

*Leave of Absence**Friday, May 02, 2003***HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES***Friday, May 02, 2003*

The House met at 1.30 p.m.

PRAYERS[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members, I have received communication for leave of absence from the Member for San Fernando West, Miss Diane Seukaran for today's sitting.

The leave of absence which the Member seeks is granted.

CONDOLENCES**(MRS. MARGARET OLIVE HECTOR)**

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members, I wish to bring to your attention the death of a former Member of this honourable House, Margaret Olive Hector who died on Tuesday, April 15, 2003. I call the hon. Member for Diego Martin West.

The Minister of Planning and Development (Hon. Dr. Keith Rowley): Mr. Speaker, thanks for the opportunity to bring to the notice of colleagues of this honourable House, the passing of Mrs. Margaret Hector who happened to reside in the constituency of Diego Martin West. She served in this House as representative for Diego Martin West during the period 1986—1991.

It is with some sadness that we learned of her passing. Margaret Hector, known to most if not all of us here, was born in August 1950. She was the mother of two children who grew up in the neighbourhood and attended Convent in Port of Spain. She first appeared on the political scene in 1981, I think in the company of our colleague from St. Joseph, when she represented the Organization for National Reconstruction (ONR). By 1983, she was serving in the local government department. In 1986, she served again as top senior functionary in the women's affairs of her party and went on to be elected to Parliament in 1986. She was appointed to the Office of the Prime Minister in November of that year and acted in a number of capacities including Acting Minister of Health. She served in the House Privileges Committee.

We remember her as that Member of Parliament who wore the colourful turbans and being very prominent in support of the Spiritual Baptist component of our national community. Mrs. Hector was recognized not only in Trinidad and

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Tobago and Diego Martin West, but also as far as Jamaica where she was awarded recognition by the Bustamante Institute. She did find time out of political activities to serve with the young females of her community and with the Girl Guides. Her passing has left us in Diego Martin West and Trinidad and Tobago poorer.

Whatever we do, we must recognize the contributions of those like Margaret Hector whom we refer to as the salt of the earth, serving our people in all capacities.

Thank you.

Mr. Chandresh Sharma (*Fyzabad*): Mr. Speaker, we on this side join with our colleagues on the opposite side in paying tribute to the life and times of our dear departed Margaret Hector. In paying tribute, it is instructive that we look at the contribution of our departed Member of Parliament and former local government councillor. You would have observed from what my Friend, the Member for Diego Martin West said, Margaret Hector was awarded by the Government of Jamaica. It is sad that she did not receive that kind of award in Trinidad and Tobago. Her involvement extended largely in social and community work. She was involved in assisting women in Trinidad and Tobago to develop.

In paying tribute one must look at what obtains in the current scenario. It may appear a bit unfortunate, but when you look at the number of women who are being murdered, victimized and treated badly by the administration, it brings into focus, if we are to pay a meaningful degree of tribute, we must make a commitment to ensure that those who serve at this particular level—I had indicated on the previous occasion when we paid tribute to the late Jean Pierre, that we look at Members of Parliament and others who have served at this level to ensure that they are assisted in meaningful and measurable ways. We would be failing in our duty to stand here when such an occasion arises and say all these nice things and not follow up with some kind of measurable action.

I ask the Government to ensure that we look at how women are treated in this country and moreso, those who give their lives to public service. In this way, we would pay a meaningful and measurable degree of tribute. We join and pray that her life would be awarded a place with God and she shall obtain eternal peace.

Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Hon, Members, I too wish to recognize the contribution made by our late Member. I ask you to stand for a minute's silence.

Madam Clerk, I would like you to write to the relatives of the late Margaret Olive Hector expressing the condolences of the House and that of the Speaker.

The House of Representatives stood.

PAPERS LAID

1. Final Report of the Committee appointed to review the financial sector of Trinidad and Tobago. [*The Minister of Trade and Industry and Minister in the Ministry of Finance (Hon. Kenneth Valley)*]
2. Annual Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Securities and Exchange Commission for the year ended September 30, 2002. [*Hon. K. Valley*]
3. The Annual Report of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2002. [*Hon. K. Valley*]
4. Instruments adopted by the International Labour Conference of the International Labour Organisation at the 89th Session held from May 5—20, 2001 and the 90th Session held on June 3—20, 2002:
 - i. Convention 184 concerning Safety and Health in Agriculture;
 - ii. Recommendation 192 concerning Safety and Health and Agriculture;
 - iii. Protocol of 2002 to the Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981;
 - iv. Recommendation concerning the Promotion of Cooperatives;
 - v. Recommendation 194 concerning the List of Occupational Diseases and the Recording and Notification of Occupational Accidents and Diseases;
 - vi. Withdrawal of 20 Recommendations adopted by the Conference at its Ninetieth Session. [*The Minister of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development (Hon. Lawrence Achong)*]
5. Public accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year 2002—Treasury Statements and Appropriation Accounts of Ministries and Departments. [*Hon. K. Valley*]
6. Report of the Auditor General on the public accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year October 01, 2001 to September 30, 2002 and on Other Selected Audit Activities. [*Hon. K. Valley*]
7. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the financial statements of the Mayaro/Rio Claro Regional Corporation for the period ended January 01, 1998 to September 30, 1998. [*Hon. K. Valley*]
8. First Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the financial statements of the Public Transport Service Corporation for the years ended December 31, 1994 to December 31, 2001. [*Hon. K. Valley*]

Papers 2, 3 and 5 to 8 to be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

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The Minister of Trade and Industry and Minister in the Ministry of Finance (Hon. Kenneth Valley): Mr. Speaker, there are 15 questions on the Order Paper today for oral response. The Government is able to answer 11 of those questions.

Today, we are requesting the deferral of the following four questions: Nos. 51, 91, 94 and 99, for a period of two weeks.

Mr. Ganga Singh (Caroni East): Mr. Speaker, question No. 51 had been deferred on a previous occasion, that was on April 04. That means that they had a three-week period in which it came to this House and now a further four-week period.

The following questions stood on the Order Paper:

**Solid Waste Management Company Limited
(Chairman's Compensation Package)**

- 51.** (a) Could the hon. Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment indicate the remuneration and compensation package of the current Executive Chairman of the Solid Waste Management Company Limited (SWMCOL)?
- (b) Could the Minister state what was the equivalent package of the last Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Solid Waste Management Company Limited (SWMCOL)? [*Mr. G. Singh*]

**Mr. Kenrick Burgess
(Terms of Employment and Responsibility)**

- 91.** (a) Would the hon. Minister of Education inform this House of the terms of employment, inclusive of salary, of Mr. Kenrick Burgess, a Project Management Consultant in the Ministry of Education?
- (b) Would the Minister identify the areas of responsibility of this Project Management Consultant? [*Dr. A. Nanan*]

Green Fund Levy

- 94.** (a) Would the hon. Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment indicate the amount of money collected to date from the Green Fund levy?
- (b) Would the Minister inform this House if the Green Fund has been operationalized?

- (c) If the answer to (b) is in the affirmative, would the Minister list the projects approved together with the names and addresses of the NGOs involved and the location of each project?
- (d) If the answer to (b) is in the negative, would the Minister give a time frame for the operationalisation of the Green Fund? [*Dr. A. Nanan*]

**Ministry of Public Utilities and the Environment
(Suppliers/Providers)**

- 99.** (a) Would the hon. Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment provide this House with the names of all suppliers/providers of mechanical equipment and heavy vehicles rented by his Ministry from January 2002 to February 2003 and the amounts of monies paid to each supplier/provider?
- (b) Would the Minister state the amounts of monies owing to each supplier/provider as at March 28, 2003? [*Mr. C. Sharma*]

Questions, by leave, deferred.

Mr. G. Singh: Mr. Speaker, I also want to note to this honourable House that out of the 23 written questions, answers have been submitted to nine. There are 14 outstanding answers due on those written questions.

Mr. Speaker: May I indicate that I would like to see the Member for Caroni East and the Member for Diego Martin East in my chamber, during the interval to discuss this same matter relating to written questions.

**Carnival 2002/2003
(Allocations and Payments to Organizations)**

- 44. Mr. Ganga Singa** (*Caroni East*) asked the hon. Minister of Culture and Tourism:

Would the Minister indicate the governmental allocation and payments to:

- (i) the National Carnival Commission;
- (ii) Pan Trinbago;
- (iii) TUCO;

for Carnival 2002 and 2003?

The Minister of Culture and Tourism (Hon. Penelope Beckles): Mr. Speaker, allocations are not made to individual non-governmental organizations

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such as Pan Trinbago and TUCO in the estimates of expenditure. The funds are allocated and disbursed to the National Carnival Commission, which in turn makes payments to the relevant interest groups.

During 2002, in addition to paying the National Carnival Commission the sum of \$36,110,000 which was provided for in the body of the 2001/2002 estimates of expenditure, two further disbursements totalling \$11,767,550 were made. The first payment of \$7,671,973 was in respect of the debt to Pan Trinbago which was outstanding for some time. In 2002, the Government disbursed \$7,671,973 to the NCC for transfer to Pan Trinbago.

The second payment was made to facilitate the organization and the management for the 40th anniversary of Independence celebrations. During 2002, the NCC was requested by Government to develop and implement commemorative plans for the 40th anniversary of Trinidad and Tobago's Independence. The sum of \$4,095,577 was transferred from the Ministry of Community Development and Gender Affairs to the NCC to meet the expenditure in connection with that exercise.

The allocation in 2003, is \$53,636,958. They have received \$28,976,650. To Pan Trinbago in 2002, the payment is \$14,171,973 and in 2003, \$6,592,032.

To TUCO in 2002, the payment is \$3,900,000 and in 2003, \$3,819,369.25.

Thank you.

Payments of Ramleela Groups

45. Mr. Ganga Singh asked the hon. Minister of Culture and Tourism:

Could the Minister of Culture and Tourism indicate the allocation and payments to Ramleela groups for the years 2002 to 2003?

The Minister of Culture and Tourism (Hon. Penelope Beckles): Mr. Speaker, there was no allocation in 2002. The payments for 2002, amounted to \$66,000. The funds are not allocated in the estimates of expenditure directly to the individual Ramleela groups. Such funding is made available instead as a block provision to be utilized in the support of national days and festivals. The Ministry of Culture and Tourism assesses each application for funding and makes a decision on the level of funding to be given to each group or organization.

For 2002, grants totaling \$66,000 were paid to Ramleela groups.

For Ramleela 2003, the Ministry of Culture and Tourism has already begun receiving requests for assistance. It is expected that these would be fully processed by June 30, 2003, in order to facilitate disbursements to the groups

prior to the period of the festival. Judging from the requests that have been already made from the ministry, it is expected that the 2003 grants would exceed \$100,000.

Thank you.

**Beetham Sewerage Project
(Cost of Contract)**

52. Mr. Ganga Singh asked the hon. Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment to state:

- (a) What was the cost of WASA's Beetham Sewerage Project as contractually agreed with Biwater International at the inception of the contract in 2001?
- (b) Whether there have been any variations to this contract and if so, what are these variations and the reasons to support them?

The Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment (Sen. The Hon. Rennie Dumas): Mr Speaker, the Water and Sewerage Authority has advised that the original contract sum with Biwater International at the contract signing date of October 25, 2001 for WASA's Beetham Sewerage Project was TT \$182,103,935 (VAT exclusive).

To date, the total variation to the contract stands at \$17,109,586. Details of the variations are as follows:

Variation Order No.	Description	Cost (\$TT)	Comments
1 19 Nov 01	Amendments to Contract Payment Terms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.5% Advance Payment in lieu of 5% • 10% Retention Bond in lieu of Cash Retention • Repayment of Advance deferred to Month 4 • Payment for Off-shore plant/materials 60% on and 20% on delivery to site. 	\$ (879,000)	Value Engineering

Variation Order No.	Description	Cost (\$TT)	Comments
2 19 Nov 01	Aeration System changed from diffused air to slow speed, radial flow, surface aerators.	\$ (4,720,740)	Value Engineering
3 19 Nov 01	Reduce UV channels from 4 No. to 2 No. channels with corresponding mechanical, electrical and I & C works.	\$ (250,000)	Value Engineering
4 19 Nov 01	Re-use excavated material on-site for formation of landscaping bund along eastern site boundary.	\$ (210,000)	Value Engineering
5 19 Nov 01	Alternative configuration and usage of the existing lagoons for dewatering and drying of stabilized sludge.	\$ (5,010,000)	Value Engineering
6 19 Nov 01	Design and Construction one (1) anaerobic basin in lieu of the two (2) shown as part of the base bid conceptual design. Single basin to be of equivalent total capacity and equivalent function.	\$ (1,405,000)	Value Engineering
7 19 Nov 01	Design and Construction two (2) larger grit removal chambers in lieu of the three (3) shown as part of the base bid conceptual design.	\$ (325,000)	Value Engineering
8 19 Nov 01	Dispose of cleared and grubbed materials on-site as part of bund along eastern site boundary.	\$ (100,000)	Value Engineering
9A 10 Apr 02	Supply and install new 1400 mm diameter forcemain.	\$ (450,000)	Value Engineering
10 10 Apr 02	Change the cover material for the anaerobic basin cover from HDPE to iso-propyl-butylene (or XR-5).	\$ 1,470,000	XR-5 was chosen due to its superior durability and capability of being repaired locally as compared to HDPE materials which generally have less longevity and require specialist repair.

Variation Order No.	Description	Cost (\$TT)	Comments
11 14 Jun 02	Design, Construct, Test and Commission an integrated treatment facility to accept wastewater from Trinidad Distillers Ltd (Angostura)	\$ 28,989,326	To appropriately treat Angostura's high strength wastes, which the existing lagoon system is incapable of treating to an acceptable standard.
	Total Variations to date	\$17,109,586	

Claims:

Two claims have been settled as of March 2003. These are as follows:

<i>Date of Claim Notice by Contractor</i>	Description	Cost (\$TT)	Comments
13 Nov 01	Delay in Issuing Notice To Commence An Ex gratia payment of \$2,729,728 was approved by WASA on 19 September 2002.	\$ 2,729,728	Claim arose due to delays by the Authority in issuing the letter of Notice to Commence. The delays were due to the appointment of a new Board.
25 Feb 02	<u>Piling Claim</u> An Ex gratia payment without prejudice of \$ 4,040,534 was approved by WASA on 19 September 2002.	\$ 4,040,534	Claim arose due to increase in pile lengths.
	Agreed Payment	\$6,770,000	

The current contract sum stands at: TT \$200,983,521.00

Mr. Singh: Is it within the Minister's knowledge to tell this honourable House whether Cabinet gave approval for the upward variation of \$28,000,000?

Sen. The Hon. R. Dumas: This Minister is aware that Cabinet gave such approval.

Mr. Singh: Could the Minister supply the date as to when Cabinet gave that approval?

Sen. The Hon. R. Dumas: I do not have the date in this documentation. I am sure if you ask that question at a different time we would give the answer.

Mr. Singh: Is the Minister aware that a memorandum of understanding was supposed to be signed between WASA and Angostura on this matter?

Sen. The Hon. R. Dumas: I am not so aware, but if that is correct, we could find it.

Water and Sewerage Authority (Audit Report)

56. Mr. Ganga Singh asked the hon. Minister of Finance:

Could the Minister inform this House:

- (a) What are the terms of reference of the Audit Report on the Water and Sewerage Authority contracted to Panell Kerr Foster?
- (b) The amount in Trinidad and Tobago dollars paid or to be paid to Panell Kerr Foster for this work?
- (c) Will this audit by Panell Kerr Foster cover the period December 2001 to December 2002?

Mr. G. Singh: Redirected to the Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment.

The Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment (Sen. The Hon. Rennie Dumas): Mr Speaker, the terms of reference for the audit report on the Water and Sewerage Authority contracted to Panell Kerr Foster for the two-year period ending February 28, 2002, included a review of the effectiveness of the operational systems and systems of internal controls relating to procurement practices and procedures, under the Capital Investment Programme focusing on the following three projects: the south water project; the north water project and the desalination project.

Management practices and procedures as they relate to compensation packages of senior managers of the authority; compliance with policy directives; the authority's adherence to borrowing limits; human resource management practices and to establish the true financial state of the Water and Sewerage Authority as at February 28, 2002.

The amount payable to Panell Kerr Foster for this work is \$205,000, VAT exclusive of which \$153,750 VAT inclusive has been paid to date. The audit will not cover in its entirety the period December 2001 to December 2002.

Mr. Singh: Is the hon. Minister aware that Mr. Ainsley Mark is a senior partner in Panell Kerr Foster?

Sen. The Hon. R. Dumas: I am not so aware.

Mr. Singh: Is the hon. Minister aware that Panell Kerr Foster is the local representative of that infamous company Arthur Anderson of Enron fame?

Sen. The Hon. R. Dumas: I am not so aware.

**Former Member for San Fernando West
(Missiles)**

63. Mr. Ganga Singh asked the hon. Minister of National Security and Rehabilitation:
Could the Minister inform this House:

- (i) Whether or not the police have been able to trace the missiles found at the home of the former Member of Parliament for San Fernando West; and
- (ii) Whether the services of Interpol have been used in this quest?

The Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of National Security and Rehabilitation (Mr. Anthony Roberts): Mr. Speaker, this honourable House is advised that by letter dated March 01 2003, Mr. Baksh, the former Member of Parliament for San Fernando West was advised by the Commissioner of Police that enquiries were continuing and that he would be advised further when additional information was received.

