain confirmation on this matter.

The Member for Diego Martin Central requested additional information on the policy behind the three Transformation and Development Centres viz: quantum of clients being serviced, the outputs, how the Centres were being monitored by the Ministry and whether any evaluation were

conducted. He also enquired whether any additional centres were being planned and if so, the amount and the planned locations.

The Member for Arouca/Maloney enquired of the number of staff members housed at each centre.

The Chairman agreed to provide the information requested by both Members on those Centres.

#### Head 63 – Ministry of the Arts and Multiculturalism

The Member for Diego Martin North/East questioned why sums totaling approximately \$200 million stated as expenditure for 2014 carnival inclusive of arrears for previous years, were not included either in the 2014 budget or in this supplementary appropriation under the Ministry of the Arts and Multiculturalism.

The Chairman indicated that the expenditure would fall under the National Carnival Commission, a Statutory Board.

#### Head 66 – Ministry of Gender Youth and Child Development

The Member for Chaguanas West requested a breakdown of the \$3.348 Million for Promotions Publicity and Printing, in respect of each Media house and Advertising Agency associated with the campaign, as well as the details pertaining to the cost of the programme.

The Chairman agreed to provide those details as requested.

The Member for Diego Martin Central enquired when the programme/programmes entitled ‘Strengthening Our Families’ was conducted, whether it was the first of such annual programmes and the amount of functions comprised this expenditure. He was also interested in finding out whether an evaluation was done of the venture.

The Chairman indicated that the relevant Minister would respond to the request.



The Member for Arouca/Maloney requested a breakdown of the expenditure under the Hosting of Conferences Seminars and Other Functions.

The Chairman agreed to provide those details as requested.

The Member for Diego Martin Central enquired whether the Central Registry on Domestic Violence and the Technical Coordinating Committee were related and details on the steps that the Ministry would be taking for the establishment of this Central Registry, with specific timelines.

The Chairman gave the undertaking that the requested information would be provided.

The Member for Arouca/Maloney requested a breakdown of the operational costs pertaining to the Child Protection Task Force and enquired into the activities undertaken by the Task Force as at June 23, 2014.

The Chairman indicated that an appropriate response would be provided by the Minister.

#### Head 67 – Ministry of Planning and Sustainable Development

The Member for Arouca/Maloney requested a listing of the vacant positions and whether or not these positions were advertised and whether any were filled.

The Chairman agreed to provide the requested information.

The Member for Arouca/Maloney requested the total number of undergraduates employed for the period June to August 2014.

The Chairman agreed to provide the requested information.

The Member for Arouca/Maloney requested the following information with respect to the leasing of land at Invaders Bay:

- The Lessor;
- The duration of the Lease; and
- The cost associated with the leasing of the land

The Chairman agreed to provide the requested information.

The Member for Diego Martin North/East also made enquiries as to the terms and conditions of the lease of the said lands. He questioned the legal authority of the Ministry of Planning and Sustainable Development to lease the lands without the involvement of the Central Tenders Board. He also requested information with respect to the owners, the prospective Lessors and the procurement process used in the lease arrangement.

The Chairman indicated that an appropriate response would be provided.

The Member for Port of Spain South made a general enquiry into all of the Development Projects under the ministry and the reasons why funding was not included in the 2014 budget to cater for those projects.

The Chairman indicated that an appropriate response would be provided.

The Member for Diego Martin Central enquired of the policy arrangement with regard to the funding of CARIRI, since CARIRI charged the government for services provided. He asked whether there was some sort of cost recovery arrangement since the government was funding equipment to that body.

The Member for Arouca/Maloney sought a breakdown of the new equipment and the cost associated with respect to acquiring the equipment.

The Chairman promised to provide the information as requested by both Members on the project.

The Member also requested that details be provided on the leasing arrangement in respect of lands at Invaders Bay.

The Member for Arouca/Maloney requested the names of the contractors involved in the Renovation to the CDA Administrative Building Project, a description of the work and a breakdown of the cost involved.

The Member for Chaguanas West requested a list of the contractors engaged in the construction of the Boardwalk Phase II and as well as a breakdown of the cost involved in the hosting of the Eight Americas Competitiveness Forum.

The Member for Diego Martin North/East asked to be provided with the names of the contractors engaged in the Boardwalk project, the total cost of the project, the procurement process used to engage these contractors and the scope of works of the project.

The Chairman promised to provide the responses to the questions posed by members on the Boardwalk Project.

The Member for Chaguanas West requested information on the ‘Americas Competitiveness Forum’, a breakdown of the cost of the hosting of this forum and the benefit that is expected to be derived in relation to the expenditure.

The Member for Diego Martin North/East requested details of the ‘Americas Competitiveness Forum’ what it was intended to achieve and a breakdown of the cost involved.

The Chairman promised to provide the responses to the questions posed by members on the Americas Competitiveness Forum.

The Member for Diego Martin Central requested the following details on the Surveillance of the Chaguaramas Peninsula Project:

- How many cameras were being procured
- Who is the supplier of the equipment
- A breakdown of the cost
- Whether or not the ports and docks in Chaguaramas were included in the surveillance

The Chairman indicated that the requested details would be provided.

The Member for Diego Martin North/East enquired how many strategic plans were already done for the Chaguaramas Peninsula and the cost of all those previous plans. In respect of the current plan, he asked whether the services of a consultant were procured and if so the process used or to be used to procure the services of a consultant.

The Member for St Anns East enquired of the name of the proposed consultant for the Strategic Plan for the development the Chaguaramas peninsula.

The Chairman advised the requested information would be provided to the requests made by the members in connection with the Strategic Plan for the development of the Chaguaramas Peninsula.

The Member for St Joseph made a general enquiry in respect of the Central Statistical Office. He commented that there was no mention made either under Recurrent Expenditure or Development Programme concerning the strengthening of the CSO in terms of data collection and how is the CSO moving forward to become a modern data collection unit.

The Chairman indicated that this information would be provided.

#### Head 68 – Ministry of Sport

The Member for Diego Martin North East requested the following:

- A complete breakdown of the \$7Mn for National Sporting Organizations;
- A breakdown of the \$8.8Mn allocated to the Life Sport Programme;
- A breakdown of the \$24Mn allocated to the Pathway Programme;

The Member for Arouca/Maloney asked whether an audit was conducted on the Life Sport Programme and if so what were the findings.

The Chairman agreed to provide the information.

The Member for Chaguanas West asked the following:

- Money spent on the Taking Sport to Rural Areas Programme;
- A breakdown on how those funds were spent;
- The financial arrangements regarding the Life Sport and Pathway Programmes.

The Chairman asked whether it was in relation to the Draft Estimates of Expenditure for the year and indicated that enquiries would be made.

The Member for Diego Martin Central has enquired whether the audit into the Life Sport Programme commenced.

The Chairman advised that it was not completed.

The Member for Diego Martin Central asked for information regarding the estimated duration of the audit, the destination of the report, the time it was prepared and whether it would be shared with the House.

The Chairman indicated that the Report would be submitted to the Prime Minister who requested the Report. She in turn would decide what would be done with the Report.

The Member for Diego Martin Central enquired whether there were any other programmes within the ambit of the Ministry of Sport which was being audited. If not, why not. More specifically the Taking Sport to Rural Areas Programme.

The Chairman advised that no other audits were being conducted by Central Audit and whether the programmes were being audited by the Ministry itself, he was unable to advise. He indicated that he would get the information and respond during the Debate.

The Member for Diego Martin Central enquired whether there was an existing policy.

The Chairman requested clarity on the question.