Mr. Singh: The second part of the question is whether the services of Interpol were utilized in the quest to find out and trace these missiles?

Mr. A. Roberts: Mr. Speaker, as soon as the police has the information, they would be so advised.

**Commission of Enquiry
(Piarco Airport Development Project)**

64. Mr. Ganga Singh asked the hon. Prime Minister:

Could the Prime Minister inform this House what is the cost to the Government of Trinidad and Tobago thus far of the Commission of Enquiry into the Piarco Airport Development Project with respect to the following:

- (i) The monies paid to the Chairman and other member Commissioners?
- (ii) The fees paid to the Attorneys at Law listing how much each Attorney at Law received?
- (iii) The administrative cost?
- (iv) The cost of television time?

The Attorney General (Sen. The Hon. Glenda Morean): Mr. Speaker, before I give the details that are required to respond to this question, I wish to put the answer in perspective and to point out that the original budget for the Piarco Airport Development Project was \$600 million. By the time the project was completed the cost had escalated to \$1.6 billion, or an excess of \$1,000 million over the budget and climbing still. We consider this commission of enquiry to be absolutely necessary to determine the reasons why the cost virtually tripled under the previous administration.

Monies paid to the Chairman and the other members of the commission are as follows:

The Chairman was paid \$700,000 net of tax; commissioner Marie Ange Knights, \$335,000 taxable; all the other commissioners, \$335,000 taxable. [*Interruption*] This is a drop compared with what was spent and what was diverted. [*Interruption*]

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members, the hon. Member for Caroni East has asked a question. I am sure that he would like to hear the reply and so would I. Please let the hon. Attorney General give her reply.

Sen. The Hon. G. Morean: Mr. Speaker, the fees paid to the attorneys at law are as follows:

Name	Amount
Phelps and Phelps	\$350,000 and \$257,000
Guerra and Rose	\$435,000 and \$245,000
Refreshers	\$630,000 and \$604,500

The administrative costs total \$406,559.90.

Newspapers advertisements	\$32,722.61
Accounting services	\$20,000.00
Quantity surveying services	\$23,975.00
Fees for CAT Reporters	\$114,775.12

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Accommodation and meals (foreign witnesses)	\$24,341.94
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$151,111.23
Television time to date	\$113,231.19

Way back in 1997, before the construction began, the former government was forced to appoint a committee to investigate the circumstances surrounding the award of the contract relating to this project. It is instructive to note that when the chairman of that committee recommended the termination of the contracts between the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago and Birk Hillman Consultants and the NYC Consortium of Northern Construction Limited, York Structures Limited, Coosal's Construction Limited, he expressly stated:

“The Committee fully appreciates that these recommendations...will have serious, legal, financial and practical consequences....Nevertheless some financial burden may accrue. Despite all of this however, the Committee is firm in its belief that it cannot do otherwise than to make those recommendations. The principles of transparency, openness and fairness in public affairs is involved. The further principle that a wrong-doer must not be allowed to benefit from his wrong doing is also involved. Apart from these principles, the duty of public officers to act responsibly and with unquestioned integrity in the performance of their duties, comes into play.”

The above statements apply even more forcibly to the present Commission of Enquiry. We will note that yesterday, one top member of the UNC has urged persons to come forward and give evidence before the enquiry, because he has acknowledged that the enquiry is necessary.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar: Is the hon. Attorney General aware that the said report she has referred to, the *Deyalsingh Report*, was struck down by Justice Margot Warner, on the basis that it was in breach of the principles of natural justice, the very principle his report speaks of, and in breach of transparency and accountability?

Sen. The Hon. G. Morean: I am not so aware and that is not correct. Read the judgment and read it carefully.

Water and Air Pollution Rules (Current Status)

84. Dr. Adesh Nanan (*Tabaquite*) asked the hon. Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment:

- (a) Would the Minister tell this House what is the current status of the Water Pollution Rules and the Air Pollution Rules?
- (b) Would the Minister indicate a projected time within which these said rules will be laid in Parliament for Negative Resolution?

The Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment (Sen. The Hon. Rennie Dumas): Mr. Speaker, the water pollution rules and the related water pollution fee regulations subsidiary legislation under the Environmental Management Act, 2000 were laid in the House of Representatives on September 20, 2001 and in the Senate on September 26, 2001, during the sixth session of Parliament.

However, prior to the expiry of the 40-day period for negative resolution, Parliament was dissolved. Due to the difficulties in convening the seventh session of Parliament, the legislation under reference was not returned in Parliament during that period. The water pollution rules and related water pollution fee regulations are soon to be laid in Parliament.

In the interim the Environmental Management Authority has already established systems which would allow for the immediate operationalization of the rules and regulations once they enter into force, including the printing of informational booklets and registration forms; the development of a related public awareness programme and a management information system. The air pollution rules and related regulations would be laid in Parliament later this year. The Environmental Management Authority has also significantly advanced the process to establish systems for the implementation of the rules and regulations once they enter into force.

Brasso Venado Weather Radar Station (Current Status)

85. Dr. Adesh Nanan asked the hon. Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment:

Would the Minister inform this House of the current status of the plan for the establishment of a Weather Radar Station at Brasso Venado?

The Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment (Sen. The Hon. Rennie Dumas): Mr. Speaker, the project to establish a weather station at Brasso Venado is a component of a regional project directed at upgrading the meteorological telecommunication system of the following four member countries of the Caribbean Meteorological Organization: Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, Belize and Guyana.

The project component in Trinidad and Tobago entails the establishment of a radar weather station at Brasso Venado involving the supply and installation of a radar for the transmission of real time meteorological images and information which could be made available through the Internet and other communications systems to interested persons. This project has been in the pipeline for several years. This administration has been able to debottleneck the problems that have adversely impacted the project implementation, including the review of a memorandum of understanding. This administration has also been able to obtain the approval of the European Union for the project scope to be expanded to include site preparation, thus reducing the cost of project implementation to the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

Under the terms of the memorandum of understanding the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago is required to construct a fence on the perimeter of the radar site, maintain and upkeep the radar when installed and provide electricity and water on the site. A provision of \$300,000 has been provided in the Public Sector Investment Programme 2003, for construction of the fence around the site. The Meteorological Services Division, Ministry of Public Utilities and the Environment has been collaborating closely with the Ministry of Works and Transport on this matter. Construction is scheduled to begin in May 2003.

The Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission and the Water and Sewerage Authority are being requested to provide electricity and water respectively to the radar site.

The Meteorological Services Division has already identified personnel to be trained as radar technicians under the project. This administration has been able to bring the project back on track after several years of non activity.

Dr. Nanan: Mr. Speaker, is the Minister aware that in 2001, in the development programme, there was an allocation for what he just spoke about?

Sen. The Hon. R. Dumas: I am not so aware.

**Secondary Education Modernization Programme
(Loan)**

90. Dr. Adesh Nanan asked the hon. Minister of Education:

- (a) With request to the IDB Secondary Education Modernization Programme Loan, could the Minister indicate:
 - (i) the date this loan was signed, and what was the amount involved;

- (ii) what are the main conditionalities and obligations of the loan;
- (iii) how much money has been drawdown from this loan, to date;
- (iv) what was the date of the last drawdown on this loan?
- (b) Has the Government of Trinidad and Tobago met the conditionalities and deadlines required for the drawdowns on this loan?
- (c) If the answer to (b) is in the negative, could the Minister explain what conditionalities have not been met and why?

The Minister of Education (Sen. The Hon. Hazel Manning): Mr. Speaker, the Secondary Education Modernization Programme (SEMP) loan 11800CTT was signed on July 06, 1999. The loan amount is the sum of US \$105 million.

The main conditionalities of the SEMP loan are special conditions prior to first disbursement; an approved SEMP implementation manual should be prepared to the satisfaction of the bank prior to the first disbursement—that was done—special conditions during programme execution. The following are some of the other conditions which should be accomplished. Within six months 16 key posts should be filled within the Ministry of Education; 12 posts should have been filled in the SEMP coordinating unit and six international experts should have been contracted for the introduction and development of quality and institutional activities.

By the end of Year I, that is 2000, there should be Cabinet's approval of the Ministry of Education's plan for reorganization and decentralization to regional education districts, including school-based management activities.

By the end of Year II, that is 2001, textbooks should be procured and distributed to eight participating pilot secondary schools. The Common Entrance Examination should be removed and substantial progress be made towards implementation of the Ministry of Education's reorganization and delegation of responsibilities, to regional education districts and local school boards that would have been established.

By the end of Year III, that is 2002, textbooks should be procured and distributed to all secondary schools. The Ministry of Education's functional decentralization should be completed and a new organizational chart approved by Cabinet and REDS should be operational. Government's decision on the delinked structure for teacher remuneration should have been agreed upon.

By the end of Year IV, that is 2003, appropriate Ministry of Education financial and budgetary structure, transfer and reporting mechanisms should be in place to effectively implement REDS and the school-based management activities.

By the end of Year V, that is 2004, the Ministry of Education's reorganization should be completed.

The total amount of money drawn down from this loan to date has been US \$9,490,000. The date of the last drawdown on this loan was December 19, 2002 and the amount was US \$639,369.35. The Government of Trinidad and Tobago has met all the conditionalities and deadlines except for the Cabinet's approval of a Ministry of Education plan for the restructuring and decentralization of the ministry.

The conditionality of a Cabinet approved restructuring and decentralization plan of the Ministry of Education has not been fully met because the Ministry of Education has taken the route of a participative approach in this exercise. It is extremely important that all stakeholders of the Ministry of Education, that is parents, the National Parents/Teachers Association, the various denominational boards, the representative trade unions, the Trinidad and Tobago Unified Teachers Association, the Public Services Association of Trinidad and Tobago and the National Union of Government and Federated Workers, teachers, students, employers in the private sector and general public are fully informed, consulted and allowed to participate in these the efforts.

The Ministry of Education is engaged in such a programme. In so doing, the Ministry of Education has established a decentralization action unit which has begun to consult with its stakeholders on different options and approaches to the decentralization of the ministry. It is expected that this activity would be completed and a plan submitted to the Cabinet for approval before the end of the current fiscal year, September, 2003.

Mr. Speaker: The remaining questions on the Order Paper that were stated to be answered today would be answered in accordance with Standing Order 19(7).

The following questions stood on the Order Paper:

Letter of Comfort

- 95.** (a) Would the hon. Minister list every instance since January 2002 when the Government has provided a guarantee or issued a letter of comfort, resulting in the State or any of its agencies or state enterprises borrowing money with the Government as guarantor?
- (b) Would the hon. Minister state:
- (i) How much money was borrowed in each instance?
 - (ii) What is the total cost of each loan including all interest and charges?
 - (iii) The legal cost and any other cost for each loan? [*Mr. C. Sharma*]

Siparia Market

- 101.** (a) Would the hon. Minister of Local Government indicate the proposed date for the commencement of construction of the Siparia market?
- (b) Would the Minister also indicate whether:
- (i) a contract has been awarded and if so, whether the award was made by the Central Tenders Board?
- (ii) If the answer to (i) is in the affirmative, could the hon. Minister provide:
- (a) the name of the contractor;
- (b) the estimated cost of construction of the market? [*Mr. C. Sharma*]

Question time having expired, vide end of sitting for written answers.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

The following question was asked by Mr. Manohar Ramsaran (Chaguanas):

Community Centres and Complexes

- 49.** (a) Would the hon. Minister of Community Development and Gender Affairs submit to this House the list of community centres and complexes to be built in fiscal year 2003?
- (c) Would the Minister indicate the dates of commencement of construction and the cost of each such community facility to be built?

Vide end of sitting for written answer.

The following question was asked by Mr. Ganga Singh (Caroni East):

Water and Sewerage Authority (Contracts)

- 66.** Could the hon. Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment inform this House of the following:
- (i) The names and addresses of all the contractors who were awarded contracts by WASA for the period January 2002 to December 2003?
- (ii) The payments made or to be made to each contractor?
- (iii) The scope of works and location of each contract?
- (iv) Whether or not these contracts were awarded in conformity with WASA's tendering rules and procedures?

Vide end of sitting for written answer.

The following questions were asked by Mr. Chandresh Sharma (Fyzabad):

**National Commission for Self-Help
(Projects)**

- 68.** Could the Minister of Community Development and Gender Affairs furnish this House with a list of:
- (a) All projects funded in full or part by the National Commission for Self-Help Limited (NCSH) in 2002 including the addresses of these projects and amount of monies granted?
 - (b) The names of suppliers of goods and services to the NCSH and the amount of monies paid to these suppliers in 2002?
 - (c) The names of contractors employed by the NCSH indicating the jobs done, addresses and the amount of monies paid to these contractors in 2002?

Scholarships (2002)

- 69.** Could the hon. Minister of Public Administration and the Environment:
- (a) Provide a list of the names of all recipients of scholarships in 2002, the value of each scholarship and the place of study?
 - (b) State in detail the criteria employed in awarding these scholarships?
 - (c) Provide a list of the names of applicants who were unsuccessful in obtaining scholarships and the reasons which guided the decision?

**National Petroleum Company Limited
(Motor Vehicles)**

- 70.** Could the hon. Minister of Energy and Energy Industries provide this House with a list of all motor vehicles by registration number that were sold by the National Petroleum Company Limited in 2002, indicating the names of the persons to whom they were sold and the amounts paid?

**National Petroleum Company Limited
(Donations/Sponsorship)**

- 71.** Could the hon. Minister of Energy and Energy Industries provide a list of all donations/sponsorships granted by the National Petroleum Company Limited in 2002, detailing the names of recipients and amounts given?

**National Petroleum Company Limited
(Providers/Suppliers)**

- 72.** Could the hon. Minister of Energy and Energy Industries furnish a list of the providers/suppliers of all vehicles rented by the National Petroleum Company Limited and the amounts paid for each such rented vehicle in 2002?

**Siparia Regional Corporation
(Roads Paved)**

- 96.** Would the hon. Minister of Local Government indicate the names and location of the roads paved in the Siparia Regional Corporation by the Ministry of Local Government during the financial year 2002?

Would the Minister also indicate the following:

- (iv) name(s) of the contractor(s) who paved the roads;
- (v) whether the contracts were awarded by the Central Tenders Board;
- (vi) the cost of each paved road;
- (vii) in each case, whether the Ministry had the approval of the Siparia Regional Corporation to carry out the project;
- (viii) under which allocation of the Ministry of Local Government were the funds identified to make payments for the said contracts;
- (vi) the source of the authority for the Ministry of Local Government to undertake road paving in areas under the control of regional corporations?

Vide end of sitting for written answers.

The following question was asked by Mr. Ganga Singh (Caroni East):

Carnival 2003

- 81.** Could the hon. Minister of Culture and Tourism inform this House of the following:
- (i) The groups and organizations funded by the Government for carnival 2003 with the exception of the National Carnival Commission, Pan Trinbago and TUCO?
 - (ii) The quantum of funds allocated to each group or organization, their addresses and their principals?

Vide end of sitting for written answer.

EDUCATION POLICY

The Minister of Education (Sen. The Hon. Hazel Manning): Mr. Speaker, in keeping with Government's education policy that addresses the optimum development and management of our human resources, I wish to emphasize that this Government has ranked education as a top national priority. Indeed, in the strategic plan 2002—2006, the Ministry of Education has set as its vision, to be a pacesetter in the holistic development of an individual through an education system that enables meaningful contributions within the global context. Supportive of

this vision is the ministry's mission to lead the modernization and renewal of the system of education in Trinidad and Tobago.

In accordance with this vision, the Government of Trinidad and Tobago through the Ministry of Education has set itself four major strategic objectives as issues of top priority for the 2002—2006 period. These are as follows:

- (1) Sustainable policy development for the education sector;
- (2) Continuous alignment at the strategic direction in the education system with objectives set for national development;
- (3) Accessibility to educational abilities for all; and
- (4) Delivery of quality education to citizens at all levels of the education system.

I wish to re-emphasize that when we on this side speak of education for all, we are not merely referring to school places for all. This PNM Government has determined that our emphasis is on providing high quality relevant educational opportunities accessible for all our citizens.

In the drive to achieve quality in schools, a new entry level requirement for the public service, the teaching service at primary level and for entry to the government training institutions, I have the pleasure in advising this Parliament and the national community that Cabinet at its meeting this week agreed to the following initiatives as part of the reform of our educational system:

- (1) The introduction of the Caribbean advanced proficiency exam in secondary schools; and
- (2) Recognition and approval of Grade III of the CXC new six point grading scheme, the Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE) in secondary schools.

Cabinet has agreed to the introduction of the Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination, in the secondary schools in Trinidad and Tobago on a phased basis starting with the training of teachers and heads of departments, during July to August, 2003. This examination would eventually replace the Cambridge General Certificate Examination Advanced Level.

The CAPE was introduced in the Caribbean in response to a mandate from Caricom heads of government at their meeting in Jamaica in 1997. The Ministers of Education requested a regional examination that would be at least equivalent in standard to the Cambridge General Certificate of Education Advanced Level, but different from it in its philosophical assumption. This year the Caribbean Examinations Council is celebrating its 30th anniversary and this is an opportune time to introduce the CAPE in our secondary schools.

The sum of \$182,590 would be provided in the 2004 draft estimates of expenditure of the Ministry of Education to implement the phased introduction of CAPE. Once the Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination is introduced in secondary schools, there would be need to review the structure for awarding national scholarships based on the results of the examinations. The CAPE syllabi are on par with the modular system of revised Cambridge syllabus and CAPE qualifications are currently being accepted for exemptions in the social sciences and education departments of the University of the West Indies.

The United Kingdom National Academic Recognition Information Centre has indicated that it would be pleased to commend CAPE as a higher entry qualification to the United Kingdom higher education institutions. At this time, all Caribbean member states with the exception of the Cayman Islands and St. Vincent and the Grenadines have introduced CAPE as the only advanced level examination and have been awarding scholarships based on the results of that examination which is recognized by regional and international institutions.

May I, for the benefit of honourable Members and the national community, advise that CAPE is designed on the assumption that a coherent programme of study must not only address a specific knowledge base, but must also include the development of related skills and attitudes if it is to prepare individuals adequately for life in regional and international communities for work and higher education.

CAPE provides a unified system of certification in the Caribbean that is designed to encompass current arrangements in sixth forms and to articulate with programmes at community colleges and universities across the region. It also brings the academic, technical and vocational studies within a single system of certification. This philosophy is in keeping with the present trends, particularly the modular approach as reflected in the revised syllabi of the Cambridge GCE Advanced Level Examinations.

The advantages of the phased implementation of the Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination is that it will empower students to use acquired knowledge to make effective responses to the challenge of individual and social development. Our participation in CAPE not only concerns commitment of this Government to regional system of examination, but also affords our teachers who participated in the preparatory and developmental activity of CAPE to participate in the examination process as examiners and markers.

The second point I wish to make is the recognition and approval of Grade III of the CXC new six point grading scheme. The Cabinet has agreed that the grades awarded in the new six point grading scheme introduced by the Caribbean

Examinations Council for implementation with effect from May to June 1998 Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate Examinations for recruitment and appointment in the general public service and the teaching service at primary level and for entry into government training institutions. Cabinet agreed that with immediate effect all government recruiting and training institutions which previously accepted Grades I and II in the old CXC grading scheme as entry requirements now accept Grades I, II and III in the new CXC grading scheme as entry requirements, since the base line mark in the old Grade II is equivalent to the new Grade III. All Grade III qualifications issued in 1998 and beyond would now be accepted as a result of this decision.

Caribbean Examinations Council has reminded and I wish to inform all in Trinidad and Tobago that the revision of the grading scheme was done at the request of Caricom Heads of Government in 1997. Trinidad and Tobago's agreement at this time to introduce CAPE follows further discussions and wider consultations by all stakeholders in education.

The Caribbean Examinations Council has reminded—and I wish to inform all in Trinidad and Tobago that the revision of the grading scheme was done on the request from Caricom Heads of Government in 1997—Trinidad and Tobago's agreement at this time to introduce CAPE, follows further discussions and wider consultation by all stakeholders in education.

Our recognition and approval of Grade III of the CXC new six-point grading scheme means that Trinidad and Tobago will now recognize the new CXC Grade III as an acceptable equivalent form of entry into the general public service; the teaching service, at the primary; and the Government training institutions including the technical and vocational training institutions.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

2.30 p.m.

COMPETITIVE BID ROUND 2003

The Minister of Energy and Energy Industries (Hon. Eric Williams): Mr. Speaker, I wish to inform this honourable House that Cabinet, at its regular weekly meeting yesterday, took the decision under the Petroleum Regulations of 1970 to hold a Competitive Bid Round to allocate acreage for exploration in 2003. The Government of Trinidad and Tobago would execute this bid round through the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries.

Competitive bidding, as you are well aware, Mr. Speaker, is an open tendering process by which acreage with hydrocarbon bearing potential is offered to petroleum companies to explore for oil and gas. In Trinidad and Tobago competitive

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bid rounds were previously held in 1995, 1997 and 1999, and the most recent was held in 2001. As a result of these bid rounds, the Government of Trinidad and Tobago signed a total of 17 production-sharing contracts with the contracting companies to engage in exploration activities on these blocks, thereby generating in excess of TT \$1 billion in direct revenue to the Treasury within the last seven years. Revenues were raised through the sale of technical data and signature bonuses. As you are also aware, Mr. Speaker, these production-sharing contracts have led to a phenomenal increase in exploration activities and investment expenditure by the contractors, which have also exceeded the billion-dollar mark.

Mr. Speaker, this bid round is designed to continue the developmental thrust in the energy sector, consistent with our macroeconomic goals for the country as enunciated in our 2020 vision. It is an exercise to promote the continuous exploration of our hydrocarbon resources. It will also serve to ensure that our rapidly expanding and developing downstream gas industry is efficiently serviced with a primary energy supply.

In this bid round, nine blocks consisting of a mixture of shallow water shelf blocks and deepwater blocks located on the west, east and north coasts of Trinidad and Tobago are being offered for bidding in the Competitive Bid Round 2003. These are as follows:

- (i) Block 1(a) in the West Coast of the Gulf of Paria.
- (ii) Block 1(b), again, in the Gulf of Paria.
- (iii) Block 2(ab) in the East Coast marine area.
- (iv) Block 3(b) in the East Coast marine area.
- (v) Block 4(a) in the East Coast marine area.
- (vi) Block 22 in the North Coast marine area.
- (vii) Block 23(a) in the North East of Trinidad and Tobago.
- (viii) Block 23(b), again, to the North East of Trinidad and Tobago.
- (viii) Block 24 in the North East of Trinidad and Tobago.

Mr. Speaker, the mix of blocks that I have identified in this bid round is intended to provide prospective companies with exploration opportunities for the discovery of both oil and gas in Trinidad and Tobago.

Cabinet has also agreed to the payment of a pre-bid application fee by companies as a prerequisite for bidding. This fee entitles the interested company

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to a data package on the relevant block. Fees applicable for the 2003 bid round are as follows:

- (i) Blocks 1(a) and 1(b)—US \$60,000 entitling the bidder to bid on either or both of these blocks.
- (ii) Block 2(ab)—US \$40,000 entitling the bidder to bid on either or both of these blocks.
- (iii) Block 22, 23(a), 23(b) and 24—US \$60,000 entitling the bidder to bid on any or all of these blocks.

Mr. Speaker, Cabinet also agreed that the Competitive Bid Round 2003 will be opened on Friday, May 23, 2003 with the publishing of the competitive bidding order and that the deadline for the submission of bids will be Tuesday, September 30, 2003.

I thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Ramnath: Mr. Speaker, if you would permit me, I would like to ask my hon. friend to clear up a particular matter relating to his statement.

Mr. Speaker: It is not permitted—I hope you are not going to ask a question. Are you going to get a little clarification on what he said?

Mr. Ramnath: Yes, Sir.

Mr. Speaker: If it is the wish of the House to entertain the request of the Member for Couva South, I will entertain it.

Mr. Manning: Yes, you can, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Ramnath: I would like to get some clarification from the hon. Minister with respect to the bid round that resulted in ExxonMobile obtaining production-sharing contracts. Would you kindly state with respect to the outstanding work obligations, which you indicated in a previous statement in this House that would be performed on behalf of Petrotrin—whether you have finalized an arrangement for this process to be taken forward?

Hon. E. Williams: Mr. Speaker, through you, that matter is yet to come to the Cabinet for final determination.

INCOME TAX (AMDT.) (NO. 2) BILL

Bill to amend the Income Tax Act, Chap. 75:01 [*The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance*]; read the first time.

**CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM
(JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE)**

[THIRD DAY]

Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question [January 24, 2003]:

Be it resolved that a Joint Select Committee of Parliament be established to make recommendations for urgent reform of the Constitution of Trinidad and Tobago and be mandated to receive and consider comments from the public on constitutional reform.

Be it resolved that a non-partisan technical team be established by Government in consultation with the Opposition to assist the Joint Select Committee.

Be it further resolved that the said Joint Select Committee report to Parliament within one year of its first sitting. [*Mrs. K. Persad-Bissessar*]

Question again proposed.

The Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs (Hon. Roger Boynes): Mr. Speaker, I rise to make my contribution to this very important debate. If I may just simply say that constitutional reform, as we know it, is something that has been debated in Trinidad and Tobago and several persons and commissions have put forward their position on same. Our position is simply that there is a need for us to continue the dialogue and there is a need for us to continue the debate because the Constitution of Trinidad and Tobago is supreme. When one looks at England one would realize the Parliament in England is, in fact, supreme.

The Constitution is like the framework from which all other things flow. It is the supreme law of the land. As time changes, Mr. Speaker, the Constitution will change. So that if I may just indicate that under the Constitution—my dear friend from Siparia—the Member would no doubt appreciate that we have a Westminster style of governance in Trinidad and Tobago, whereby the Executive is drawn, predominantly, from the Legislature. With this type of governance we have, in Trinidad and Tobago, 36 Members of Parliament. We also have a system where there are 31 Senators: 16 Government Senators, 9 Independent Senators and 6 Opposition Senators. One of the concerns, I am sure my friends on the other side would no doubt have, would be—I see it mirrored in this Motion, and if I may draw your attention to paragraph three of their Motion which states, and I quote:

“Whereas there is urgent need to redress the inequity and divisiveness inherent in our first-past-the-post electoral system in a plural society such as ours and which have manifestly militated against the development of a truly cohesive and inclusive society;”

When I look at that and hear, from time to time, the comments coming from Members on the other side—I have heard them say it—that they are being discriminated against et cetera, Mr. Speaker, that is very far from the truth.

Mr. Speaker, in a Westminster system like ours, one must understand that in order for there to be checks and balances on the system, the principle of separation of powers must be alive. The doctrine of separation of powers is there to ensure that there are checks and balances on the system of governance. In the United States of America, for instance, there are three separate limbs of governance: the Legislature, the Executive and the Judiciary. Each one of them is separate and apart from each other with separate vetoing powers given to the Executive; in some instance, the President has vetoing power and sometimes Congress has vetoing power. That is to ensure that there are checks and balances on the system so there is no runaway horse in terms of governance.

In our system in Trinidad and Tobago we do have separation of powers to the extent that there is an independent and impartial Judiciary—and we do have an impartial and independent Judiciary. The Judiciary sits and interprets the actions of the Executive, interprets the laws that are made by the Legislature and it acts as checks and balances on the system. I also wish to say that not only are we protected in terms of checks and balances from the system of separation of power but we are also protected from the very make-up of our Parliament. We have nine Independent Senators and they themselves act as checks and balances on the system.

The Parliament, and the functioning of Parliament is itself a check and balance on the system of governance. I am sure you will agree with me that “Questions to Ministers” is a very important tool in dealing with finding out what takes place in the Government and making sure that the Government and the Ministers are accountable to the people of Trinidad and Tobago. “Motions on the Adjournment”—

Mr. Ramsaran: Would the Member give way? Thank you for giving way. What if we ask questions and the Ministers do not truthfully answer them? [*Interruption*]

Mr. Speaker: Order! Order, please!

Hon. R. Boynes: To answer my friend, questions are asked and we will answer all of your questions, as we have been doing.

Mr. Speaker, we also have a system where we have “Motions on the Adjournment”, and “Motions on the Adjournment” gives Members an opportunity to raise burning issues so that the country could be aware and Members on the

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other side could be aware of the concerns—and they have to respond. These are a few of the checks and balances that are in place in order to make Members and the Government accountable.

I have sat here and I have listened, time and time again, to Members on the other side. I recall when the election results produced an 18/18 tie and I saw a situation that obtained that had me very concerned. I saw a situation where Members on this side—the House tried to elect a Speaker and I saw no support from the Members on the other side in so doing. Mr. Speaker, do you know what resulted from that? The House could not sit. Members on the other side could not have utilized the very tools of “Questions to Ministers; Motions on the Adjournment”, motions, generally, to ensure that the Government acts in a way that it would not appear to be divisive; that there was equity as contained in this Motion. *[Interruption]* You all had the opportunity, for one whole year, to act in a responsible manner but you failed to do so. I have heard them say that it is their right to do so. Yes, it is your right to do so but what about your constituents’ rights to have you come to this Parliament to have the Government account for its action! *[Desk thumping]*

I also want to say that one of the main checks and balances of the system of governance in this country, and in the Westminster system, is to ensure that things are done in the right way, to ensure that there is equity in the distribution of the national pie. One of the main things is a functioning Member of Parliament, good representation and a functioning Member of Parliament. That is why for the year 2001 we did not have functioning Members of Parliament on the other side. *[Interruption]* Your constituents were telling you that! *[Interruption]*

Mr. Speaker, when you look, for instance, at several of the ministries during that year, we did not get one letter from persons on the other side asking for resources; asking for support for their constituents. I think we got one letter from the Member for Fyzabad. Could you imagine that? Mr. Speaker, that is why the system is there to ensure that they have representation. *[Interruption]* You represent people! Thousands and thousands of people you represent! They depend on you! Sometimes somebody is in a rural community, he does not have the gift of gab; he does not have the ability to come into Port of Spain; sometimes he cannot even read or write but he depends on his Member of Parliament to represent him! That was not done for an entire year! They are here now—*[Interruption]*

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Member, please. I have on numerous occasions in the past appealed to Members to respect the Hansard reporter. She has to take the notes,

verbatim, of the Members contributions and she also has to take little asides but the little asides are growing bigger and bigger every day. Please, let the Minister make his contribution. I will tolerate a little aside but not at the rate that Members are proceeding.

Hon. R. Boynes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, but anybody who wishes to stand for me to give way; I am going to do it.

The country has to know and understand what they have done to this nation. For six years, from 1995—2001, we did not hear anything about constitutional reform! Nothing at all about constitutional reform! [*Desk thumping*] From Christmas day of 2001 we started hearing constitutional reform! Could you imagine that? Why did you not see the need during the six years that you were in Government? Why did you not understand the importance of it there and then? Do you know why you now understand it? Because it is not about service to your community; it is not about service to the constituents whom you represent; it is about power! You want power! That is all! [*Desk thumping*] And the people have seen it! That is why the people in Trinidad and Tobago—a lot of your supporters—are coming home to the PNM, in droves! That is what is taking place! I would be surprised, in the next election, if you all get even seven seats! [*Interruption*] We would be very surprised.

Mr. Speaker, when we look, again, at the Motion they talk about “...there is an urgent need to redress the inequity and divisiveness inherent in our first-past-the-post electoral system in a plural society”. So anyone reading this Motion will get the impression that you are of the opinion that there has been inequity and divisiveness in our first-past-the-post electoral system. So what happened over the past six years? [*Interruption*] What happened in 1995—2001? What you all are doing is admitting that during that period there was inequity and divisiveness! [*Interruption*] This Motion is a confession! I agree with you; confession is good for the soul! You are confessing! [*Desk thumping*] The country knows it, you know. You were extremely divisive when you were in government! Extremely divisive and you all still are!

I want to remind my friend from Tabaquite—I remember when he was in the Ministry of the Environment as it was then called—embarked on a “Clean up the rivers” exercise throughout the country. There was this particular river in the Toco area that needed to be cleaned and the environmental committee in that area contacted him. He said he would only go on that exercise if Michael Als was going to be there. When they told him that the sitting Member of Parliament was going to be there he refused to go. That is their divisive nature! [*Interruption*]

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I hear the Member for Nariva talking about Monte Cristo Park. Do you remember when there was the opening of the Monte Cristo Park, you all got the police and you told everybody that the Member of Parliament for Toco/Manzanilla was not to be invited? You all did not want him there! But I have to tell you that I do not need to be invited in my own home! [*Desk thumping*] So I left my house that morning; I took my *Bible* and I said Psalm 91. I took up my axe and I took up my walks and I went there and I represented the people. That is what is expected of me as a Member of Parliament! [*Desk thumping*] [*Interruption*] But, Mr. Speaker, you would remember my friend from Couva North saying: “Anybody but anybody attack my Government would not be left unscathed!” Do you all remember that? “Do them before they do we!” Do you all remember that? [*Interruption*] That is correct because when you put a paragraph inside here and you talk about redress, the inequity and divisiveness, you are confessing to the country that for six years you all have been divisive! [*Interruption*] The people understood that, and that is why they rejected you and voted you out! [*Interruption*]

Mr. Speaker, we have a situation where in 1995 the election result was 17/17/2; the other election thereafter 19/17; then it went on to 18/18 and now we are at 20/16. You know, Mr. Speaker, they are crying at the top of their voices and they are saying that we need constitutional reform but how can we trust them? They are only saying constitutional reform because they are out of government! They had a Crowne Plaza Agreement—they said yes boy, that is the best thing; it is the greatest thing in the world but the minute a decision was made against them, they decided to abandon all agreements. All terms and conditions as they relate to that Crowne Plaza Agreement were neglected. How can we trust them? They cannot be trusted!

We have a situation where the country understands—and we understand—that we have to deal with crime in this country. Yes, we have to deal with it! We are fighting and we are battling but we have critical legislation that has come before this Parliament that had been negotiated between the two sides. The two sides negotiated it! When we were in Opposition the hon. Member of Parliament for San Fernando East and his team went and negotiated. They sat with the Government, at the time—the Member for Couva North and his team—and came up with proposed legislation to deal with the management of the police service that would ensure that that structure could adequately deal with the situation to an extent. It was not the overall solution of dealing with crime but at least it was going to put a structure in place so that what they are doing now could be enhanced. But they have come to this Parliament and have said to us that they are

not going to support anything unless there is constitutional reform. They are not prepared to support Trinidad and Tobago unless they have their way, unless they get constitutional reform. That is the point!