The Member for Diego Martin Central enquired as to why the Committee was now being asked to approve an additional sum of \$8.8Mn to pay outstanding sums while an audit was being conducted.

The Chairman indicated that the results of the audit should not be prejudged. He indicated that no disbursements would be made until audit was completed.

The Member for Diego Martin Central enquired as to why \$24Mn was being allocated to meet anticipated commitments for the operation of the programme to the end of the financial year since the programme was no longer under the Ministry of Sport.

The Chairman indicated that the change needed to be gazetted. In the interim the Sub-items remained under the Ministry of Sport.

The Member for Diego Martin Central further enquired whether the \$24Mn would be spent under the Ministry of National Security.

The Chairman concurred but the sums would come from the Ministry of Sport.

The Member for Arouca/Maloney requested the following under Goods and Services:

- A list of the contractors;
- A description of the project to be completed;
- The location of the project; and
- The amounts paid and owed to the contractors.

The Member for St. Joseph posed the question should the audit results show that the funds were overspent or wrongly spent, whether there would there be any mechanisms for recovery of those funds, and given the public concern over the Life Sport Programme whether the Report would be laid in Parliament.

The Chairman responded that the Prime Minister would decide.

#### Head 69 – Ministry of Works and Infrastructure

The Member for Diego Martin North/East requested a breakdown of the works to be undertaken with the supplementary funding of \$75.0-Mn under the Other Contracted Services vote of the Highways Division as well as details of works carried out under the PURE Programme with funding derived from a \$1.0-Bn Fixed Rate Bond.

The Member further requested a breakdown of the \$75Mn requested under Other Contracted Services as well as details of the \$1Bn Fixed Rate Bond for PURE. He further requested the expenditure on each road giving details by amount and contractor.

The Chairman concurred.

The Member for Chaguanas West enquired whether steps were being taken to have the interest reduced, the repayment arrangement on the loan and the reason that amount was not included in the annual budget and lastly the rate of interest and whether the rate of interest was negotiable.

The Chairman noted the questions raised.

#### Head 70- Ministry of Communications

The Member for Diego Martin Central asked the following:

- What is the overall cost of the Strategic Plan;
- How much of the additional sum of \$10Mn would be used to cover additional costs for a plan that had already been developed;
- How much of the additional sum is required to implement action items; and
- What action items are for approval.

The Member of St. Joseph asked for the names of PR firms, the advertising agencies and the printers who would receive the \$10Mn.

The Chairman noted the questions raised.

#### Head 71 - Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources

The Member for Diego Martin North /East asked:

- for the methodology used for the proposed budget;
- whether private contractors would be used and if they were going through the Regional Corporations;
- the funding requested for flood mitigation works; and
- the total allocation for flood mitigation works for 2014.

The Chairman advised that the Minister would provide the answer.

The Member for La Brea asked for the following:

- the names of water courses/drains that are to be desilted under the Flood Mitigation Programme as well as the cost of the mitigation works;
- whether any funds under the national clean-up campaign would be used for the La Brea Coastal Zone and the amount that would be allocated to that project as well as the timing. If so how much funds and when would work commenced.

The Member for Chaguanas West asked for the composition of the National Clean-Up Campaign.

The Member for Arouca/Maloney asked whether any contracts were awarded for the National Clean-Up Campaign.

The Chairman promised that an answer would be provided during the course of the Debate.

#### Head 72 - Ministry of Tertiary Education & Skills Training

The Member for Diego Martin North/East wanted information on the following:

- the increased stipends;
- full cost of all projects listed under the Development Programme for: Skill Centre Penal; training facility Woodford Lodge, Drilling School in Ste. Madeline, UWI South Campus, Open Campus in Chaguanas and the headquarters and the full and final cost of all the facilities; and
- the details of any similar training facilities located in the East/West Corridor.



The Member for Chaguanas West asked for:

- the method of procurement used, the names of contractors and the amount of funds to be paid to each contractor on completion of the construction works in relation to a question raised by the Member for Diego Martin North East;
- the details with respect to contractors and the sums paid to each, for completion of structural works and outfitting of the UWI South Campus at Debe, Penal; and
- the number of persons taking part in the OJT Programme.

The Member for Arouca/Maloney asked for the location of the facilities being constructed for the headquarters of: Multi-Sectoral Skill Training Programme, National Training Agency, Ministry of Tertiary Education and Skills Training and YTEPP.

The Chairman promised to have the relevant Minister provide the information.

#### Head 74- Ministry of National Diversity and Social Integration

The Member for Port of Spain South asked for:

- a breakdown of the sum of \$31.6Mn listed for the religious days/festivals (Indian Arrival Day, Eid-ul- Fitr, Nelson Mandela, Emancipation Day, Independence Day and Republic Day); and
- the reason Indian Arrival Day was repeated particularly if funds were already received?

The Chairman agreed to provide the information.

The Member for Arouca/Maloney requested a breakdown of the activities and costs associated with each activity undertaken by the Santa Rosa First Peoples Community.

The Chairman agreed to provide the information.

The Member of Chaguanas West asked to be provided with the address of the offices located at Chaguaramas and Wrightson Road, POS, the size of the offices, the rental rates per square foot and the monthly rental paid for each office.

The Member for St. Joseph asked the following with respect to \$750,000 given to the Maha Sabha for Indian Arrival Day:

- Which Ministry/Ministries provided those funds;
- Whether those funds allocated to the Maha Sabha were used for any other purpose than defraying cost for Indian Arrival Day celebrations?
- Did any Muslim or Christian organisations get funding for Indian Arrival Day or was it only the Maha Sabha; and
- Did SWAHA or any other Hindu organization receive funding for Indian Arrival Day?

The Chairman agreed to provide the information.

The Member for Diego Martin Central asked whether Ministries fund separately the expenditure for décor for Republic Day.

The Chairman indicated that he would have the Minister provide the relevant information.

The Member for Laventille West asked if the Spiritual Baptist ever requested any kind of funding and if so why was it not included in the request for supplementary funding.

#### Head 76 - Ministry of Land and Marine Resources

The Member for Chaguanas West sought a list of:

- the additional positions and brief job description and monthly salaries under the Land Settlement Agency;
- the development plans for Cove Estates and the cost to develop it; and
- addresses of the offices located at Chaguaramas and Wrightson Road and what are the size of the offices and rental rate per sq. foot as well as the monthly rent paid for each office.

The Chairman indicated that he would have the Minister respond to those questions.

The Member for La Brea requested a list identifying by name, the location and number of residential lots available at each location under the Land for the Landless Programme.

The Member for Chaguanas West sought a detailed breakdown of the cost of infrastructural works and administrative services for the delivery of residential lots under the Land for the Landless Programme as well as sites under the Squatter Regularization Programme.

The Member for Port of Spain South requested identification of the squatter sites earmarked for regularization by the Land Settlement Agency. The Member also requested a list of the contract positions on the establishment of the LSA and enquired whether these positions were advertised prior to being filled.

The Member for Chaguanas West asked for a detailed cost of infrastructural upgrade works and land use planning on squatter regularization sites.

The Member for Arouca/Maloney asked with respect to Land for the Landless what mechanism was used to publicly inform the draw, prior to the actual drawing day.

The Chairman indicated that he would have the relevant Minsiters respond to those questions.