We brought the Kidnapping Bill before this Parliament—my child, any one of your children could be kidnapped—but they came here that Friday afternoon and had the brassface not to support that Kidnapping Bill but that same night they had a meeting and talked about crime. That is crime! That is the biggest crime in the world! We are asking; how can we trust you?

Mr. Speaker, they are crying about constitutional reform now but when we sit and we start talking about constitutional reform and we start planning and so on, if they do not get constitutional reform the way they want it then they would renege again! [*Desk thumping*] So you see, it is not a question of constitutional reform that they want; they just want power; pure and simple power! But the people are saying that is not what it is all about. It is about being able to utilize the Government to serve the people of Trinidad and Tobago. So we are asking you; if you care about this country; if you genuinely care about this country, why not demonstrate your care for this country and support the police legislation; demonstrate it! The Kidnapping Bill; demonstrate it! You cannot be trusted!

We have discussed several approaches in terms of reform. Members of Parliament always feel, yes, they have got the support of their constituents because they are now Members of Parliament. Yes, you have the tools in Parliament. You have a development plan; you create a development plan—I am saying to you as Members of Parliament of this House, you do not have to get into government to lobby to contact the various ministries or the various Ministers for support. You do not have to do that! You meet with your constituents; you develop your strategic development plan that would move your constituency forward and you get in touch with every single Minister and put forward your plan on behalf of your constituents. That is what has to be done.

I want to commend the Member for Couva South because just Wednesday we toured his constituency, Couva South, yes, and I did not need any security. [*Desk thumping*] We toured; we had a public consultation on sport; we met the people; we went on tour of the entire constituency and it went very well; demonstrating on this side, our inclusiveness; demonstrating that our intention and determination is to make sure that the resources are for all the people of Trinidad and Tobago. That is our position! It is quite clear that that is our position.

When you look, for instance, at the conduct of those on the other side, they would come in your constituency behind your back and try to do all sorts of

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things. Our position is we are here—you are the Members of Parliament for your respective constituencies—to work with you and we are asking you to work for your country. There is not a patriotic bone in any one of your bodies! You have to support your constituency, your country, and you are not doing it.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to mention that when you are looking at all different types of modules—I have been discussing with Members on the other side all different types of modules; modules even whereby Members of Parliament could actually get a budget. You come up with a strategic development plan; you make sure it is heavily debated in the Parliament; that it is accepted by the Parliament and that there is a budget to execute the strategic development plan in one's constituency. We have been having these lively debates and they have proved interesting, so we continue to have these debates but when you come in here it is a different story. So we are saying to you that we have to look at what is in the best interest of Trinidad and Tobago and the debate would continue.

We have also looked at a system where more resources would be decentralized—going to the regional corporations—as a way of dealing with the delivery arm of governance. All these things we have to include in our deliberations. So it is a serious step that we have to take. As we look to amend the Constitution, we ask you on that side not to play games with constitutional reform; do not just pay lip service to it; do not just deal with it from the perspective of seeking power but the perspective of what is in the best interest of Trinidad and Tobago.

Mr. Speaker, I am so happy for the opportunity to serve this country. Our commitment to deal with this country in a fair manner is second to none. This country understands that and we have always projected that. That is why we are saying it loud and clear so the other side could hear what we are talking about. First of all, if we are talking about constitutional reform, we have to insist that the minds of Members of Parliament are reformed. They have to understand that we have to put Trinidad and Tobago first. This is the question, Mr. Speaker. Are we prepared to put our beloved nation first? Or, are we simply here to play games to get power? I am sorry but I have to keep reiterating that point. We have to put aside our personal differences and put the country first. We have a vision in this country and our vision is quite clear and simple. Our vision is to take this country to Third World status within the shortest possible period of time. In so doing we are looking at each and every area of governance and we are ensuring that area of governance is upgraded to the point of Third World status.

For instance, in the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs, we have looked at it; there is a revised national sport policy and under that umbrella we have

determined that we need to establish sport as an industry in Trinidad and Tobago. We need to ensure that this country is established as a sporting hub for the region and the world as a whole. We are establishing a playfields council whereby we have the Ministry of Local Government; the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs; the Ministry of Community Development and the Ministry of Education, all coming together under the umbrella of the playfields council to upgrade recreation grounds throughout the length and breadth of Trinidad and Tobago. We are contemplating lighting up these recreation grounds so that the young men and women could play in the night. We are going to ensure that we take sports to each and every region in this country; ensuring that there is equity for all, because Trinidad and Tobago belongs to all of us.

For instance, in my constituency, Toco/Manzanilla, the population is 50/50—it is the truly plural society—but there is overwhelming support because the manner in which we deal with governance cannot be questioned. Government is for all! It is for each and every one of you and all of your constituents! *[Interruption]* That is our position. So we say to you, Members, that we understand our Constitution. We understand that it is, in fact, a framework. We understand that society is fluid. We understand that we need to make changes in our Constitution. We know that. We have accepted that. What we are saying on this side, however, is that we need to continue the dialogue. We need to continue to make sure that we have it right. We need to make sure that we leave out the games from our deliberations. So stop playing the games! Stop blackmailing Trinidad and Tobago! *[Interruption]* Stop blackmailing your country to try to get power! Mr. Speaker, that is what it is all about. We ask that they put the country first; support the police legislation; support the kidnapping legislation; support legislation that is in the best interest of the development of this blessed nation. Yes, we are working and we will continue to work for constitutional reform.

Dr. Nanan: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Member, the Member for Tabaquite has risen on a point of order.

Dr. Nanan: Standing Order 43(1).

Mr. Speaker: Your point of order is overruled, Member for Tabaquite. Please continue, Member for Toco/Manzanilla.

Hon. R. Boynes: Mr. Speaker, as I mentioned a short while ago, we are here and we understand the importance of doing it right and I think the Member for Siparia understands what I am saying. Let us not play games and try to use

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constitutional reform as a tool not to benefit the country but as a tool to get what you individually want. Let it be the basis of dialogues; of good intellectual thought, so that we could come together and blend in as one, ensuring that we deliberate and put together certain amendments that are in the best interest of taking our country forward and establishing it as a First World nation in the shortest period of time.

Mr. Speaker, I am indicating, through you, to my friend from Siparia that we will continue this dialogue. We will get it right. We will ensure that what we do is in the best interest of our country. I ask you, however, to de-link that aspect from your support to the country and to understand you are not doing the country, your families or your constituents any good by not supporting the Kidnapping Bill, or the police legislation; you are doing the country harm. I ask you if you are really concerned about this blessed nation, if you are truly worth your salt as Members of Parliament of this honourable Chamber and this country, what you would do is act as responsible Members and support what is in the best interest of Trinidad and Tobago.

I thank you.

Mr. Basdeo Panday (*Couva North*): Mr. Speaker, I believe that the Leader of Government Business has been very unfair to the Member for Toco/Manzanilla, to call upon him to speak in this debate when he appears to have been totally unprepared. He spoke about intellectual thoughts but there was not a single intellectual thought that emanated from his mouth during his entire contribution to this debate. It is a pity that debates in this House have deteriorated to the level that it has under your stewardship.

This probably has been the worst debate. If you listen to the debates in this House all you get from the other side is abuse. They talked about recreation grounds, Third World status, and cleaning some river in Monte Cristo Park. That is the kind of discussion that took place on so serious a discussion as constitutional reform. Mr. Speaker, what has been said by Members on the other side during this debate has nothing to do with reason and nothing to do with rationality. Mr. Speaker, I ask you to read the contributions of the other side on this crucial and critical issue of constitutional reform. All they are concerned with is attacking the messenger; no one listens to the message. Constitutional reform, I submit, is the most important issue facing Trinidad and Tobago since independence.

I do not propose to degenerate to the level of personal attacks on anyone, as has been the case during this debate, from Members on the other side. I intend to

treat this debate with the respect and with the seriousness it deserves. It will determine whether this country slips into social violence and civil law or whether we continue on the path to peaceful coexistence, which is the wish of the majority in this country.

Mr. Speaker, history is replete with examples of nations that have imploded with devastating consequences because of its failure to deal with fairness, to deal with justice and to deal with inclusion in plural societies such as ours. We only have to look at so many countries in Africa, in Asia, in Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Ireland and Guyana to see what the failure to deal with plurality could do to our society. I submit that the greatest problem facing mankind today is how to deal with diversity in plural societies. Such failure has resulted in war, death, destruction and poverty. Mr. Speaker, look at any country closely, almost every poor country in the world today and you will find that its poverty is due to war, violence, violent conflict, either with neighbours or within itself; conflict that wastes its human resources but most important, conflict that debilitates its human resources.

Let us look at Trinidad and Tobago, our own country, and see what our failure to deal with this issue of diversity has done to us. In Trinidad and Tobago we are blessed with more than our fair share of natural resources: oil, gas and fertile agricultural lands, surrounded by seas teeming with fish and other marine life. God spares us from earthquakes and hurricanes to which our neighbours are subjected. Our climate is the envy of those both north and south and yet in a country with 1.3 million souls, living on 2,000 square acres of land, after 40 years of independence, we still have people who are poor, homeless, jobless, people without basic necessities for human existence. Why is it that there are all these natural resources and in spite of that we cannot satisfy the needs of 1.3 million people? Mr. Speaker, I submit that it is because of our failure to deal with the problem of diversity in this plural society; a failure which results in our failure to be able to mobilize our human resource, to provide for the needs of all our people.

We of this generation, Sir, have inherited a society that is plagued with suspicion and antagonism and fear, which has been the result of our colonial past of slavery and indentureship. No one here can be blamed for that. There has been racial discrimination and alienation in this country for more than 300 years. The question for us is: Do we have the guts; do we have the courage; do we have the political will to deal with this historical scourge that has hindered our progress for so long?

We can only break this cycle, this chain of discrimination by constitutional reform. We cannot deny the fact that the politics of Trinidad and Tobago, from

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time immemorial, has been plagued by the reality of race, ethnicity, and cultural and religious and other differences. No amount of window dressing has been able to neutralize that fact.

The political system which we inherited from the British, the first-past-the-post single member constituency has exacerbated this fact instead of ameliorated it. The best exposition of this fact that I can think about came from the late Dr. Eric Williams, when in 1971 the Opposition forces boycotted the election by voting machines and demanded the ballot box. The then Prime Minister, in reintroducing the ballot box after the no-vote campaign said: They want ballot box; well they could have the ballot box; they could have matchbox; they could have cardboard box; they could have any kind of box; the results will be the same, 24/12; a very significant statement. Why could the Prime Minister have stated that anything you had there, the results would have been 24/12? He could predict the results of the election on a democratic distribution of the population. That situation, by and large, continues to this day.

What does this mean for us in social terms? Well, having regard to the demographic distribution of the population it appears, quite clearly, that the political spectrum of Trinidad and Tobago can take only two political parties. Many parties have tried but there have only been two major parties in Trinidad and Tobago. Again that is because of the pattern of voting and the pattern of politics in the country. Whichever party wins the supporters of the other party are going to feel disenfranchised, left out, alienated and discriminated against. The result is that they withdraw their enthusiasm; they refuse to build a society that discriminates against them and their children. That is quite obvious. Who could be encouraged to work and build a society that discriminates against them, even if it is only a perception?

Mr. Valley: You were encouraging that.

Mr. B. Panday: Mr. Speaker, that is the answer you get to an argument about constitutional reform. You had a chance to do it. Why did you not do it? That is the answer. No intellectual discussions. Do we need it or do we not need it? That is the issue!

Mr. Valley: Why now? You have to answer that first! [*Interruption*]

Mr. Speaker: Order, order!

Mr. B. Panday: Mr. Speaker, the end result for a country like ours is that the population is divided right down the middle; the human resource is split and pitted

against itself—one half against the other half—and all our energies are dissipated in futile conflict. That is our position now and it has always been our position.

When we had the first oil boom with all the money we had, we could not supply 1.3 million people with a regular supply of drinking water. It is not because of the cussedness of the Government, it is because of the division of the society and the failure to mobilize its human resource in the provision of goods and services for its people. No matter how much money we have; no matter how much is the windfall, we will be unable to provide because we are dividing our people down the middle! The political system does that! That is what I am saying. Nobody here is responsible for that! They behave on that side and we behave on this side.

Mr. Valley: You do not behave! You do not behave!

Hon. Member: Your pressure is going up. [*Interruption*]

Mr. B. Panday: You are ugly even when you are laughing, so please—

Mr. Valley: [*Inaudible*] and I do not behave like you.

Mr. Speaker: Please, please!

Mr. B. Panday: What is the matter with him, Sir?

Mr. Speaker: Please continue, hon. Member.

Mr. B. Panday: You are funny even when you are angry. But I have no intention of degenerating to his or anybody's level in this debate because this debate is too serious for that. The question is: How are you going to end the state of affairs in Trinidad and Tobago that has plagued the society for 300 years? That is the issue! That is what we must address ourselves too, not whether there is some recreation ground to which somebody was not invited and that kind of thing. That is really not the issue.

Mr. Speaker, I submit that we can only do that by devising a political system that is peculiar to ourselves; to our own circumstances; that has regard to our own problems and our difficulties and to our own historical antecedents; in other words, constitutional reform that provides for this society, not for any other society; not constitutional reform that has been copied from any society. Yes, we may learn from them and we may take advice, but the constitutional reform must deal with the problems that we are faced with in Trinidad and Tobago having regard to all the circumstances. In fact, the problem was exacerbated when the late Dr. Eric Williams predicted that the election would take place along racial

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lines, having regard to the way the constituencies are capped and so on and that it would have been 24/12.

The population is changing; we cannot predict 24/12 anymore and so the problems are becoming worse. They are becoming worse because in the demographic distributions, the major races are becoming equal. How are you going to deal with that problem, by first-past-the-post and single member constituency? By house padding, Mr. Speaker? That would not solve the problem.

Mr. Speaker, I said before the elections and I am saying it again—when there was this problem of 18/18—that elections by themselves will not solve the problems of Trinidad and Tobago. The problems of Trinidad and Tobago, the fundamental and historical problems that hound us can only be solved by constitutional reform that would recognize the plurality of the society. The Government says that constitutional reform has been put on the back-burner and the way they behave that is evident, because they have more important things to do. Important things like what: paint stones, I suppose, and paint trees and that sort of thing?

I submit there is nothing but nothing that is politically more important in Trinidad and Tobago today than constitutional reform. [*Desk thumping*] Mr. Speaker, without it this country is going nowhere and it is going fast. Without constitutional reform this country is likely to explode. I do not think this Government realizes the extent of the seething rage out there, the hate and the anger that is building because of its policy of racial and other forms of discrimination in this society. I do not think they realize that. In 1970, all it took was one incident to trigger widespread violence. If we allow this seething anger to rage, one single incident would light a fire which we would all regret. Let us deal with it! Let us face it! Let us confront it! Do not sweep it under the carpet!

Government says that constitutional reform will take a long time; they have to consult with people. Nonsense. This is the ruse to avoid facing the people on constitutional reform because they really do not want it. They believe it will result in the diminution of their power. Remember the late Dr. Eric Williams? He said it was the dagger aimed at the heart of the PNM. That was the tragedy! What was important was the PNM not the nation! That was a dagger aimed at the heart of the PNM but rather it may have been an arrow of love—that constitutional reform—aimed at the heart of Trinidad and Tobago.

The truth is we do not have to reinvent the wheel. There have been many commissions on constitutional reform; the Wooding Commission being the most well known; the Hyatali Commission; there have been several commissions. I do

not think there is a necessity for us to reinvent the wheel, and in any case most of them are engaged in other activities of their own. We do not need any other commission. [*Interruption*]

2.30 p.m.

I think the worst thing we can do is to hire a group of lawyers to tell us what to do. Constitutional reform at this time is not a legal issue; it is a political issue and they cannot take on legal persons to perform political work. They cannot. One of the best examples I have seen is the report of the Independent Senators. The Independent Senators “Meet the People Report, 2000” was done in the year they did not have anything to do and they tried to justify their salaries by meeting people to talk about constitutional reform.

They produced something and it is really pathetic in that they took the Constitution and said, “We amend this clause to this clause and that clause to this clause”. That is exactly what we must not do. They remained within the box and their thinking was within the box. We have to shift the paradigm. They cannot take up the old Constitution and say, “Amend clause 1, 2, 3, 4.” That is not what we want at all. We want philosophically and conceptually to develop an idea of what will take us out of this problem into a new situation.

What do we do? It is the politician who must do the political work. The politicians have to sit and agree, first of all, whether they want constitutional reform. If they do not, then the battle takes on other dimensions. If they do agree—and I believe that the last speaker said that the PNM has agreed that there must be constitutional reform; it is in their manifesto—so we agree that there must be constitutional reform. The question is, therefore, that the politicians must sit and make the proposals.

If you have a heart condition, you do not go to your butcher, your baker or your candlestick maker to ask them what to do. You go to a cardiologist and he examines you and tells you how to get it right. It is at that time you hire the surgeon—the lawyers—who take you from where you are to where you want to go; but you do not ask the surgeon where to go, you ask the cardiologist. You do not ask your butcher, your tailor or your candlestick maker about constitutional reform. You make a proposal and put it to them. That is the procedure I would like to suggest we follow.