**Item No. 03 – Variation of Appropriation for fiscal year 2014**

The Finance Committee approved the Variation of Appropriation for fiscal year 2014 in the sum of **\$241,371,260** as follows:

<b>Head of Expenditure</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
	\$	\$
13 Office of the Prime Minister		41,320,500
24 Ministry of Legal Affairs	21,264,039	
28 Ministry of Health	18,947,841	
31 Ministry of Public Administration		10,000,000
48 Ministry of Trade, Industry and Investment	15,080,400	
58 Ministry of Justice		36,344,439
61 Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (formerly Ministry of Housing, Land and Marine Affairs)		143,928,480
62 Ministry of Community Development		9,777,841
69 Ministry of Works and Infrastructure	17,297,500	
70 Ministry of Communications	14,853,000	
72 Ministry of Tertiary Education and Skills Training	10,000,000	
76 Ministry of Land and Marine Resources	143,928,480	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>241,371,260</b>	<b>241,371,260</b>

**Questions and issues raised in respect of Variation of Appropriation for fiscal year 2014 (Item No. 03)**

The Members agreed to the proposal of the Variation of the Appropriation for fiscal year 2014 in the sum of **\$241,371,260**.

The Chairman indicated that the Debate on these proposals would take place on Wednesday June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 1.30 p.m.

There being no other questions or comments the Chairman concluded the meeting at 1.02 p.m.

**Responses to Questions emanating from the First Meeting of the Finance  
Committee of the 2014 Session of the House of Representatives of the  
Republic of Trinidad and Tobago held on Monday June 23, 2014**

**Head 18 – Ministry of Finance and the Economy**

**Question to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

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

The Member requested:

- a list of the projects that received additional funds from the Infrastructure Development Fund (IDF);
- the number of loans granted to the Government of St. Lucia;
- the total amount of each loan;
- the terms and conditions of the loans.

**Response by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

The list of the projects requesting additional funding under the Infrastructure Development Fund (IDF) are as follows:

<b>Head</b>	<b>Amounts \$</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
25: Food Production	20,700,000	Food Basket Road Project
26: Ministry of Education	172,900,000	Refurbishment and Upgrade of Schools
		Procurement of Furniture
		Construction of seven (7) Schools
28: Ministry of Health	60,000,000	Construction of Oncology Centre
40: Ministry of Energy and Energy Affairs	36,000,000	Development of New Port Facilities
42: Ministry of Local Government	185,000,000	Community Improvement Services Limited, Rural Development Company, Palo Seco Agricultural Enterprises Limited and Self Help Programmes
48: Ministry of Trade, Industry, and Investment	93,000,000	Development Works on Industrial Estates and Business Investments

58:	Ministry of Justice	85,000,000	Maximum Security Prison and the New Remand Prison
61:	Ministry of Housing and Urban Development	140,000,000	Couva Children's Hospital
68:	Ministry of Sport	70,955,000	Construction of Swimming Pool and Cycle Track Upgrading of Recreational Grounds
69:	Ministry of Works and Infrastructure	160,000,000	Dualing of Diego Martin Highway and Bridges Reconstruction Programme Landslips and Curepe Interchange
71:	Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources	152,000,000	Multi-Phase Wastewater Rehabilitation Programme
72:	Ministry of Tertiary Education and Skills Training	60,000,000	UTT Main Campus E-Tech Park
74:	Ministry of National Diversity	10,000,000	Restoration of Mille Fleur
	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>1,245,555,000</u></b>	

- The number of loans granted to St. Lucia is one (1);
- The current loan under question is US\$15Mn;
- The following are the terms and conditions of the loan:

BORROWER: The Government of St. Lucia

LENDER: GORTT

PURPOSE: The provision of funding to meet short-term liabilities that have become due.

TYPE OF INSTRUMENT: Concessional Loan Facility

FACILITY: Up to \$US\$15Mn

AMOUNT: US\$15Mn

TENOR: 15 years

MATURITY DATE: 15 years from the date of initial disbursement

INTEREST RATE: Fixed at 4.5% per annum

**Question to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy****(By the Member for Diego Martin North/East)**

The Member requested:

- further information concerning St. Lucia as it relates to identifying the country's short term problems and the need to give St. Lucia money; and
- how would it be recovered given their financial situation and is there a timeline.

**Response by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

The country is currently facing heightened liquidity pressures which have been created by the current uncertainty in the financial markets. The effects of the 2009 global recession was further accentuated by three significant weather events between 2010 and 2013 causing wide scale destruction and additional financial burdens on the small economy. Investors temporarily withdrew from the regional market which forced the Government of St. Lucia (GOSL) to access its contingency, sinking funds and other savings in an effort to honor its debt obligations. This caused concern about the country's ability to meet its short term obligations as and when they fall due.

The Government of St. Lucia expects that investors will eventually lengthen their investment horizon and as a consequence that the cash flow pressure will be eased. The GOSL's fiscal strategy involves seeking to maintain a fiscal buffer of liquid assets of about 3% of GDP. This would ensure that St. Lucia can adequately manage its cash flow. Disbursement date not yet determined.

**Head 22 – Ministry of National Security****Question to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy****(By the Member for Port of Spain South)**

The Member requested the details and the breakdown of the \$78.9Mn for the acquisition of a Digital Public Safety Communications System for the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service.

**Response by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

Cabinet agreed inter alia to execute a supplier contract between the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (GORTT) and Harris Corp to supply the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) with digital public safety communications systems and associated services, including maintenance and training support, at a cost of US\$30.98Mn. The digital public safety communications systems will allow for the following:-

- Migration of the communication system of the TTPS from an analog-based system to a digital system
- Establishment of the TTPS digital communication system
- Transition of the TTPS communication system to become fully compatible and interoperable with the IT configurations adopted and/or to be adopted for use nationwide
- Adaptation of the TTPS communication system through which the existing equipment, components and infrastructure would be used to maximum efficiency

Based on the schedule of payments, four (4) were due during fiscal 2014 amounting to \$108.962Mn of which a provision of \$30.0Mn was made.

**Question to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

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

The Member asked the following:

- were tenders invited;
- were they conducted by way of open tenders, if not, why not;
- who was contracted;
- was the bid the lowest or the highest; and
- was it a sole selective award, if so, why was it not done in that way.



The Member also requested a breakdown of Sub-Item 02/001/36 (i.e. Extraordinary Expenditure).

**Response by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

A Request for Proposal (RFP), formulated by the Technical Review Committee and an area specialist Consultant was issued. Of the five (5) vendors identified as having the “capacity and capability” to provide the requisite equipment and services three (3) vendors responded. Subsequent to the appraisal by the Evaluation Committee the Harris Corporation was deemed the preferred vendor.

The final negotiated price for the acquisition of a digital public safety communication system with subsystem for the TTPS was US\$30.980Mn or TT\$198.272Mn (US\$1 = TT\$6.40)

Details of the expenditure in respect of the State funeral of the late The Honourable Arthur Napoleon Raymond Robinson TC, OCC, SC, Former President and Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago are as follows:

(i)	Transport: Inclusive of rental of vehicles, fuel cost, Air, Sea and Land Transport	-	\$ 607,455
(ii)	Accommodation and Meals	-	\$1,761,785
(iii)	Communications Infrastructure Augmentation	-	\$ 45,120
(iv)	Preparation of the Dwight Yorke Stadium/Tobago Include Rental of Crane, Infrastructure of Stage etc. and Queen’s Park Oval Trinidad	-	\$2,885,065
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>		<b>\$5,299,425</b>
	Defense Force’s contribution is an estimate, Head Office has not received bills etc. from DFHQ.		<b>\$2,770,575</b>

**Question to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy****(By the Member for St. Joseph)**

The Member sought the provision of information regarding the Community Comfort Programme.

**Response by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

Cabinet agreed to the implementation by the Ministry of National Security of a Community Comfort Patrols Pilot Programme for a period of four (4) months with effect from February, 2014.

The Community Comfort Patrols (CCP) Programme involves increasing the visibility of law enforcement in defined geographical areas through implementation of mobile patrols effected by protective service agencies of the private security industry.

It is proposed that the CCP be aligned to the Rapid Response Unit of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS). The intention is to align both deterrence and detection with responses. Implementation using private security companies was approved by the Private Security Network Commission (PSNC) a body registered with Ministry of National Security. The patrols would be on a 24 hour basis and the CCP vehicles would be equipped with GPS technology, communication equipment and swivel/strobe lights.

It is expected that CCP would provide the necessary manpower support to the TTPS and maintain an immediate response time to emergencies and non-emergency situations which allow the TTPS to focus effectively on core policing activities.

**Question to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy****(By the Member for Diego Martin Central)**

The Member for Diego Martin Central enquired as to whether there are any costs associated with the committee investigating the death of baby Cottle that were not included in Fees.

### **Response by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

The breakdown of the costs incurred by the Ministry of the Attorney General in the inquiry of the death of infant Simeon Cottle thus far is as follows:

1. Sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (TT\$500,000.00) paid to the Chairman of the Independent Committee Justice Mustapha Ibrahim.
2. Payment to Committee Member Dr. Petronella Manning-Alleyne of the sum of One Hundred and Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$190,000.00).
3. Payment to Committee Member Dr. Melanie Davies payable to the Royal College of Obstetrics & Gynecology, London UK the sums as follows:
  - Fees £2,500.00
  - Travel Fare £8,200.00 for two visits to Trinidad on 23<sup>rd</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> May 2014 and 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Total Sum of £10,700.00 or One Hundred and Fourteen Thousand, Four Hundred and Ninety TT Dollars (TT \$114,490.00)

4. Sum of Thirty Thousand, Eight Hundred and Nine Dollars and Forty-Eight cents (TT \$30,809.48) for Secretarial and Administration services rendered for April, May & June 2014.
5. The sum of Ten Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifty-Seven Dollars and Fifty-Two cents (TT \$10,957.52) for Accommodation at the Hyatt Hotel between Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2014.
6. The sum of Seventeen Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eighty-Eight Dollars and Seventy-Two cents (TT \$17,988.72) for Accommodation at the Hilton Hotel between Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June and Meeting Room on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

The total Sum of Eight Hundred and Sixty-Four Thousand, Two Hundred and Forty-Five Dollars and Seventy-Two cents (TT \$864,245.72) has been expended to date.

**Head 25 – Ministry of Food and Production**

**Question to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

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

The Member enquired about the status of the Praedial Larceny Squad

**Response by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

The squad is currently functioning.

**Question to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

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

The Member sought clarification on whether or not the Praedial Larceny Squad was the same entity as the Agricultural Rangers.

**Response by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

Yes, it's the same entity.

**Question to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

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

The Member asked for a list of the agricultural access roads, the amount of money spent or to be spent on each one, as well as the location of these roads.

**Response by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

The lists of pre-qualified contractors and agricultural access roads identified for periodic maintenance have been provided in the document attached at **Appendices I and II**.

**Question to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy****(By the Member for La Brea)**

The Member requested information about the number of persons employed in the Praedial Larceny Squad and the recruitment method used for selecting these persons.

The Member also wanted to know the location of the Praedial Larceny Squad.

**Response by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

One hundred persons are employed in the Praedial Larceny Squad.

The Praedial Larceny Squad operates from the following locations:

1. Eastern Division – Farm Road, St. Joseph
2. Southern Division – Craignish Breeding Unit
3. Northern Division – Vemcott – Sea Lots
4. Central Division – Carlsen Field

**Question to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy****(By the Member for Chaguanas West)**

The Member wanted to know the average amount of incentives paid to each farmer?

**Response by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

The incentives paid to farmers range from \$400 to \$133,000.

**Head 34 – Ministry of Transport****Question to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy****(By the Member for Diego Martin North/East)**

The Member enquired about the tendering procedures involved in acquiring the “MV Superfast Galicia” as well as the capacity of the vessel.

**Response by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

The “MV Superfast Galicia” was procured through a selective tendering process whereby nine (9) firms were invited to submit proposals. Three (3) firms responded from which the Intercontinental Shipping Limited was selected.

The vessel is twelve (12) years old, has a maximum service speed of 22.0 knots, a cargo capacity of 7,321 tons, can carry one hundred (100) containers along with a crew contingent of twenty (20) persons and can accommodate one hundred and twenty (120) passengers.

**Question to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

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

The Member requested details on the cost of the Charter Hire of the “MV Superfast Galicia”.

**Response by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

The “MV Superfast Galicia” was chartered for the period April 2014 to March 2015 at a cost of \$56,343,000. The sum of \$51,500,000 which is being requested as supplementary funding is to meet the following expenditure: -

- (i) infrastructural adjustments to facilitate safe berthing and operationalization of the vessel at Port of Spain and Scarborough, as well as for mobilization cost and additional bunkers - \$23,933,772
- (ii) the lease and operations for the period April to September 2014 - \$27,654,000.

**Head 35 - Ministry of Tourism**

**Question to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

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

The Member sought an explanation why funds were not included for the upgrade and maintenance of beaches, facilities at beaches and lifeguard facilities.

**Response by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

Funds are available within the Ministry's allocation to meet these expenditures.

**Head 42 – Ministry of Local Government**

**Question to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

**(By the Member for Laventille West)**

The Member requested a breakdown by Regional Bodies of the cost of scavenging and security services that would be provided with supplementary funding.

**Response by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

The sum of \$13.0Mn will be provided as supplementary funding to enable the Diego Martin Regional Corporation to pay five (5) contractors for scavenging services which will be provided for the period June to September 2014.

Additionally the sum of \$15.5Mn will be utilized to meet the cost of a special tax free duty allowance payable to Municipal Police Officers. The Corporations to which supplementary funding will be required to effect this payment are listed as follows: -

Port of Spain City Corporation	-	\$8,800,000
San Fernando City Corporation	-	\$3,572,000
Arima Borough Corporation	-	\$1,832,000
Point Fortin Borough Corporation	-	\$1,100,000
Sangre Grande Regional Corporation	-	\$ 252,000

**Question to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

**(By the Member for La Brea)**

The Member sought a detailed breakdown by the Regional Bodies of the sum of \$45.2Mn which is to be utilized to meet the payments under Overtime, NIS and Allowances.

**Response by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

Details of the amounts to be paid by the Regional Corporations in respect of Overtime, NIS and Allowances are as follows: -

<b>Corporation</b>	<b>Overtime</b>	<b>NIS</b>	<b>Allowance</b>
Port of Spain City	7,500,000	3,000,000	1,040,000
Arima Borough	414,000	643,000	412,000
Tunapuna/Piarco Regional	390,000	0	14,200,000
Sangre Grande Regional	460,000	374,000	9,793,000
Mayaro/Rio Claro Regional	0	548,000	0
Siparia Regional	440,000	182,000	4,000,000
Princes Town Regional	230,000	390,000	1,256,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>9,434,000</b>	<b>5,137,000</b>	<b>30,701,000</b>

**Head 56 – Ministry of the People and Social Development**

**Question to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

**(By the Member for Diego Martin Central)**

The Member requested a complete breakdown of the sum of \$16Mn recommended for Non Profit Institutions.

He further requested the identification of those programmes to be funded from the \$16Mn.