In the same way that I have talked about a person who suffers from a heart ailment, it is the same way we treat a sick society. It is the same way we deal with constitutional reform. It is a political exercise, not a legal one and the politicians

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must propose it. They must not pass that duty to other people. We know where we came from. We came from slavery, indentureship and colonialism and we know what it has done to our society. We know where we are. We know the problems in the society: the fear of group domination, the problems of discrimination, the problems of using the first-past-the-post system to win an election; it does not matter if it divides the society. Do they not realize that once they divide a society to win, to rule they must continue to divide the society? Do they not realize that? It is only when they have a system that compels them to unite the society to win, that they will unite the society to rule.

In the present system, what did they do? They used millions of dollars of Government's resources, put them in three marginal constituencies, got 1,250 votes, which gave them the three marginal constituencies, and they won. What has happened to the society? It was divided whang down the middle: human resource pitted against one another. Society is getting nowhere and getting nowhere fast. *[Interruption]*

If he is saying the same thing, then that is the justification for constitutional reform. If that is what has happened in the past and continues to happen, that is the justification for constitutional reform. We do not escape constitutional reform by saying, "Them shoulda do it; they did not do it." We can say that same thing of our forefathers. We can say the same thing of everybody. That is not the issue. The issue is: Do we need it now? We have agreed that we need it. Both parties have said that they agree on constitutional reform. Please forgive me if I am wrong, but that was my impression. I think it is in your manifesto, if I am not mistaken.

We know what the problems are in this society. The problems of the society, as I have said, are fear of group domination, use of political resources to manipulate constituencies and so forth. We know what the problems are. We know there is fear of group domination, racial and other forms of discrimination. If you belong to one political party that is not in government, well "crapaud smoke yuh pipe".

Mr. Khan: In Jamaica, for example, when the PNP wins, the JLP supporters do not cry discrimination or alienation. His thesis seems to be, Mr. Speaker, that because we are a plural society, there is an ethnic divide. Does he have any recommendation that is a little more specific, in the context of constitutional reform, that he feels, if implemented, will deal with the issue he has raised?

Mr. B. Panday: You are right. In Jamaica, they do not cry discrimination. They just shoot one another. They kill one another! Every election has about 800 killings.

Mr. Khan: They do not do it in Barbados. I am trying to link back your thesis to a specific solution.

Mr. B. Panday: I just answered your first question. [*Interruption*] I will get to it. I want you to understand conceptually how to move so that we will not fall into the trap of focusing on the details and forgetting the larger issue of constitutional reform. I was trying to get people's mind to flow in a particular direction. The country is in trouble and if so, we must get the country out of trouble. It does not have anything to do with the support of some bill that denies people bail. That is not the trouble. The deeper trouble in the society is the old divisions of colonialism and the other things, which I was talking about.

If we know that those things bother us, we need a constitution that will get rid of them. We know where we came from; we know where we are and where we want to go. That is what we have to agree on—where we want to go. Do we want a society that will not discriminate; that will contain mechanisms within it that will not discriminate against people? Do we want a society like that? If the answer is yes, then we know where we want to go. Do we want a society where people are united instead of divided the way they have been historically? If the answer is yes, we know where we want to go. Do we want a society where the people live in harmonious relationship with one another? Yes. If that is the case and politics is dividing us, we know where we are and we know where we want to go.

Once we decide where we want to go, we come to the proposal of what we are trying to achieve. We put these proposals to the public asking for comments and suggestions because the public is the final arbiter. The reason for this is that it is a mistake to go to the people asking them to produce a constitution. They cannot. They are not equipped to do that. For example, if you put an advertisement in the newspaper and say, “Those who want constitutional reform, please send us a draft of one”. I submit that 99.9 per cent of the population will not send anything because it is an exercise of that nature. You have to put something in front of them and they will then comment, and would be able to adjudicate and make suggestions. Once you have received those and agree upon where you have to go, you get the lawyers and they will put in legal terms for the policies you have agreed. That is why I mentioned this report. Instead of nine Independent Senators, they say we should have 10.

Mr. Khan: Since the Member seems to be speaking to me—and he is looking me in the eye—let us assume that the politicians meet and it is determined that to solve the problem he has just defined, the key issue is not even constitutional reform, but something else—social evolution, education. He is working on the

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premise that constitutional reform will solve the problem he is defining. If we define that there are three major issues and constitutional reform runs third—education runs first, social transformation runs second—he cannot stop the governance of the society. My question to him, as Leader of the Opposition and an experienced politician—and I speak here today as a rookie—is: Why are you all not supporting bills that, to the blind, are for the betterment of the society, even if you want to say in the interim?

We are not even sure, as a parliament, that the number one issue is constitutional reform as it relates to social transformation and the type of equity you are preaching. You are really contradicting.

Mr. B. Panday: Quite to the contrary, Sir. He does not have his priorities right. He believes that if they pass a piece of legislation that says that someone charged with kidnapping will get no bail, they will solve the criminal problem. He thinks that. He is wrong. The problem of crime in the country cannot be solved unless it has the support of the entire population, but their politics divides the nation, so they must have a political system that unites the nation before they can fight crime. They have it all wrong. In any case, this is my view and I respect his.

The Independent Senators went through the Constitution and said that instead of nine Senators, they should have ten; and to prevent there being a tie, have a 37-Member House. These are peripheral matters. There are deeper problems which concern us.

The Member asked whether we have any views on what constitutional reform should look like. There is always the danger in doing that, in that exactly what almost began to happen will happen, that is to say, the moment you put forward specific details, there will be people who do not want constitutional reform picking at the details and so avoiding the fundamental issues that we have been trying to get the House to accept—the need for constitutional reform. The Member for Ortoire/Mayaro does not accept the need for constitutional reform. He thinks that education—but you would not get education if you have a divided nation. How can we have proper education when the nation is divided? Look at what is happening in the United States. There is racism. The Afro-American does not get fair education, but are they not free? They are free. They have no constitutional problem. Education is the answer. Education has not been the answer.

If the problem is fear of group domination and if the society is factually divided along racial lines, by and large, then your answer might be to have an Executive President. You have an election for the Executive President and the

Prime Minister, at the same time. In electing the President, the person or party who wins the presidential elections has the President. The Prime Minister should come from the other party. What are the objectives? You may criticize it, but it is a theme and there are many variations. It immediately solves the problem of people feeling left out of the political process, as happens now. I can talk from now until Thy Kingdom comes and nothing will happen unless they agree. If they do not agree, then I am not wasting my time; I am recording this for history. *[Interruption]*

That is the present political system. When we have an Executive President from one party; the Prime Minister from another party, what will happen? The President is not unlike the American President. He elects his Cabinet from outside, in the society; he elects the best men he can find, but he must put forward a budget and a programme for running the nation for that financial year. He puts forward his budget to a Parliament, which is chaired by the Prime Minister from the other party and unless he gets approval there, the President cannot move. It means that we must now reconstitute the Parliament itself. We cannot leave it as it is.

Why do we need two Chambers in Trinidad and Tobago? Why do we need a Senate? I will tell you why. Because we copied from the British. The British had a House of Lords and we put some fellows up there and the moment they get there, they feel they are lords. We do not need an Upper Chamber. We need one Chamber. Why not extend this Chamber—that is the Chamber to which the Executive President must go for approval of his budget and work programme for the financial year?

In reconstituting the Parliament with one House—there are several variations, of course, one of which was suggested by Sir Hugh Wooding, who said that half the House would be elected on the first-past-the-post system because he believed at that time that that would lend stability, and the other half of the House elected on the basis of proportional representation.

Why proportional representation? Because in Trinidad and Tobago, there are several small groups in the society that will never get political representation in the Parliament under the first-past-the-post, single member constituency, because the party that gets the most votes wins and no matter how many votes you get, if your party does not get the most, it is gone.

Under proportional representation, small groups will be represented in the Parliament. It could be the business community. It could be a social organization. It could be anything, but small groups that do not participate in political power,

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will now be able to participate in political decision-making. The reasoning behind it is to end the alienation; it is getting people to participate—everybody feeling that they belong; nobody feeling that they are left outside the pale. That is the objective.

I am not saying that this is written in stone, but I am saying it is a mere effort to bring to fruition a situation that militates against the problem of division in the society. There are many variations on the theme, but we must sit and decide that we want constitutional reform and that it is important. Do not tell me about the Police Bill, tell me about the tremendous problems facing the society.

My appeal to you—and I know it is an appeal that will not fall on fertile ground, but I am prepared not only to accept them, but I am prepared to use every legal instrument in my power to continue the struggle for constitutional reform by peaceful means because I do not want my society to degenerate to violence. One sees what happens when plural societies degenerate to violence—Rwanda, Burundi Kosovo, Guyana; every society where people felt they were alienated, took it as long as they could and when they could not take it any more, inevitably, as night follows day, we have seen it all over the world and I do not want my society to go that way at all. We cannot sweep it under the carpet. We may wish it away, but history is replete with examples. They do not study history. They must read history. Will history meet everybody and not them? It would not. [*Interruption*]

I know the discussion now will focus on the details and not the principles, but you tempted me into giving an idea of how I think the problem should be approached. I know those who do not want constitutional reform will find all kinds of spurious reasons to avoid it. I only ask them to consider the consequences of their obstinacy.

Quite frankly I do not expect that this PNM Government will respond favourably to our demand for constitutional reform. That is a pity, but the only thing I can guarantee is that the fight will not end.

I thank you.

The Minister of Trade and Industry and Minister in the Ministry of Finance (Hon. Kenneth Valley): Mr. Speaker, we have just seen what a three-dollar bill looks like—counterfeit, hypocritical. I have real difficulty being unemotional with persons who are supposed to be leaders and who continue to undermine our way of life. I have difficulty with the last speaker, a former prime minister, the Leader of the Opposition for a long time, a person with whom I served on the Workers Bank board years ago. [*Interruption*]

Do not tell me how to deal with my issues! I will deal with the gentleman in his office. That is what I am talking about—the office. I am not dealing with the person. I am dealing with the office—a leader. If we have to go forward, then we expect certain things from persons who hold themselves out to be leaders. That is the bottom line.

That is no issue with respect to constitutional reform. Let us face it. In our Manifesto 2002, it is clear, so there is no issue. But when the former prime minister, who was in office from 1995 to 2001, comes today to preach a gospel of the importance of constitutional reform before he supports important pieces of legislation, he first has to come with clean hands and he must tell us how it is so important today and when he had the power to initiate it, he failed to do it. Until he does that, the argument is null and void.

I remember as a little boy—I am sure most of us play Draughts—say, we are playing Draughts and I am beating the man, he says, “Let us play Chippit”. Do Members know the difference between Draughts and Chippit? That is what is happening. His whole argument is for proportional representation (PR). It is not constitutional reform, but to change the electoral system to one of proportional representation. Let me tell you why. Right now, they face a problem. They want to pad, but it is difficult to pad in PNM-controlled areas or even in marginals. [*Crosstalk*]

Mr. Speaker: Order! Order, please! I want to indicate to Members that it was a rare moment in the Parliament when I had the pleasure of listening to the Member for Couva North. It was equally a rare moment when Members on the Opposition Benches kept quiet generally. I am asking Members to extend like courtesy to the Member for Diego Martin Central.

Hon. K. Valley: They know it. [*Crosstalk*] Whether they like it or not and they know it.

In 2000, padding was the game in town for the ruling party. While, with our current system, they are forced to bring the padders into the marginals, they face no such constraint under PR. They could be anywhere. So, in a place like Chaguanas, where they already have a majority and where it is difficult to check, they would flood the place. The whole argument is on PR, not constitutional reform.

Listen to his argument—first-past-the-post; that Wooding recommended PR. That is what it is. It is electoral reform rather than constitutional reform. The PNM is committed to constitutional reform. We said so in our Manifesto 2002, which I will read for the benefit of those on the other side.

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“The PNM is committed to the widest possible discussion and participation in the process leading up to the Reform of the Constitution for a modern Trinidad and Tobago which must be capable of ensuring the involvement of all its citizens in the running of the country and permit of equity in the distribution of the resources across a plural society. This will be achieved by:

The establishment of a Constitution Commission with multi-party support and with the involvement of civil society organizations for hearing the views of the population and for making recommendations of the Parliament of the country with Members being allowed to vote on the basis of conscience.”

Look at that, Mr. Speaker, and look at the Motion before us and you see very little difference. Then look at the Motion and somewhere it talks about the first-past-the-post system. That is the real issue.

We have a leader who, after six years, does nothing and, because he loses the election, he talks about racism. He is perpetuating it. When a leader goes to a party conference and tells them that if they are UNC, they are second-class citizens and if they are Indian UNC, they are third-class citizens in Trinidad and Tobago—that is our former prime minister up to two years ago; that was his conduct. [*Crosstalk*]

Mr. Speaker: Please, I do not want to suspend the sitting of the House. Let the Member make his contribution. As I said before, I was very impressed with the Member for Couva North and his contribution and the behaviour of Members generally.

Hon. K. Valley: I want to be able to respect my leaders.

Mr. B. Panday: You respect Manning?

Hon. K. Valley: Of course, I do and I wish to be able to respect you also.

Hon. Member: [*Inaudible*]

Hon. K. Valley: That is why he can do that. I was born in Couva and I grew up in Couva. We had no problems until this gentleman came and every time he opens his mouth, it is race. It is a complete embarrassment. You think the people do not know it, but you look at the polls and see what is happening. Very quickly you will get a big fat zero. Whenever he is not here, this Parliament is fine. We can get our work done. Go back to London and let us deal with our Parliament! Our people want to come together. You, right now, belong to the 1960s. You do not belong here any longer and your colleagues know it. [*Crosstalk*]

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order. I do not recall the exact Standing Order, but it is using offensive language—36(4). He cannot stand there and say, “You, you, you, you”. There must be some decorum in the House.

Hon. K. Valley: I accept that—the Member for Couva North. I have no problem with that.

Mr. Speaker, listen to some of the arguments we heard this evening. “History has caused this race problem in Trinidad and Tobago.” He is asking how come we have so many resources and we still have poverty. Have you ever heard a more simplistic argument? I want him to name a country at any point in history that did not have poverty. His argument is that because we are of a different origin—I consider myself a Trinidadian—we have problems. On that ground, we have no problem; the only problem we have is the Leader of the Opposition, who keeps spouting race at every opportunity. That is the reality in Trinidad and Tobago and it is time we face that reality. Until we do that, we are not going to get out of this. [*Crosstalk*]

Dr. Nanan: Mr. Speaker, Standing Order 36(5). [*Crosstalk*]

Mr. Speaker: Overruled.

Hon. K. Valley: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Do not worry with them, you know. Behind your back, they want you to go, all of them. I say that, too, of course, because it will help our country. Do not take their “mamaguy”. I am your friend; I will tell you that. The only people who get me annoyed are people to whom I am close—people I admire in some issues and I try to get them to correct the other area.

Dr. Nanan: Do not do me any favour.

Hon. K. Valley: Do not do you any favours? Well, you check them around you. [*Crosstalk*]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please!

Hon. K. Valley: Mr. Speaker, given that our Constitution is now some 27 years old, I think every Trinidadian would want to have a review. By itself, there is no argument with that. I cannot remember, but perhaps they can tell me whether there was such a pledge in their manifesto. It was said quite clearly in our manifesto, and it will happen, but when we hear constitutional reform coming from the mouth of the Leader of the Opposition, it really converts to an electoral reform—PR—Chippit instead of Draughts.

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There are important issues with which we must deal in our Constitution—there is nobody who will deny that—but when the Member tells us we must not reinvent the wheel, what he really wants is for us to say let us have PR. We are committed to discussion with our people to get their feeling. Of course, there must be some draft they would consider, but it must be a consultation of all our people.

I submit, Mr. Speaker, that while that is important, my colleague from Ortoire/Mayaro is right. There are other important elements in the society. There are other critical issues with which we must deal at the same time. It must be a jigsaw. We need to know how to deal with the issue of crime and if kidnapping is an issue, I cannot for the life of me understand how a responsible Opposition can decide to vote against such a bill. With what credibility can they do that?

That is the difficulty. The Leader of the Opposition has no credibility. He sits with you, comes to agreement, signs it and reneges the following day. *[Interruption]* Moral position? For two years or longer, committees met on the Police Service Reform Bill and, at the end of it, because he was voted out—rightly so—suddenly no longer is it important and he expects the people of Trinidad and Tobago to respect him. I can guarantee him that his popularity will go to zero. The decline will continue. *[Interruption]* I know he will be happy. He will be smiling every time he looks at that and I agree with him.

He goes to Crowne Plaza, agrees, comes out stating that anybody who breaks the agreement, the people of Trinidad and Tobago would pay the ultimate price, and he is so right. I find it amazing that so many people do not seem to understand that in life credibility is the most critical issue and if we lose credibility everything falls, especially in politics.

I want to beg my former board colleague at Workers Bank—we go back a long way, Mr. Speaker; in the early 1980s we served together and laughed and drank, but leadership imposes obligations. That is critical. He has to understand that. That is important. It imposes obligation and he cannot do things to incite the population.

Whatever issue we look at: look at the Caroni (1975) Limited issue. We did not start it. It was started under the Leader of the Opposition while he was Prime Minister. They were talking about closing Caroni (1975) Limited, phasing it out over a four-year period. We came with a programme to bring the industry down to a manageable size and he goes with his people trying to incite Caroni (1975) Limited workers against the restructuring of the programming. While he is out of the country, the union is in agreement and he comes back and the leader has to shut up.