**Response by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

**1. Islamic Community Services - \$192,000**

To assist the organization in defraying the recurrent costs of its outreach programme in Trinidad and Tobago associated with:-

- Collecting and Dispensing of Zakaat
- Medical Assistance
- Day Care Facilities
- Counselling Services
- Disaster Relief Measures



- Burial Services
- Chaplain Services

It is to be noted that counseling services are also offered to recovering substance abusers and dysfunctional families.

2. **The Halfway House Association - \$248,000**

- Providing temporary accommodation for clients.
- Offering counseling and psychiatric services
- Conducting outreach programmes
- Acting as a resource centre for related agencies

3. **Visionary Learning Centre - \$332,160**

Training children with differing challenges.

Enabling seamless transition National Centre for Persons with Disabilities or Goodwill Industries.

4. **Community Action Resource - \$756,000**

Enhancing the quality of life for persons living with and affected by HIV/AIDS.

5. **The International Society for Krishna Consciousness - \$200,000**

Engaging in missionary work for the alleviation of poverty, illiteracy and ill health through the distribution of food, clothing, literature, shelter, medicine and other forms of relief.

6. **Vision on Mission - \$5,376,320**

Rehabilitating prisoners both within and outside the prison.

7. **Autistic Society of Trinidad and Tobago - \$278,748**

Providing support for autistic persons and their families.

Serving as the umbrella body for other related organizations.

**8. The Centre of Hope - \$6,729,360**

Providing care for older, socially displaced persons who are over 55 years of age. It provides 24 hour care in a residential environment, independence in self-care and other activities of daily living. The Ministry of the People and Social Development has monitoring and supervisory functions relative to the operation of this facility. Admissions are done by referrals from the Social Displacement Unit.

**9. Nazareth Halfway House - \$590,400**

Providing rehabilitation services to the socially displaced in society.

**10. International Institute of Healthcare and Human Development - \$860,000**

The institute falls under the purview of the Rotary Club of Port of Spain and is managed by a Board of Directors, all of whom are members in the Rotary Club of Port of Spain. The organization providing transport services for persons with disabilities (PWDs) from 6 am to 6 pm on weekdays.

Enhancing the lives of persons with disabilities.

**Head 67 – Ministry of Planning and Sustainable Development**

**Question to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

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

The Member requested a list of the contractors engaged in the construction of the Boardwalk Phase II and as well as a breakdown of the cost involved in the hosting of the Eight Americas Competitiveness Forum.

**Response by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

Two (2) contractors have been engaged in the construction of the Boardwalk Phase II. They are as follows:

- Balou Engineering Construction Maintenance Services Limited - \$26,346,469 (VAT inclusive); and
- Zeeton General Contractors - \$12,443,760 (VAT inclusive).

Cabinet agreed to host the VIII Americas Competitiveness Forum (ACF) under the Theme “the Human Imagination at Work: Driving Competitiveness, Procuring Innovation”. The forum will consist of six (6) panel discussions and three (3) workshops and will run over the period 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2014.

Cabinet also agreed that the sum of **\$42.1Mn** be provided to meet the cost of hosting the Forum. The sum of **\$11.0Mn** has been made available in 2014 and an additional sum of **\$20.0Mn** is required to meet the expenditure to be incurred to September 2014.

A breakdown of the proposed expenditure is detailed below: -

<b>CATEGORIES</b>	<b>TT\$</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
<b>LOGISTICS</b>		
Accommodation	382,000	- 10 standard rooms and 4 suites at Hyatt Regency - 1 room at each of the other official hotels Radisson Hotel, Hilton Trinidad, Kapok Hotel and The Courtyard Marriott - Delegates will pay for their own accommodation
Transportation	1,151,600	- Buses for the provision of mass transport services for delegates and staff; in collaboration with PTSC - Water Taxi services for the Caribbean Night in Chaguaramas on October 9, 2014; in collaboration with NIDCO - Rental of 60 small to mid-size SUV's from October 4-12, 2014 for Airport/Hyatt Regency transport of high-level delegates
Emergency Services	400,000	- Establishment of a Medical Unit at the Hyatt Regency, and provision of ambulances and related services and personnel from October 7-11, 2014; in collaboration with the Ministry of Health
Information Technology	1,200,000	- Establishment and management of official VIII ACF website - Provision of ICT equipment and services for the establishment of delegate business centres and Secretariat offices at Hyatt Regency

Staff Provisioning	100,000	- Provision of meals, accommodation and transport for staff working at various locations particularly Piarco International Airport
Command Centre	300,000	- Provision of ICT equipment and services to operationalize the Command Centre from October 4-12, 2014
Registration and Accreditation	450,000	- Design and production of approximately 2,000 access passes with security features for participants, staff personnel and contractors, including scanning and printing equipment - Accreditation of registration records by CARICOM IMPACS
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>3,983,600</b>	
<b>Forum for Partnership in the Americas</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	- On October 8, 2014
<b>Social Events</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>	- Opening Ceremony and Cocktail Reception at NAPA on October 8, 2014 - Caribbean Night at Chaguaramas Boardwalk on October 9, 2014 - Cultural Evening on October 10, 2014 on the Waterfront, Port of Spain
<b>Exhibition &amp; Innovation Village</b>	<b>2,200,000</b>	- 20 Exhibition Booths in the Regency Pre-Function Area, Hyatt Regency at \$200,000 - Innovation Village at the Jean Pierre Complex at \$2,000,000
<b>SECRETARIAT OPERATIONS</b>		
HR	5,662,000	- Salaries and stipends for staff and volunteers
Operational Expenses	3,895,000	- Rental of office and procurement of equipment and supplies
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>9,557,000</b>	
<b>CONFERENCE SERVICES</b>		
Design Services	5,100,000	- Procurement of designer services for various official venues including the Piarco Airport, Meeting Rooms at Hyatt Regency, Radisson Hotel

Conference Materials	600,000	- Procurement of 1,200 conference bags, customized folder and stationery
Conference Facilities & Catering	4,547,356	- Procurement of conference tables and 80 executive chairs for the RIAC meeting - Catering for participants, staff, security personnel and contractors - Procurement of tents for delegates luncheon
Audio Visual	3,000,000	- Rental of microphones, lighting, projection screens for Regency and ancillary activities in other rooms - Audio and video recording
Interpretation	2,700,000	- Provision of interpretation and translation services
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>15,947,356</b>	
<b>TECHNICAL COSTS</b>		
Speakers	3,600,000	- Provision of airfare, accommodation and meals, professional fees where applicable for 45 speakers
Technical (publication and papers)	950,000	- Preparation and publication of 3 Research Papers - Preparation and publication of Signs of Competitiveness Report - Publication of conference materials
RIAC Meeting	400,000	- Held at the Hilton Trinidad on May 9 – 10, 2014
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>4,950,000</b>	
<b>COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING</b>		
	5,000,000	- Develop and supervise execution of communication and marketing plan - Engagement of advertising agency - Design and production of communication and marketing items
Event Broadcasting	1,000,000	- Broadcasting of the Event through CNMG
Human Imagination Panels	600,000	
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>6,600,000</b>	
<b>PROTOCOL</b>	<b>500,000</b>	- Procurement of 75 uniforms, stipend for protocol officers, 60 gifts for high level delegates (Ministers of Government)

<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>49,737,956</b>
5% Contingency	2,486,898
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52,224,854</b>
Allocated Budget in 2014 PSIP	6,000,000
Sponsored funds	4,125,000
	<b>10,125,000</b>
<b>Revised Total</b>	<b>42,099,854</b>

**Question to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

**(By the Member for Arouca/Maloney)**

The Member requested that details be provided on the leasing arrangement in respect of lands at Invaders Bay.

**Response by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

In keeping with the decision of Cabinet vide Minute No. 283 dated January 31, 2013 a commercial lease was granted to UDeCOTT in respect of 23,7992 hectares of reclaimed land at Invaders Bay. The Head Lease is for a period of ninety-nine (99) years with rent to be paid at a peppercorn rate of \$10.00 per annum.

**Question to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

**(By the Member for Diego Martin Central)**

The Member requested that details be provided in respect of:

- how many cameras are being procured;
- the suppliers of equipment;
- a breakdown of the cost;
- and whether ports and docks at Chaguaramas are included in the surveillance.

**Response by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

The Amalgamated Security Services has been engaged to supply and install a CCTV System to monitor strategic points on the Chaguaramas Peninsula and Offshore Islands.

**Question to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

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

The Member inquired whether a consultant had been engaged to develop a strategic plan for the development of the Chaguaramas Peninsula.

**Response by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

On January 6, 2014 a contract in the sum of \$9,476,301 was awarded to Halcrow Group (Trinidad and Tobago) Limited to develop a Master Plan to guide the North-West Peninsula and Offshore Islands of Chacachacare, Gasparee, Little Gasper Grande and Monos in a sustainable manner over a fifteen year period.

**Head 69 – Ministry of Works and Infrastructure****Question to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

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

The Member requested a breakdown of the works to be undertaken with the supplementary funding of \$75.0-Mn under the Other Contracted Services vote of the Highways Division as well as details of works carried out under the PURE Programme with funding derived from a \$1.0-Bn Fixed Rate Bond.

**Response by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

The supplementary funding of \$75.0-Mn is to enable the Highways Division, Ministry of Works and Infrastructure to undertake road rehabilitation, the construction of retaining and curb walls, box and slipper drains, painting of concrete barriers, repairs to landslips and bridge foundations and the installation of safety guard rails.

These works are to be undertaken throughout the following regions: -

▪ Caroni	-	\$11.5Mn
▪ St. George West	-	\$ 6.0Mn
▪ St. George East	-	\$ 7.5Mn
▪ Victoria East	-	\$11.0Mn
▪ Victoria West	-	\$20.0Mn
▪ Nariva Mayaro	-	\$ 5.0Mn
▪ St. Patrick	-	\$ 6.0Mn
▪ St. Andrew/St David	-	<u>\$ 8.0Mn</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	-	<b><u>\$75.0Mn</u></b>

To date 482 projects have been initiated/completed under the PURE Programme from funding received through the \$1.0Bn Fixed Rate Bond. Details of these projects as well as costs incurred are shown hereunder: -

		<b>Cost \$</b>
Projects completed – 52	-	141,088,344
Projects ongoing – 107	-	333,014,786
Projects to be implemented – 323	-	<u>502,782,086</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	-	<b><u>976,885,216</u></b>

### **Question to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

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

The Member requested details of the repayment schedule in respect of the \$1.0Bn Bond secured under the PURE Programme.

### **Response by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

A \$1.0Bn Bond at a 4% interest rate was secured through National Insurance Property Development Co. Ltd. (NIPDEC) for the implementation of projects under the PURE Programme. Repayment has been scheduled for completion in October 2029 and amortized on a semi-annual basis, with a first installment of \$19.945Mn due in April, 2014.



**Head 70 – Ministry of Communications****Question to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy****(By the Member for Diego Martin Central)**

- What is the overall cost of the Strategic Plan?
- How much of the additional sum of \$10Mn is going towards the covering costs for a plan that has already been developed?
- How much of the additional sum is to implement action items?
- What action items are for approval?

**Response by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

- The overall cost of the Strategic Plan is \$50Mn.:

<b><u>Media</u></b>	<b><u>\$ Mn</u></b>
Social Media	10.0
Television Products	10.0
Internal Communications	12.0
Electronic Billboards	8.0
Publications	10.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>50.0</b>

**Head 71 – Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources****Question to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy****(By the Member for La Brea)**

The Member requested the names of water courses/drains that are to be desilted under the Flood Mitigation Programme as well as the cost of the mitigation works.

### Response by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy

Thirty-nine (39) water courses/drains have been identified for desilting/cleaning under the Flood Mitigation Programme as detailed:

<b>WATERCOURSE / DRAINS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>Cost \$</b>
Diego Martin River and Trib	Diego Martin River Basin	4,000,000
Maraval River and Trib	Maraval River Basin	4,000,000
Blue Basin River	Waterwheel and environs	2,000,000
La Puerta River	La Puerta	1,000,000
Simeon Ravine	Simeon Road	1,000,000
Petit Valley Ravine	Morne Coco Road	4,000,000
Bull Bull River	Claxton Bay Overpass	1,000,000
Calcutta Main Drain	Calcutta	500,000
Sedial Channel	Penal	500,000
Rock River	Penal	1,000,000
Coromata River	Penal	1,000,000
Cupie River	Penal	1,000,000
Pragg Main Drain	Calcutta	1,000,000
Divisional Tenders (20 projects)	East , Central and South	5,900,000
Malick River	D/S of CHR	1,300,000
Skimming Ravine & Rusty Iron	From UBH to Swamp	1,500,000
Blue River	Guayamere	1,900,000
Caparo River	From mouth going U/S	1,500,000
Caroni Main Drains - Couva/Mc Bean	From Southern Main Road to Gulf of Paria Approx 5Km	1,500,000
Arena River	Las Lomas	1,300,000
Guaracara River	Guaracara River	1,900,000
Cipero River	WASA to Mouth	1,900,000
Alleys Creek	From Bridge to mouth	1,300,000
New Cut Channel - Ph 1	From Debe Trace to Tirat, Pluck Road	1,900,000

New Cut Channel - Ph 11	From Pluck Rd to St Louis Canal	1,700,000
New Cut Channel - Ph 111	From St Louis Canal to Godineau River	1,900,000
Moruga River	La Rufin	1,900,000
Channel 3 South Bank	Icacos - River Improvement Works	1,900,000
North Oropouche River	From mouth going upstream	1,900,000
Kernahan River	Bridge on Cascadoo Rd to confluence to Ortoire River	1,500,000
Cunapo River	From mouth going upstream	1,700,000
Sangre Chiquito River	From EMR to mouth	1,500,000
St John's Canal - Ph 1	D/S of St Johns Gate	1,900,000
St John's Canal - Ph 11	U/S of St Johns Gate to Rio Negro	1,700,000
St John's Canal - Ph 111	U/S of Rio Negro to Cunapo River	1,500,000
East-West Corridor from Erica Street Along the Eastern Main Road to Curepe	Laventille to Curepe	4,000,000
Independence Sq. Drains North and South	Port of Spain	4,000,000
Chaguanas Main Road From Flyover to Market (both sides)	Chaguanas	4,000,000
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>75,000,000</b>

### **Head 72 - Ministry of Tertiary Education and Skills Training**

#### **Question to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

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

The Member requested the full cost of all the projects listed under the Development Programme.

#### **Response by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

The full costs of all the projects are as follows:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Establishment of a Skills Centre in Penal	\$ 27,945,000
Construction of Drilling School Ste. Madeline	\$ 18,887,000
Establishment of training Facility in Woodford Lodge Chaguanas	\$ 67,390,000
Establishment of UWI South Campus – Debe	\$509,358,337
Construction of Open Campus Facility in Chaguanas	\$ 57,044,140
Construction of a Headquarters for MSTTE, NTA, YTEPP and ACTT	\$474,620,000

**Question to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

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

The Member sought information about the method of procurement used, the names of contractors and the amount of funds to be paid to each contractor on completion of the construction works.