Mr. Speaker, I hope, for our country's sake, that there can be a somersault with respect to the Leader of the Opposition so that he can realize his true function in Trinidad and Tobago.

I thank you.

Mr. Chandresh Sharma (*Fyzabad*): Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Trinidad and Tobago requires constitutional reform urgently, having heard both the Member for Toco/Manzanilla and the Member for Diego Martin Central. I will deal with the submission of the Member for Diego Martin Central first.

He talks about credibility. That is a most shameful contribution. This Member threatened suicide after the last election when he was not given the Ministry he now has. That is the level we talk about in this Parliament—total shame.

Why is constitutional reform so important? It is crystal clear, looking at the expenses of Government and what obtains in the Parliament today. I direct your mind to the reply to question No. 81 in the context of constitutional reform. You would have seen that this year close to \$25 million was given to those who organize carnival, and you heard from the Member for Arima that \$60,000 was given to Ramleela. Does that not demand constitutional reform? Less than 30 per cent of the population participate in carnival and an equal number in Ramleela. We are looking at \$25 million for two days and for Ramleela, which runs over 10 days, \$60,000. The discrimination does not stop there and shows more and more, the need for constitutional reform. [*Crosstalk*]

I want to look, in the context of constitutional reform, at government's expenses for 2002. [*Crosstalk*]

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Member, one moment, please! I find myself in this Parliament having, time and time again, to ask Members to respect the Hansard reporter. Members are continuing to disrespect the rights of the Hansard reporter to listen to the contribution and take it down as accurately as she can.

I am appealing to Members to let the speaker make his contribution, so that the Hansard reporter and all of us can hear it.

Mr. C. Sharma: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Even that is an act of discrimination—the way the PNM performs.

We saw today, from the reply to question No. 68, that this country needs constitutional reform urgently. We saw 295 projects done by the National Commission for Self-Help at a cost of \$6 million plus. Eighty-five per cent of the projects are in PNM-controlled constituencies. More than that, close to 90 per cent

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of the funding has gone to PNM-controlled constituencies. Racism and discrimination beg for constitutional reform.

I direct our minds to Rock City. Rock City appears in this document six times—the same project funded on six different occasions. We saw roads being attended to under this programme and also under the Ministry of Works and Transport—the same road. It is being funded from two different government expenses. It makes the point that discrimination obtains highest under this PNM and that is enough reason to demand constitutional reform.

The Member for Diego Martin Central asked, “Why now?” SARS obtains now. A solution has to be obtained. The level of discrimination and racism that obtains under the PNM demands that we go the way of constitutional reform and urgently.

We talked about Caroni (1975) Limited. One must never fear to speak the truth in this Parliament. Of all the advertisements that have been paid for by the State, 90 per cent do not reflect people like me. That is racism at the highest level. That demands constitutional reform. They cannot go that way.

I have seen another question answered in Parliament, question No. 95, about the quantum of money borrowed by the Government in 2002. I direct your attention to the National Insurance Property Development Company, which borrowed \$265 million in 2002. [*Interruption*] Shut up and listen!

Mr. Speaker: Please! Please! I ask you to withdraw that statement and apologize. You cannot tell a Member to shut up. You need to apologize to the House.

Mr. C. Sharma: Mr. Speaker, I apologize, but the *Hansard* is full of the PNM telling us to shut up hundreds of times.

Mr. Speaker: Well, then it is wrong. It is equally wrong.

Mr. C. Sharma: Mr. Speaker, we saw the Government hiding an answer on Solid Waste Management Company Limited (SWMCOL) because it was going the way of Malcolm Jones and Errol Grimes about the quantum of money being paid to an Executive Chairman. We saw \$76 million being borrowed by SWMCOL and the bulk of the money being used to discriminate against citizens of Trinidad and Tobago.

Mr. Speaker, you saw \$44 million going to contractors, not reflective of the people of pot-pourri that is Trinidad and Tobago. You see the levels of discrimination. In the constituency of Fyzabad, there are very few Community-Based Environmental Protection and Enhancement Programmes. Even when there is one, the Government looks at the vote patterns to see where the Government got the most votes, which is very easy to find out. All you do is look at a polling station. Those are the areas

that get the projects. It is the same with URP, so it demands constitutional reform to make sure that citizens are treated along the lines of the Constitution—equally. None of it pertains at this time.

We saw in this very document MTS borrowing a large sum of money. We saw employment, in the year 2002, largely of persons from PNM areas, a number of them recommended by Members of Parliament. The Member for Tunapuna asked what is wrong with that. So, they are allowed to discriminate at the cost of taxpayers. Constituents in Fyzabad and elsewhere also contribute to the national purse, but the expenses do not reflect equal treatment; and the list goes on.

I want to respond to some of the matters raised by the Member for Toco/Manzanilla—not the one sitting in the chair there now—on the question of crime. The Member talked about crime. We have seen the Government, headed by the Member for San Fernando East, meeting with gang leaders. We have seen an increase in crime. When persons were kidnapped in this country, the Member for San Fernando East indicated it was a political matter. When it came to the Prime Minister's attention that a particular group in the society was kidnapped the most, he said that does not obtain—no assistance whatever.

The level of discrimination was raised by the Member for Toco/Manzanilla. Discrimination obtains the most under this PNM administration—it is the most racist. This Government practises the highest level of discrimination.

The Member raised the question of inconclusiveness. That does not obtain under the PNM. The 320 persons who work in the URP on a monthly basis do not reflect the mix of the society. Why does this obtain so much? Because the PNM is prepared to hold on to office regardless, to destroy the institution that obtains now. The history originates with the PNM.

In 1956, when they came into government, they did not win the election. In 1991, they did not win the election. In 1971, there was a no-vote campaign and they did not win the election. They contributed to the events of 1970 and 1990 and we know what happened in the year 2001. They did not win the election and they became the Government. Millions of taxpayers' dollars have been used in the last general election, with high levels of discrimination again. So, they are prepared to do whatever is required, legally or illegally. They are prepared to use taxpayers' dollars to work against the very taxpayers.

We saw \$75 million spent during the last election for NHA houses. Yesterday, we saw an announcement by the Minister of Housing and Settlements, \$100 million dollars, not a cent in Couva, Fyzabad and Siparia, only in PNM areas.

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Every day the expenses of the State are only for a sector of the community. I speak for the country. Do not feel you alone can speak for the country. The country demands constitutional reform.

Our children must be made to feel like children. Scholarships do not reflect Trinidad and Tobago. The job distribution does not reflect Trinidad and Tobago. This must stop. If constitutional reform is required, it must stop. The Prime Minister cannot continue presiding over a Cabinet and discriminating left, right and centre. This is a very frightening development.

The Member for Toco/Manzanilla spoke about blackmail. Is the Government blackmailing the national community? Yes. We have seen that from the answer presented in the House here today.

I want to raise another matter of constitutional reform. I see the Vehicle Maintenance Company of Trinidad and Tobago borrowed US \$9,620,000. The period of the loan is seven years. The interest, very interesting, is \$3,343,000; almost 35 per cent is in interest repayments. The taxpayers will repay.

Also very interesting is the question of arrangement fees. Who is obtaining these fees? We see \$5 million dollars in the instance of Trinidad and Tobago Industrial Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (TIDCO). These fees are really commissions, kickbacks, money for the boys and we see too much of this happening. If this is allowed to continue, our children will not be prepared to continue taking this. We cannot go to live in Canada and the United States. People in this country must feel secure.

I have looked at a number of things and what is emerging is that this Government is making a concerted effort to discriminate against citizens of Trinidad and Tobago, especially those represented by us on this side. [*Interruption*]

The Member for Laventille East/Morvant is confirming that discrimination obtains highest in constituencies represented by us. If the PNM Members are saying that discrimination obtains, then let us treat with it. The way to treat with it is to make sure that constitutional reform obtains and that the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago are taken up.

If the PNM came into government by accident or through friendship in the year 2002 and there are 295 projects and 85 per cent are in PNM areas, what does this say? I have many applications from groups in Fyzabad and they are not treated under this programme.

I have seen under WASA in the year 2002 more than \$15 million was spent on the Short Term Improvement Programme (STIP). This is where domestic water lines were run to homes. Again, the majority was in PNM areas. The Members for Ortoire/Mayaro, San Fernando West, Tunapuna will tell you that they are discriminating using \$15 million of taxpayers' money.

In UNC-controlled constituencies, we have to go the way of self-help where we encourage the communities to raise some of the funding required. In the PNM-controlled areas, they are not required to raise any funding. That is discrimination.

Mr. Bereaux: Hon. Member, I heard you say that in 2002 money was spent in San Fernando West and Ortoire/Mayaro because they were PNM areas. I think you have something mixed up. Those areas were represented by the calypsonian—Ortoire/Mayaro—and the now Sen. Baksh represented San Fernando West.

Mr. C. Sharma: The Member embarrasses himself to the entire community. In the year 2002, you know where San Fernando and Ortoire/Mayaro were. Again, the Member for La Brea is confirming the high level of discrimination. We cannot go the way we are going, using taxpayers' money to discriminate against the very taxpayer. Why are the constituencies represented on that side treated differently under the PNM to the ones on this side? Why do we elect governments? To provide goods and services.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members, the sitting of the House is suspended and will be resumed at 5.00 p.m.

4.30 p.m.: *Sitting suspended.*

5.00 p.m.: *Sitting resumed.*

ADJOURNMENT

The Minister of Trade and Industry and Minister in the Ministry of Finance (Hon. Kenneth Valley): Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that this House do now adjourn to Friday, May 09, at 1.30 p.m. I want to inform Members that on May 09 the Government intends to debate two Bills, which are presently in the Senate, on the condition that they are passed in the Senate. Mr. Speaker, one is the Kidnapping Bill, which is coming back to the House with amendments. The other is the Bill to Validate the Fourth Report of the Elections and Boundaries Commission. Members would know that whenever a report comes outside the time limit, there is need to validate that report. That has to be done. Mr. Speaker, I want to let Members know that next Friday, the Government would move to have these Bills taken through all their stages.

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I also want to ask the Clerk of the House to make available the Validation Bill to Members of the Opposition beforehand, if that is possible.

Mr. Singh: Thank you. Just for the purposes of the efficient running of Parliament, in what sequence would you be doing those two pieces of legislation?

Hon. K. Valley: You tell me. What is your preference? I think we will do the Validation Bill first, obviously, because I think we have to prepare for the local government election which is constitutionally due by July 12.

Mr. Speaker: Before I move the Motion on the Adjournment, we have one matter; it is a matter to be raised by the Member for Caroni Central.

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Dr. Hamza Rafeeq (*Caroni Central*): Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring the plight of the constituents of Caroni Central to the Parliament, with regard to the spate of crime in the constituency.

Every community in the constituency of Caroni Central has been affected: Enterprise, Lange Park, Montrose, Carlsen Field, Freeport, Presyal, Gran Couva, Flanagin Town, Caparo, Palmiste and Longdenville. The entire constituency has been affected by the wave of criminal activities taking place at present. There is the whole spectrum of criminal activities from murder, kidnapping, robberies, housebreaking, car stealing, shoplifting and even petty crimes such as pickpocketing. This is affecting the communities in their business and recreational activities. There are many people in the constituency of Caroni Central, as in other parts of country, who would like to engage in business activities beyond 5, 6 or 7 o'clock but because of the spate of crimes in the constituency a lot of business places have to close their doors before it gets dark and still they are not safe.

Mr. Speaker, there is another problem, that is because there is something of a crisis of confidence by members of the constituency in the police service, a lot of these criminal activities are not being reported. Some members of the constituency feel that when they report the crimes, they themselves become targets again. Secondly, sometimes they do not have the confidence that the police would respond in the manner in which they would like them to respond.

Just last night, there was a consultation by the Central Police Division in Chaguanas. We think this is an excellent idea. We are convinced that the police in Central Trinidad are doing their best. We are convinced that most of them are good policemen and they are doing their best with the limited resources at their

disposal to stem the tide of crime. We know that they are badly affected by the resources they have, or lack thereof. Last night, at the community meeting, the senior police from the central division were there and they really gave us what can best be said to be a horror story, as far as the resources in the central division are concerned.

In the central division, with the large area they have to police, there is one motorbike at the Chaguanas Police Station that sometimes is not functioning properly. There are six vehicles to police the entire area; a lot of them sometimes do not function well. They are also very limited in manpower resources and the situation is no different at the Freeport and Gran Couva Police Stations which also service the constituency of Caroni Central.

Mr. Speaker, we believe that the police are doing as much as they can and we have evidence that the presence of police in certain areas definitely contributes to the decrease of crime in these areas. For instance, in the Chaguanas area, there is a corner called "Busy Corner" which was an area that was very high in criminal activities, they have now stationed a police vehicle with a policeman and the incidence of crime in that area has decreased considerably. We are convinced that with the police presence, we can decrease the incidence of crime, but as I said because of the way the police in the central division are handicapped, as far as vehicles and manpower resources are concerned, they cannot do more than they are doing at present.

The communities are different: Enterprise is a different community from Lange Park and Lange Park is a different community from Montrose. Lange Park is a fairly middleclass, residential community with approximately 800 homes and that is one of the hardest hit communities in the constituency. They have done all within their power—they have not left everything to the police—to assist the police in fighting crime in their areas, with some success, but they still require the services of the police.

I would like to read for you, Mr. Speaker, just one paragraph of a newsletter they have published. I quote:

"The crime wave in the country continues without respite. Since it is clear that we cannot depend on the State to protect us, concerned residents of Lange Park have taken matters into their own hands and embarked on the serious task of finding ways and means to protect our community."

Mr. Speaker, they have employed a security company to patrol their area 12 hours a day. They still require the support of the police, because that is a community that is seriously under siege at this point in time.

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The other areas of high crime activities are Enterprise and Montrose. In Montrose Junction itself, that is an area of high commercial activity. There is a gas station, a pharmacy, grocery, doctor's office, other professional offices and fast-food outlets. The students from two schools also converge there on afternoons. That is an area of high criminal activity, where a lot of crimes take place, especially during the afternoon and evening period.

We have seen in the Government that they increased the budgetary allocation for the Ministries of Education, Health and Housing. We have no doubt that these ministries deserve the increases that they get, but we have not seen any increase in the ministry which has to deal with the biggest problem in this country; that is the problem of crime. I am here to make a plea for the residents of the constituency of Caroni Central. I hope—I am not seeing the Minister, he is absent—when the junior Minister gets up to answer, he would give us a serious answer and give us some hope so that the residents of Caroni Central can once again feel safe.

Thank you very much.

The Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of National Security and Rehabilitation (Mr. Anthony Roberts): Once again, Mr. Speaker, my friends on the other side—Members of the Opposition never fail to amaze me. The Member for Caroni Central, in his contribution, talked about crime being one of the biggest problems in Trinidad and Tobago today. He says that he is bringing the plight of the people of his constituency to the House. He talked about the crisis in the police service and the lack of confidence of the people in his constituency in the service. All these are the cries of the people in Central, yet they are not listening, they are not taking heed of cries of the people in their constituency.

We indicated to them, on several occasions, that all they need to do is to behave responsibly and to understand that they are not representing, in this House, their own interest but the interest of the people. [*Desk thumping*] I want to make a special appeal to the Members on the other side that all they need to do is to work with the Government with respect to bringing legislation to deal with the concerns of the people in their constituency. Mr. Speaker, we will not follow their approach. As a responsible government and in response to his question, I want to respond.

In response to the question raised by the hon. Member for Caroni Central, it must be noted that the geographic term “Caroni Central” is used in the constituency context for the purpose of the general election. The areas of Lange Park, Montrose and Enterprise all fall under the central division, which is one of the nine divisions of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service.

Mr. Speaker, according to the *Concise Oxford Dictionary*, the word “spate” means a large or excessive amount. A review of the statistics of crime in the central area reveals that for the first quarter of 2003, 363 serious crimes were reported, of which 114 were solved, representing 31 per cent. A closer look at these figures for Central shows that the categories of robberies committed were 104. This number compares favourably with divisions of Port of Spain, 210; southern, 149 and northern, 253. As a matter of fact, Mr. Speaker, only the eastern and south-western divisions were 24 and 63 respectively.

With regard to kidnapping, the statistics reveal a very instructive picture insofar as the question before this House. For the first quarter of 2003, there were four kidnappings. In this crime category, the Port of Spain division registered eight; southern division, five; northern, 25; north-eastern division, 12 and the south-western division, four. The kidnapping statistics for the year 2002 are similar, in that, for the central division there were 24; northern division, 66; southern division, 34; Port of Spain, 23; western 23 and north-eastern, 28. These statistics reveal a misrepresentation in the claim that Central was under siege as far as kidnapping was concerned. As a matter of fact Central is not besieged with any spate of crime.