**Response by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

The information is provided in the document attached at **Appendix III**.

The Member further enquired about the number of persons employed in the OJT Programme

**Response by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

As at 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2014 the number of persons employed in the Programme is 6,887.

**Head 74: Ministry of National Diversity and Social Integration**

**Question to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

**(By the Member for Arouca/Maloney)**

The Member asked to be provided with a breakdown of the activities undertaken by the Santa Rosa First Peoples Community, as well as the cost associated with each activity.

**Response by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

Cabinet gave approval for funding the following:

• Celebration of Days and Festivals (Amerindian Heritage and Santa Rosa Days and related activities)	\$850,000
• Acquisition and Curatorial Services at Carib Centre	\$150,000
• Workshops and Educational Activities	\$200,000
• Cultural Exchange Visits	\$100,000
Total:	\$1,300,000

**Question to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

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

The Member asked to be provided with the address of the offices located at Chaguaramas and Wrightson Road, POS, the size of the offices, the rental rates per square foot and the monthly rental paid for each office.

**Response by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

Chaguaramas Office: 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Chaguaramas: 29,891 square feet: Monthly rent \$83,000 (\$2.77 per square foot) plus VAT of \$ 12,450

Wrightson Road Office: No. 35 Wrightson Road, Port of Spain: 18,483 square feet: Monthly rent of \$198,692.25 (\$10.75 per square foot) plus VAT of \$29,803.84 and a monthly service charge payment of \$32,345.25 (\$1.25 per square foot) plus VAT of \$4,851.79.

**Question to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

**(By the Member for Laventille West)**

The Member asked if the Spiritual Baptist ever requested any kind of funding and if so why was it not included in the request for supplementary funding.

**Response by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

Funding in the sum of \$308,500 was given to the Spiritual Baptist. Spiritual Baptist Liberation Day was on March 30<sup>th</sup> and funds were met from the Ministry's current allocation.

**Head 76 – Ministry of Land and Marine Resources**

**Question to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

**(By the Member for La Brea)**

The Member requested a list identifying by name, the location and number of residential lots available at each location under the Land for the Landless Programme.

**Response by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

A total of 1,300 residential lots are to be provided under the Land for the Landless Programme as detailed: -

Corinth A, B, C	-	250 lots
Glenroy Princes Town	-	150 lots
Felicity 1 and 2	-	700 lots
Allamby San Fernando	-	100 lots
Arena Road Freeport	-	100 lots

**Question to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

**(By the Member for Port of Spain South)**

The Member requested identification of the squatter sites earmarked for regularization by the Land Settlement Agency. The Member also requested a list of the contract positions on the establishment of the LSA and enquired whether these positions were advertised prior to being filled.

**Response by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

Seven (7) sites have been identified for regularization under the Squatter Regularization Programme. These sites are located as follows: -

Arena Road - Freeport

La Phillipine - Couva

La Savanne/Nurse Trace - Guayaguayare

St Mary's - Moruga

Rangalee Village - Valencia

Ponderosa - Golconda

Sunries/Ramlal St. - Penal

On the contract establishment of the Land Settlement Agency 150 positions were advertised and to date 125 of these have been filled. The names of the positions advertised are as follows: -

- Community Development Manager/Coordinators/Officers
- Micro Enterprise Officers
- Micro Enterprise Coordinators
- Field Investigators
- Architects
- Civil Engineers
- Legal Officers
- Manager, Tenure Regularization Unit
- Manager, Containment Unit
- Business Operations Assistant I and II
- Title Processing Clerks
- Title Clerks
- Senior Land Use Planner
- Land Use Planner
- Design Engineers
- Environmental Engineers
- Project Managers
- Planning Technicians
- Surveyors
- Construction Engineers
- Research Officers
- Public Health Officer
- Housing Officer
- Health and Safety Officer
- Stores Clerk

- Communications Specialists
- Accounts Clerks
- Clerk of Works
- Security/Patrol Officers
- Auditors
- Senior Secretary
- Human Resource Specialists

**Question to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

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

The Member sought a detailed breakdown of the cost of infrastructural works and administrative services for the delivery of residential lots under the Land for the Landless Programme as well as sites under the Squatter Regularization Programme.

**Response by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

The cost of infrastructural works and administrative services for the delivery of residential lots under the Land for the Landless Programme has been estimated at \$163.0-Mn. These residential lots are located in the following areas: -

Corinth A, B, C	-	250 lots
Glenroy Princes Town	-	150 lots
Felicity 1 and 2	-	700 lots
Allamby San Fernando	-	100 lots
Arena Road Freeport	-	100 lots

The cost of infrastructural works and administrative services for the regularization of seven (7) squatter sites under the Squatter Regularization Programme has been estimated at \$145.0-Mn.

These sites are located in the following areas: -

Arena Road - Freeport

La Phillipine - Couva

La Savanne/Nurse Trace - Guayaguayare

St Marys – Moruga



Rangalee Village - Valencia

Ponderosa - Golconda

Sunries/Ramlal St. - Penal

## APPENDIX I

CTB: 17/3/24

Pre-qualification of Contractors for [REDACTED] Maintenance of Agricultural Access Roads for the Engineering Division, Ministry of Food Production for a period of two (2) years

No.	Contractors
✓ 1	Abba's General Contractors Limited
✓ 2	Actril General Contractors Co. Limited
✓ 3	Ajay Enterprises Limited
✓ 4	Amnesty Construction Limited
✓ 5	Annup Babwah Contractors
✓ 6	API Pipeline Construction Co. Limited
✓ 7	AR General Construction Co. Limited
✓ 8	ATMAA Construction Services
✓ 9	B. Jagmohan General Contractors Limited
10	Big Thumb Enterprises Limited
✓ 11	Brendon West T/A West & Associates
12	Carl Company Limited
✓ 13	D. Narine Contracting Services Limited
✓ 14	Eastern Engineering & Marketing Services (1994) Ltd
15	Gibraltar Consultants & Contractors Limited
16	Gillis Construction Co. Limited
17	Gowrie Persad Singh Contracting Co. Limited
18	Haniff Mohammed & Son Limited
19	Harilal Transport Services Limited
20	Heralal Rampadarath
21	J.C. Contractors Limited
22	JCM Construction & Marketing
23	K & H Contracting Limited
24	Kall Company Limited
25	LRS Ramcharan Hardware & Construction Co. Ltd.
26	M.K. Civil Limited
27	Mano General Contractors Limited
28	P.R. Contracting Limited
29	Raghunath Singh & Co. Limited
30	Ricon Limited
31	RJB Building & Civil Engineering Contractors Limited
32	Roopnarine Mahabir & Sons

**APPENDIX**

CTB: 17/3/24

**Pre-qualification of Contractors for Periodic Maintenance of Agricultural Access Roads  
for the Engineering Division, Ministry of Food Production for a period of two (2) years**

No.	Contractors
33	Saiscon Limited
34	Sawh's Investment Co. Limited
35	Shambrin's General Contractors
36	Sonogo Construction Co. Limited
37	Super Industrial Services Limited
38	V & S General Contractors Limited
39	Wide Turns Transport

  
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## APPENDIX

CTB: 17/3/23

Pre-qualification of Contractors for [REDACTED] of Agricultural Access Roads for the Engineering Division, Ministry of Food Production for a period of two (2) years

No	Contractors
1	Actril General Contractors Co. Limited
2	Ajay Enterprises Limited
3	Amnesty Construction Limited
4	Annup Babwah Contractors
5	API Pipeline Construction Co. Limited
6	AR General Construction Co. Limited
7	B. Jagnohan General Contractors Limited
8	Big Thumb Enterprises Limited
9	Brendon West T/A West & Associates
10	Carl Company Limited
11	D. Narine Contracting Services Limited
12	Dipcon Engineering Services Limited
13	Eastern Engineering & Marketing Services (1994) Ltd
14	Gibraltar Consultants & Contractors Limited
15	Gowrie Persad Singh Contracting Co. Limited
16	Haniff Mohammed & Son Limited
17	Harilal Transport Services Limited
18	JCM Construction & Marketing
19	K & H Contracting Limited
20	Kail Co. Limited
21	LRS Ramcharan Hardware & Construction Co. Ltd.
22	M.K. Civil Limited
23	P.R. Contracting Limited
24	Raghunath Singh & Co. Limited
25	Ricon Limited
26	RJB Building & Civil Engineering Contractors Limited
27	Roopnarine Mahabir & Sons
28	Sat Sais Co. Limited
29	Sawh's Investment Co. Limited
30	Scereerum Bros. Limited
31	Shambrin's General Contractors
32	Super Industrial Services Limited
33	V & S General Contractors Limited
34	VB Enterprises Limited
35	Vigai & Vijay Contracting Co. Limited

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Chairman, Central Tenders Board

February 19, 2013

AGRICULTURAL ACCESS ROADS PHASE II – PERIODIC MAINTENANCE 2013/14

ROAD NO.	RANK	COUNTY	ROAD NAME	LENGTH (km)	REQUESTED BY	CONSTITUENCY	BOK / Estimate (\$)	COMMENTS
1		St. George	Pumpkin and Cabbage - Orange Grove East Network	3.78	Dir. Engineering Division	St. Augustine	1,902,386.00	to complete works
2	1	St. George	Mendoza	3.50	RAN Priority List	La Horquetta/ Talparo	1,020,690.00	
3	4	St. George	Aranguiz South Network	3.50	RAN Priority List	St. Joseph	1,905,675.00	
4		St. George	Bamboo Aquaculture Demonstration Station	0.12	Minister Food Prod via Dir. Engineering Division	Station Road	999,338.00	to complete works
5		St. George	Arjo Livestock Station	0.15	Dir. Engineering Division	Station Road	518,586.75	to complete works
6		St. George	Chiguaramas Development Project	1.00	Dir. Engineering Division	Diego Martin West Station Road	1,000,000.00	to complete works
7	14	St. Andrew	Sambrio Trace	0.97	RAN Priority List	Cumaco / Manzanilla	630,368.48	
8	10	St. George	La Gloria	0.42	RAN Priority List	La Horquetta/ Talparo	789,291.05	
9	30	St. George	Transport Trace	0.12	RAN Priority List	La Horquetta/ Talparo	533,773.90	
10	7	St. George	Lewis Gamuel	0.33	RAN Priority List	La Horquetta/ Talparo	587,146.43	
11		St. Patrick East	Mungel Trace #4 (Woodland Public Cemetery Road)	0.99	RAS Priority List	Oropache West	1,053,600.00	
12		St. Patrick East	Teachers Trace	0.30	RAS Priority List	Oropache West	380,132.50	
13	1	St. Patrick East	Platania Network	2.30	RAS Food Basket List	Siharia	1,000,000.00	
14	3	St. Patrick West	Jackson Trace	0.10	RAS Priority List	Palm Fortin	282,305.50	Request from Director Engineering
15		St. Andrew / St. David	Mahaboo Trace	1.0km	Farmer's group via Minister of Food Production	CUMACO / Manzanilla	600,000.00	

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ROAD NO.	RANK	COUNTY	ROAD NAME	LENGTH (km)	REQUESTED BY	CONSTITUENCY	BOQ / Estimate (\$)	COMMENTS
16	8	Washia /Mayaro	Rio Claro Food Crop #1	1.20	RAS Food Basket List	Mayaro	822,872.50	
17	8	Washia /Mayaro	Rio Claro Food Crop #2	1.50	RAS Food Basket List	Mayaro	558,000.00	
18	7	Washia /Mayaro	Cusha Food Crop #1	1.20	RAS Food Basket List	Mayaro	758,000.00	
19	7	Washia /Mayaro	Cusha Food Crop #2	1.80	RAS Food Basket List	Mayaro	808,000.00	
20		Washia /Mayaro	Booe Settlement Trace	0.80	RAS Priority List	Mayaro	854,190.00	
21	12	Victoria	Congo Village Road	0.85	RAS Priority List	Dropouche East	696,066.25	
22	3	Victoria	Calendar Trace	0.50	RAS Priority List	Moruga/ Tableland	626,807.58	
23		Victoria	Accoy Trace	0.35	RAS Priority List (Craigfish)	Moruga/ Tableland	547,745.08	
24	1	Victoria	Railway Road Network A	1.20	RAS Priority List	Dropouche West	734,179.00	
25	1	Victoria	Railway Road Network B	0.90	RAS Priority List	Dropouche West	808,000.00	
26	22	Victoria	Messy Lands Network	3.00	RAS Priority List	Tabaquite	1,080,000.00	
27		Victoria	Kildner #2 & #3	1.80	Dir. Engineering Division	Mayaro	680,800.00	to complete works
28		Victoria	Hart Trace	1.00	RAS Priority List (Craigfish)	Moruga/ Tableland	1,600,000.00	
29		Victoria	Asaiah Trace	1.00	MP List - Naparima	Naparima	1,600,000.00	Hon. Muzam Baksh
30		Victoria	Genth Road off Corial Branch Road	1.00	MP List - Naparima	Naparima	1,600,000.00	Hon. Muzam Baksh
31		Caroni	Mon Jalcux	1.00	Tim Gapeesingh Engineering Division	Station Road	1,400,000.00	to complete works
32		Caroni	Centeno Livestock Farm Road	0.50	Engineering Division	Station Road	480,000.00	to complete works
33	3	Caroni	El Carmen (Back of station)	3.50	RAN Priority List	Station Road	1,000,000.00	to complete works
34	25	Caroni	MR. Moriah	3.70	RAN Priority List	Caroni East	995,770.85	

ROAD NO.	BAR#	COUNTY	ROAD NAME	LENGTH (km)	REQUESTED BY	CONSTITUENCY	BOQ / Estimate (\$)	COMMENTS
35	5	Caroni	Madison Trace	2.80	RAN Priority List	Caroni Central	884,412.18	
36		Caroni	Rostani Road (Phase 2)	3.20	Dir. Engineering Division	To complete works from Phase 1	430,258.33	
37	6	Caroni	Waterloo Network East	4.00	RAN Priority List	Couva North	1,015,000.00	
38	8	Caroni	Waterloo Network West	4.00	RAN Priority List	Couva North	1,012,000.00	
39	23	Caroni	Billy Hawkwood Road	0.52	RAN Priority List	Caroni East	310,306.50	
40	23	Caroni	Penal Trace	0.50	RAN Priority List	Caroni East	790,000.00	
41	23	Caroni	Fernando Lima	1.00	RAN Priority List	Caroni East	600,000.00	
42	1	Caroni	Exchange Network South	4.00	RAN Priority List	Couva North	994,083.00	
43	1	Caroni	Exchange Network North	4.20	RAN Priority List	Couva North	1,006,840.00	
44	1	Caroni	Jenningsham Junction Network	3.30	RAN Commodity List	Chaguanas West	1,085,770.00	
45	5	Caroni	Warren Network	2.20	RAN Priority List	Chaguanas West	1,034,778.00	

TOTAL 72.91

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