With respect to the serious crimes which include assault, possession, larceny and embezzlement, the situation for the first quarter of 2003 is similar, in that for Port of Spain division the number is 36; southern, 29; western, 24; northern, 44; south-western, 32; eastern, 14; north-eastern, 18 and central, 13. If we were to go deeper into a comparative analysis of crime for the period, we will see for the first quarter of the year 2002, in Central there were 29 cases under rape, incest and sexual offences. For the first quarter of 2003 the number is 15; representing a 48 per cent decrease. Under burglaries and break-ins, there were 111 for the first quarter of 2002, as compared with 91 in 2003: a decrease of 18 per cent. [Crosstalk] Under robberies, the figure for the first quarter of 2002 is 115, as compared with 104 for the corresponding period in 2003, representing a decrease of 10 per cent. [Crosstalk]

You can now appreciate my concern for the use of the term “spate” in crime. In any language of interpretation, crime has significantly decreased in Central, particularly the categories relating to personal injuries and deprivation of properties. [Crosstalk]

For the year 2002, a total of 1,752 serious crimes were committed in Central. The figure is considerably less than those in the divisions of Port of Spain, which

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is 3,243; southern, 2,599 and northern, 3,444. Revisiting the first quarter of 2003, the figures for the overall serious crimes read as follows: Port of Spain, 715; southern, 560; western, 380; northern, 920; north-eastern, 360 and, of course, central 363. [*Crosstalk*] By reviewing all these figures, I do not know if the intention of the Member for Caroni Central is to demonstrate, comparatively speaking, that there is no spate of crime in Central, but moreso a decrease in the flow of criminal activities. [*Crosstalk*]

Mr. Speaker, with the recent addition to the fleet of police vehicles in the central division, coupled with a greater level of police visibility in the respective areas, I anticipate that there will be a further decrease in the level of crime in the central division. Such optimism can be seen against the background of continuous consultations with the various stakeholders in the area. The Member alluded that only yesterday several Members of the Opposition attended a town meeting, hosted by the police service in Chaguanas. [*Crosstalk*] A combination of meetings and other modes of communication will form the framework of the operations [*Crosstalk*] which will inform the ministry of the needs of the area. [*Crosstalk*]

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members, please! I do not know what else to rule on in this Parliament. I can appeal to Members and I am appealing to Members. We have the Members for Fyzabad and Nariva—throughout the whole session you are continuing with the crosstalk. Let the Parliamentary Secretary give his reply.

Mr. A. Roberts: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am not at all worried about the emptiness.

Mr. Speaker, such a positive development is in keeping with the general national endeavour of the Ministry of National Security and by extension, the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, to alleviate the spread of criminal activities in Trinidad and Tobago. I thank you.

Question put and agreed to.

House adjourned accordingly.

Adjourned at 5.25 p.m.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

The following questions were asked by Mr. Chandresh Sharma (Fyzabad) earlier in the proceedings:

Letter of Comfort

- 95.** (a) Would the hon. Minister list every instance since January 2002 when the Government has provided a guarantee or issued a letter of comfort, resulting in the State or any of its agencies or state enterprises borrowing money with the Government as guarantor?
- (c) Would the hon. Minister state:
- (i) How much money was borrowed in each instance?
- (ii) What is the total cost of each loan including all interest and charges?
- (iii) The legal cost and any other cost for each loan?

The following reply was circulated to Members of the House:

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance (Hon. Patrick Manning):

RESPONSE TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO. 95

YEAR	COMPANY	LENDER	SECURITY	TENOR (Years)	PRINCIPAL TT\$	INTEREST COST TT\$	LEGAL FEES TT\$	TRUSTEE FEES TT\$	ARRANGE-MENT FEES TT\$	REGISTRAR /PAYING AGENCY FEES TT\$	TOTAL COST
03-Jan-02	Caroni (1975) Ltd.	Republic Bank of Trinidad and Tobago Ltd.	Letter of Comfort	1	177,000,000.00	12,390,000.00	63,250 (est)	Nil	1,239,000.00	Nil	190,692,250.00
31-Jan-02	National Carnival Commission	First Citizens Trust and Merchant Bank Ltd.	Letter of Comfort	1	5,500,000.00	574,747.95	Nil	Nil	35,750.00	Nil	6,110,497.95

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07-Apr-02	Tourism and Industrial Development Company of T&T Ltd.	First Citizens Trust and Merchant Bank Ltd.	Letter of Comfort Thereafter Gov't Guarantee	25	595,000,000.00 707,259,718.00 (after int. capital'n)	 1,069,353,375.00	47,495.00	Included in Paying Agency fees	5,057,500.00	20,000 annually in advance	1,782,218,088.00
02-Apr-02	National Insurance Property Development Company Ltd.	First Citizens Trust and Merchant Bank Ltd.			28,792,496.00	4,178,511.00					
23-Aug-02					20,230,604.00	2,940,882.00					
			Letter of Comfort	4	49,023,100.00	7,119,393.00	Nil	Nil	220,603.95	Nil	56,363,096.95
16-May-02	T&T Solid Waste Management Company Ltd.	RBTT	Letter of Comfort	3	15,000,000.00	3,150,000.00	Nil	Nil	82,500.00	Nil	18,232,500.00
14-Jun-02	National Carnival Commission	Caribbean Money Market Brokers Ltd	Letter of Comfort	1	4,000,000.00	240,000.00	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	4,240,000.00

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14-Jul-02	National Maintenance Training and Security Company Ltd.	Unit Trust (Investment Line)	Letter of Comfort Gov't Guarantee in progress	20	175,000,000.00	188,343,750.00	86,250.00	6,250 per annum	1,200,000.00	6,250 per annum	364,880,000.00
14-Aug-02	The Vehicle Maintenance Corporation of T&T Ltd.	Caribbean Money Market Brokers Ltd	Letter of Comfort	3	6,445,085.00	659,729.00	6,550.00	Nil	Nil	Nil	7,111,364.00
26-Aug-02	National Maintenance Training and Security company Ltd.	First Citizens Bank	Letter of Comfort	4	45,000,000.00	6,541,559.00	Nil	Nil	202,500.00	Nil	51,744,059.00
03-Sep-02	Tourism and Industrial Development Company of T&T Ltd.	First Citizens Trust and Merchant Bank Ltd.	Letter of Comfort	2	35,202,591.00	4,435,526.00	Nil	Nil	228,816.84	Nil	39,866,933.84
06-Sep-02	Urban Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago	Republic Finance & Merchant Bank Ltd	Letter of Comfort	7	45,000,000.00	13,528,750.00	44,850.00	10,000 per annum	180,000.00	6,000 per annum	58,865,600.00

YEAR	COMPANY	LENDER	SECURITY	TENOR (Years)	PRINCIPAL TT\$	INTEREST COST TT\$	LEGAL FEES TT\$	TRUSTEE FEES TT\$	ARRANGE-MENT FEES TT\$	REGISTRAR /PAYING AGENCY FEES TT\$	TOTAL COST
30-Sep-02	National Insurance Property Development company Ltd	Republic Finance & Merchant Bank Ltd	Letter of Comfort	12	265,282,896.00	123,828,378.00	49,997.00	10,000 per annum	1,114,188.16	6,000 per annum	390,467,459.16
			Thereafter Gov't Guarantee								
30-Sep-02	T&T Solid Waste Management Company Ltd.	RBTT	Letter of Comfort	7	76,294,575.00	21,186,542.44	115,441.86	Nil	648,503.89	Nil	98,245,063.19
01-Oct-02	National Entrepreneurship Development Company Ltd	First Citizens Trust and Merchant Bank Ltd.	Letter of Comfort	3	36,800,000.00	4,092,068.00	Nil	Nil	128,800.00	Nil	41,020,868.00
01-Oct-02	The Vehicle Maintenance Corporation of T&T Ltd.	First Citizens Trust and Merchant Bank Ltd.	Letter of Comfort	7	US\$ 9,820,000	US\$ 3,243,978	Nil	Nil	US\$ 63,830	Nil	US\$ 13,127,808
24-Oct-02	Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago	Citibank (Trinidad and Tobago) Ltd.	Gov't Guarantee	3	11,000,000.00	1,049,125.00	17,324.75	Nil	55,000.00	20,000 per annum	12,141,449.75

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14-Nov-02	LIAT (1974) Ltd	Antigua Commercial Bank	Letter of Comfort	150 dys	EC\$4,400,000	EC\$175,560	EC\$104,760	Nil	EC\$246186	Nil	EC\$4,926,506
03-Feb-03	Water and Sewerage Authority	Citicorp Merchant Bank	Letter of Comfort Thereafter Gov't Guarantee	10	413,000,000.00	241,697,553.13	70,000 (est)	20,000 per annum	2,684,500.00	10,000 per annum	657,482,053.13
05-Feb-03	BWIA West Indies Airways Ltd.	First Citizens Bank	Letter of Comfort	90 dys	US\$ 4,000,000	US\$ 466,444.44	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	US\$ 4,046,444.44
28-Feb-03	BWIA West Indies Airways Ltd.	First Citizens Bank	Letter of Comfort	2	US\$ 3,750,000	US\$ 525,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	US\$ 4,275,000
5 Feb-03	BWIA West Indies Airways Ltd.	First Citizens Bank	Letter of Comfort	90 dys	US\$ 4,000,000	US\$ 62,777.78	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	US\$ 4,062,777.78
14-Mar-03	LIAT (1974) Ltd	RBTT Bank Ltd	Letter of Comfort	1	US\$ 1,600,000	US\$ 152,000	Nil	Nil	US\$ 16,000	Nil	US\$ 1,768,000

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14-Mar-03	National Housing Authority	First Citizens Trust and Merchant Bank Ltd.	Letter of Comfort	3	20,000,000.00	1,898,750.00	Nil	Nil	60,000.00	Nil	21,958,750.00
14-Mar-03	Caroni	Republic Finance & Merchant Bank Ltd	Letter of Comfort Thereafter Gov't Guarantee	12	518,500,000.00	354,906,965.24	60,000 (est)	10,000 per annum	2,009,187.50	6,000 per annum	875,492,152.74
17-Apr-03	T&T Solid Waste Management Company Ltd.	First Citizens Bank Ltd	Letter of Comfort	2	10,500,000.00	1,118,250.00	Nil	Nil	36,750.00	Nil	11,655,000.00
17-Apr-03	Caroni (1975) Ltd	Republic Bank of Trinidad and Tobago Ltd	Letter of Comfort	3 mths	97,800,000.00	1,589,250.00	Nil	Nil	146,700.00	Nil	99,535,950.00

Siparia Market

- 101.** (a) Would the hon. Minister of Local Government indicate the proposed date for the commencement of construction of the Siparia market?
- (d) Would the Minister also indicate whether:
- (i) a contract has been awarded and if so, whether the award was made by the Central Tenders Board?
- (ii) If the answer to (i) is in the affirmative, could the hon. Minister provide:
- (a) the name of the contractor;
- (b) the estimated cost of construction of the market?

The following reply was circulated to Members of the House:

The Minister of Local Government (Hon. Jarrette Narine):

- (a) It is instructive to note that for the financial year 2002/2003, the Siparia Regional Corporation did not request funds for construction works on the Siparia market. As a consequence, there is no proposed date for the construction of the Siparia market and the Ministry of Local Government awaits a proposal from the Siparia Regional Corporation for this project.
- (b) The Reply to Part (a) of this Question negates a Reply to Part (b) of the Question.

The following question was asked by Mr. Manohar Ramsaran (Chaguanas):

Community Centres and Complexes

- 49.** (a) Would the Minister of Community Development and Gender Affairs submit to this House the list of community centres and complexes to be built in fiscal year 2003?
- (b) Would the Minister indicate the dates of commencement of construction and the cost of each such community facility to be built?

The following reply was circulated to Members of the House:

The Minister of Community Development and Gender Affairs (Sen. The Hon. Joan Yuille-Williams):

- (a) Two community centres will be built in the fiscal year 2003. They are:
- (i) The Point Cumana Community Centre for which there were sod turning ceremonies on 31st January, 1994 and 6th December 2001

without the sequential commencement of construction. The selection of this project therefore brought relief to a demotivated community.

- (ii) The Mon Repos/Navet Community Centre which replaces an unclassified, partial wooden building and which was deemed unfit for use by the Public Health Authority. Since 1994, a community centre for this community has consistently appeared on the priority list of community centres for construction in the proposals for the Annual Estimates of Expenditure submitted to the Ministry of Finance by the Ministry with responsibility for Community Development.

The Community Centre Building Programme for fiscal 2003 will focus on the refurbishment of community centres. There are more than 230 community centres in Trinidad and Tobago, most of which were constructed in the 1960s. These centres are now in need of refurbishment and redesigning to meet the changing needs of the modern environment. Sixty-five (65) centres have been prioritized for refurbishment or repairs in fiscal 2003. The Community Centre Building Programme will be reviewed during the course of the year and the necessary adjustment will be instituted, including the possible construction of new centres.

- (b) The construction of the Point Cumana Community Centre commenced on January 12, 2002 and the estimated cost of construction is \$3,162,735.00. The commencement date of the Mon Repos Community Centre was September 26, 2002 and the estimated cost of construction is \$4,798,868.00.

The following question was asked by Mr. Ganga Singh (Caroni East):

**Water and Sewerage Authority
(Contracts)**

- 66.** Could the Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment inform this House of the following:
- (i) The names and addresses of all the contractors who were awarded contracts by WASA for the period January 2002 to December 2003?
 - (ii) The payments made or to be made to each contractor?
 - (iii) The scope of works and location of each contract?
 - (iv) Whether or not these contracts were awarded in conformity with WASA's tendering rules and procedures?

The following reply was circulated to Members of the House:

The Minister of Public Utilities and The Environment (Sen. The Hon. Rennie Dumas):

NO	CONTRACTOR	DESCRIPTION OF CONTRACT AND LOCATION	DATE OF AWARD	VALUE	TENDER PROCEDURE FOLLOWED
1	Thomas Peake and Co. Ltd.	Tender for the provision of maintenance services for the 255 ton York absorption recirculating liquid chiller system for a one year period—St. Joseph	29—Jan—02	\$ 139,300.00	Yes
2	John Williams Construction Co. Ltd.	Moka Wells Project—road restoration	30—Jan—02	87,695.00	Yes
3	John Williams Construction Co. Ltd.	Achong Trace, Tunapuna—road restoration	18—Feb—02	54,890.00	Yes
4	Marketing and Distribution	Tender for the supply and delivery of 30 metric tonnes powdered activated carbon to WASA St. Joseph	20—Feb—02	184,869.00	Yes
5	John Williams Construction Co. Ltd.	Mission Road, San Juan—road restoration	25—Feb—02	101,644.52	Yes
6	Modern Electrical Supplies Ltd. Hadco Ltd	Tender for the supply and delivery of electrical items to WASA for a 12 month period—St. Joseph Tender for the supply and delivery of electrical items to WASA for a 12 month period—St. Joseph	25—Feb—02 25—Feb—02	500,000.00 175,000.00	Yes Yes

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7	Bruce Elevators Services Ltd.	Tender for the provision of maintenance services for the Otis and Kone elevators for a 2 year period—St. Joseph	25—Feb—02	20,400.00	Yes
	RBP Lifts Ltd.		25—Feb—02	89,040.00	Yes
8	Carib Asphalt Pavers Ltd.	Reform to Garth Road—road restoration	14—Mar—02	399,350.00	Yes
9	Carib Asphalt Pavers Ltd.	Moruga Rd to La Lune Rd., Gran Chemin, road restoration	19—Mar—02	230,094.00	Yes
10	Carib Asphalt Pavers Ltd	Southern road development—road restoration	19—Mar—02	52,480.00	Yes
11	John Williams Construction Co. Ltd.	Acono Road, Maracas, St. Joseph—road restoration	22—Mar—02	233,871.80	Yes
12	Eagle Shirt Factory	Tender for the procurement of uniform jerseys, uniforms, protective clothing and uniform shoes for 2002 for use by employees throughout Trinidad and Tobago.	28—Mar—02	65,209.00	Yes
	Pampellone Garment Industries Ltd.		28—Mar—02	218,527.00	
	East Caribbean Industries Ltd.		28—Mar—02	121,360.00	
	National shoe Manufacturing Co. Ltd.		28—Mar—02	103,440.20	
			28—Mar—02	5,500.00	

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12 (Cont'd)	Regency Manufacturers Limited	<p>Tender for the procurement of uniform jerseys, uniforms, protective clothing and uniform shoes for 2002 for use by employees throughout Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p>Tender for the procurement of uniform jerseys, uniforms, protective clothing and uniform shoes for 2002 for use by employees throughout Trinidad and Tobago</p> <p>Tender for the procurement of uniform jerseys, uniforms, protective clothing and uniform shoes for 2002 for use by employees throughout Trinidad and Tobago.</p>			
13	L & W Engineering Ltd. Water & Oilwell Services Co. Ltd.	Tender for the procurement of meters and spares for the Water and Sewerage Authority to be used throughout Trinidad and Tobago.	11—Apr—02 18—Feb—02	199,332.00 405,232.20	Yes

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14	Oilfield and Marine Sales & Service	Tender for the supply and delivery of non-stock hardware items to WASA for a 12 month period to be used throughout Trinidad and Tobago.	16—Apr—02	150,000.00	Yes
	Diptee's Hardware		16—Apr—02	150,000.00	Yes
	William H. Scott		16—Apr—02	650,000.00	Yes
	H. J. R. Ltd		16—Apr—02	150,000.00	Yes
	S. N. S. Hardware Ltd.		16—Apr—02	150,000.00	Yes
15	Sherry Ann Peters Louison	Tender for the provision of ground maintenance services at water treatment plants and water wells for a 12 month period—St. Anns Reservoir & Maraval Waterworks	30—Apr—02	34,800.00	Yes
	Chelnique Services	Tender for the provision of ground maintenance services at water treatment plants and water wells for a 12 month period—Freeport Wells	30—Apr—02	18,000.00	
	A & V Drilling and Workover Ltd.	Tender for the provision of ground maintenance services at water treatment plants and water wells for a 12 month period—Penal Waterworks & Wells, Fyzabad Waterwork, Coora Waterwork, Mayaro	30—Apr—02	115,032.00	

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15 cont'd		Wells, Biche Waterworks, Caura Waterworks, Tacarigua Wells, Arouca Station and Wells & Acono Waterworks			
16	D. E. S. Ltd.	Tender for rehabilitation works to filter nos. 1, 2, & 3 at the Las Lomas Water Treatment Plant	01—May—02	458,242.98	Yes
17	John Williams Construction Co. Ltd.	Mango Alley, Morvant—road restoration	10—May—02	43,835.00	Yes
18	John Williams Construction Co. Ltd.	Upper Wharton Street, Laventille—road restoration	10—May—02	128,593.00	Yes
19	John Williams Construction Co. Ltd.	Scorpion Road, Carenage—road restoration	10—May—02	103,725.00	Yes
20	John Williams Construction Co. Ltd.	St. John Road, St. Augustine—road restoration	10—May—02	262,798.00	Yes
21	John Williams Construction Co. Ltd.	Pipiol Road, Santa Cruz—road restoration	10—May—02	87,354.00	Yes
22	John Williams Construction Co. Ltd.	Upper Sixth Avenue, Malick—road restoration	10—May—02	128,593.00	Yes
23	John Williams Construction Co. Ltd.	Quarry Road Ext. Champs Fleurs—road restoration	10—May—02	54,027.70	Yes
24	Construction & Maintenance Plumbing	1500m of 150mm pipe Santa Cruz	14—Jun—02	771,800.00	Yes
25	Capital Plumbing & Sanitation Works Ltd.	948m of 100mm pipe San Juan & San Cruz	14—Jun—02	579,860.00	Yes
26	Industrial Systems Control Ltd.	712m 100mm pipe, Point Fortin, Siparia & Palo Seco	14—Jun—02	542,240.00	Yes

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27	C. M. E. Services	1000m of 100 mm pipe Mahogany Dr, N/E Settlement	14—Jun—02	668,800.00	Yes
28	TRINRON	800m of 100mm pipe Fyzabad	14—Jun—02	470,100.00	Yes
29	SAISCON	750m of 100mm pipe, Ortoire & Guayaguayare	14—Jun—02	434,800.00	Yes
30	Sanitank Ltd.	1440m of 100mm pipe Pinto, Arima	14—Jun—02	857,050.00	Yes
31	Southern Exploration & Production Co.	703m of 100mm pipe, Quinam, S/Flora	14—Jun—02	431,385.00	Yes
32	Uniform Building Contractors Ltd.	1400m of 100mm pipe, Arima & Five Rivers	14—Jun—02	875,200.00	
33	OLAB Construction Services Ltd.	800m of 100mm pipe Cocoyea & St. Magarets	14—Jun—02	461,750.00	Yes
34	Alves Easteel Industries Ltd.	1200m of 100mm pipe, Manzanilla Road	14—Jun—02	675,800.00	Yes
35	P. R. Transport Enterprises	700m of 100mm pipes, Point Fortin & Rio Claro	14—Jun—02	447,050.00	Yes
36	Dwarika General Contractors	900m of 100mm pipe, Point Fortin	14—Jun—02	519,100.00	Yes
37	Fortune's Construction Ltd.	200m of 100mm & 600m of 150mm pipe, Bennet Village	14—Jun—02	484,100.00	Yes
38	Corneal Engineering & Surveys Services Ltd.	850m of 100mm pipe Point Fortin & Cap de Ville	14—Jun—02	595,300.00	Yes
39	Sherman Plumbing	1039m of 100mm pipe St. Joseph & Arima	14—Jun—02	589,305.00	Yes
40	P. Edmund & Sons Ltd.	600m of 100mm & 400m of 150mm pipes Cap de Ville	14—Jun—02	625,250.00	Yes

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41	Asson & Sons Wastewater & General Contractors	600m of 100mm pipes Cap de Ville	14—Jun—02	345,550.00	Yes
42	Pace Construction Services Ltd.	750m of 100mm pipe Siparia	14—Jun—02	381,575.00	Yes
43	Mack Construction Services Ltd.	1300m of 100mm pipes, Cedarwood Drive	14—Jun—02	728,900.00	Yes
44	F. M. Enterprises Co. Ltd.	1400m of 150mm pipes, Ojoe Road, Sangre Grande	14—Jun—02	739,600.00	Yes
45	Phoenix Construction & Supplies	1300 of 100mm pipes, Paramin	14—Jun—02	709,800.00	Yes
46	Crown J's	1100m of 150 & 100mm pipes, Diego Martin and Tunapuna	14—Jun—02	704,800.00	
47	Rincon	900m of 100mm pipe, Guayaguayare	14—Jun—02	456,850.00	Yes
48	Bjoy Plumbing & Construction Co.	800m of 150mm pipe, Warren Road, Point Fortin	14—Jun—02	446,400.00	Yes
49	Ronald's Maintenance Services Ltd.	783m of 100mm pipe, Palo Seco & Mayaro Road	14—Jun—02	469,535.00	Yes
50	Digi-Data Systems Ltd.	Tender for the supply and delivery of 100 personal computers to WASA—St. Joseph	24—Jun—02	614,464.00	Yes
51	Pannel Kerr Forster	Tender for the conduct of a system audit into selected areas of WASA under the supervision of the Auditor General—St. Joseph	24—Jun—02	235,750.00	Yes

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52	Bjoy Plumbing & Construction Co.	600m of 100mm pipe, Vessigny	25—Jun—02	337,350.00	Yes
53	John Williams Construction Co. Ltd.	Rincon Village—road restoration	1—Jul—02	106,110.00	Yes
54	S. O. S. West Indies Ltd	Tender for the supply and installation of energy conservation systems at Tacarigua, Valsayn and Guanapo Waterworks	08—Jul—02	750,000.00	
55	Lee Young and Parnters	Tender for the provision of consultancy services for the supervision of works for the design, construction of transmission and distribution of pipelines throughout T & T	09—Jul—02	240,000.00	Yes
56	Trintoplan Consultants Ltd.	Tender for the provision of consultancy services for the supervision of works for the design, construction of transmission and distribution pipelines throughout T & T	09—Jul—02	298,800.00	Yes
57	Rooks Oilfield & Engineering Supplies Ltd. Engineering Agencies Ltd.	Tender for the construction of booster pumping stations throughout Trinidad and Tobago	09—Jul—02 09—Jul—02	1,301,606.49 2,610,947.00	Yes Yes

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58	Century Eslon Ltd	Tender for the supply and delivery of pipes and fittings for the S.T.I.P. Programme Tranches 1 & 2—to be used throughout Trinidad and Tobago	10—Jul—02	2,206,884.06	Yes
	Hardware & Oilfield Equipment Co. Ltd.		10—Jul—02	167,865.95	
	Abjan Piping Co. TRICON		10—Jul—02	1,127,202.63	
			10—Jul—02	748,102.52	
59	Walkerwell Ltd.	Tender for the rehabilitation of existing wells and the drilling, equipping of new wells at Matura and Rincon for S.T.I.P.	10—Jul—02	706,455.00	Yes
	Water and Oilwell Services Co. Ltd.		10—Jul—02	1,061,314.00	Yes
60	The Interplan Group	Tender for the provision of consultancy services for the supervision of works at booster pumping stations and tanks throughout Trinidad and Tobago	12—Jul—02	149,988.00	Yes
	Lee Young and Partners		13—Jul—02	170,000.00	
61	John Williams Construction Co. Ltd.	First Street, Tunapuna—road restoration	24—Jul—02	63,820.00	Yes
62	John Williams Construction Co. Ltd.	Pasea Trace, Tunapuna— road restoration	24—Jul—02	45,432.00	Yes
63	John Williams Construction Co. Ltd.	Paramin Well 7— road restoration	24—Jul—02	152,560.00	Yes
64	John Williams Construction Co. Ltd.	Basanta Trace, Tunapuna— road restoration	24—Jul—02	60,600.00	Yes

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65	Tramway Marketing Ltd.	Tender for the provision of ground maintenance services at wastewater treatment facilities in the south and central regions for a 10 month period	06—Aug—02	77,100.00	Yes
66	Century 21 Janitorial Services	Tender for the provision of janitorial services at WASA's facilities in Tobago for a 2 year period	09—Aug—02	160,200.00	Yes
67	John Williams Construction Co. Ltd.	Moka Wells Project 11— road restoration	15—Aug—02	258,885.00	Yes
68	John Williams Construction Co. Ltd.	Khandahar, Arouca— road restoration	15—Aug—02	135,372.00	Yes
69	Carib Asphalt Pavers Ltd.	La Lune Road to Marac, Moruga— road restoration	16—Aug—02	289,040.00	Yes
70	Industrial Chemical Co. (JA) Ltd.	Tender for the supply and delivery of 8200 metric tonnes of granular aluminium sulphate to WASA for a 1 year period, St. Joseph	16—Aug—02	6,152,706.00	Yes
71	Walkerwell Co. Ltd. General Earth Movers— UEM Inc. Ltd.	Tender for the procurement of submersible pumpsets & variable frequency controllers—St. Joseph	21—Aug—02 23—Aug—02	244,635.00 190,000.00	Yes
72	P. Edmund & Sons Ltd.	600m of 100mm pipes Salibia, Toco	2—Sep—02	348,850.00	Yes

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73	Fortune's Construction Ind.	350m of 100mm pipes, La Brea	2—Sep—02	218,650.00	Yes
74	P. R. Transport Enterprises	150m of 100mm pipes, Osbourne Street, Point Fortin	2—Sep—02	80,750.00	Yes
75	SAISCON	60m of 100mm pipes, La Savannah Rd, Guayaguayare	2—Sep—02	45,900.00	Yes
76	Rincon	110m of 100mm pipes, Ferreira Cir. Guayaguayare	2—Sep—02	68,150.00	Yes
77	Crown J'a	300m of 100mm pipes, Bamboo Settlement	2—Sep—02	158,900.00	Yes
78	E. H. Waldropt & Sons	200 of 100mm pipe, Hercules Dr. Point Fortin	2—Sep—02	110,200.00	Yes
79	TRINRON	530m of 100mm pipes, Robert Lane & London St.	2—Sep—02	279,500.00	Yes
80	P. Edmund & Sons Ltd.	600m of 100mm pipes, Gr., Inn., Alb., Pier., Del., & Spen. Sts.	2—Sep—02	348,850.00	Yes
81	Phoenix Construction & Supplies	400m of 100mm pipes, Sahadoo Rd. Manzanilla	2—Sep—02	219,600.00	Yes
82	Pace Construction Services Ltd.	750m of 100mm pipes, Silver Stream, Fyzabad	2—Sep—02	383,450.00	Yes
83	Uniform Building Contractors Ltd.	450m of 100mm pipes, Phillip Tr., Tunapuna	2—Sep—02	245,700.00	Yes
84	Ronald's Maintenance Services Ltd.	200m of 100mm pipe, Hercules Dr. Point Fortin	2—Sep—02	110,200.00	Yes
85	Bjoy Plumbing & Construction Co.	750m of 100mm pipes, spring Tr. La Brea	2—Sep—02	413,700.00	Yes

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86	Corneal Engineering & Surveys Services Ltd.	350m of 100mm pipes, Sobo Cir., La Brea	2—Sep—02	192,250.00	Yes
87	Mack Construction Services Ltd.	600m of 100mm pipes, Primus St., Salabia, Toco	2—Sep—02	347,950.00	Yes
88	Alves Easteel Industries Ltd.	350m of 100mm pipes, South Main Road Manzanilla	2—Sep—02	197,350.00	Yes
89	OLAB Construction Services Ltd.	700m of 100mm pipes, Lance Miten Road, Moruga	2—Sep—02	258,700.00	Yes
90	E. H. Waldropt & Sons	200m of 100mm pipes, Hercules Dr. Point Fortin	2—Sep—02	110,200.00	Yes
91	TRICON	Tender for the supply and delivery of pipes and fittings for the S. T. I. P. Programme tranches 1 & 2 throughout Trinidad and Tobago additional award	05—Sep—02	169,728.00	Yes
	Century Eslon	Tender for the supply and delivery of pipes and fittings for the S. T. I. P. Programme tranches 1 & 2 throughout Trinidad and Tobago additional award		409,154.12	
92	E. Construction & Survey Consultants Co. Ltd.	Tender for the construction of electrical kiosks under the Trinidad Ground Water Project	05—Sep—02	122,073.60	Yes

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93	John Williams Construction Co. Ltd.	Acono Wells 2— road restoration	09—Sep—02	221,254.50	Yes
94	Process Components	Tender for the construction of chlorination facilities under the Trinidad Groundwater Project	10—Sep—02	139,656.00	Yes
95	John Williams Construction Co. Ltd.	Second Street Tunapuna— road restoration	11—Sep—02	47,040.00	Yes
96	John Williams Construction Co. Ltd.	First Street Tunapuna— road restoration	11—Sep—02	47,040.00	Yes
97	John Williams Construction Co. Ltd.	Salibia Mathura— road restoration	11—Sep—02	104,000.00	Yes
98	Midtown Pharmacy	Supply and delivery of non-stock pharmaceutical items for 1 year—St. Joseph	12—Sep—02	Rates	Yes
99	P. R. Transport Enterprises	400 m of 100mm pipes, Kandahar	16—Sep—02	222,700.00	Yes
100	Crown J's	500m of 100mm pipes, Lance Mitan, Carenage	16—Sep—02	287,200.00	Yes
101	Sanitank Ltd.	500m of 100mm pipes, Lula Trace	16—Sep—02	256,200.00	Yes
102	TRINRON	600m of 100mm pipes, Saunders Tr., Moruga	16—Sep—02	295,950.00	Yes
103	Sherman Plumbing	500m of 100mm pipes, Bunion Tr., Moruga	16—Sep—02	257,000.00	Yes
104	Marketing and Distribution	Tender for the supply and delivery of 3010 metric tonnes of hydrated lime to WASA, St. Joseph	17—Sep—02	5,211,813.60	Yes

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NO	CONTRACTOR	DESCRIPTION OF CONTRACT AND LOCATION	DATE OF AWARD	VALUE	TENDER PROCEDURE FOLLOWED
105	Republic Bank credit Card Centre	Tender for the procurement of a credit card facility at WASA, St. Joseph	20—Sep—02	Credit Card Service (Monthly) \$1,278.25 Debit card service (Monthly) \$100.45	Yes
106	Sherry-Ann Peters Louison	Tender for the provision of ground maintenance services at water treatment plants and water wells of WASA for a 12 month period—additional award for Luengo/Naranjo	23—Sep—02	13,800.00	Yes
107	Fortune's Construction Ltd.	500m of 100mm pipes, sobo Ext. La Brea	1—Oct—02	260,150.00	Yes
108	Carib Asphalt Pavers Ltd.	Solomon Trace, Mayaro Rd—road restoration	1—Oct—02	62,770.00	Yes
109	Moonan Engineering & Construction (T & T)	Davis Street, Range Road, Five Rivers, Arouca	2—Oct—02	80,386.25	Yes
110	Moonan Engineering & Construction (T & T)	Mendez Drive, Champ Fleurs—road restoration	9—Oct—02	50,980.25	Yes
111	Waterworks Ltd.	Provision of contract services to operate and maintain the Trinity Waterworks	14—Oct—02	713,160.00	Yes
112	Carib Asphalt Pavers Ltd.	Phillip Lane, Hermitage—road restoration	5—Nov—02	31,284.00	Yes

NO	CONTRACTOR	DESCRIPTION OF CONTRACT AND LOCATION	DATE OF AWARD	VALUE	TENDER PROCEDURE FOLLOWED
113	F. M. Enterprises Co. Ltd.	Tender for the supply and delivery of aggregates to WASA on an as and when required basis for an 18 month period—St. Joseph	7—Nov—02	Rates	Yes
114	PR Transport Co. Ltd.	Tender for the supply and delivery of aggregates to WASA on an as and when required basis for an 18 month period—St. Joseph	7—Nov—02	Rates	Yes
115	John Williams Construction Co. Ltd.	Upper Sixth Avenue, Malick—Road Restoration	12—Nov—02	358,326.80	Yes
116	Pan Associates Ltd.	Consultancy services for the construction of office facilities at Dab/Tac area office	18—Nov—02	80,000.00	Yes
117	Pan Associates Ltd.	Consultancy services for the construction of general staff accommodation and workshop facilities at North Range Valley, Calvary Hill, Arima	18—Nov—02	101,000.00	Yes
118	A.M	Tender for the supply and delivery of toiletries to WASA for a 12 month period St. Joseph	20—Nov—02	153,660.00 233,948.00	Yes
119	Allied Security Services Ltd.	Tender for the provision of security services to WASA for a 19 month period from Dec. 2001 to June 2003—St. Joseph	26—Nov—02	775,248.00	Yes

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NO	CONTRACTOR	DESCRIPTION OF CONTRACT AND LOCATION	DATE OF AWARD	VALUE	TENDER PROCEDURE FOLLOWED
120	Moonan Engineering & Construction (T & T) Ltd.	Upper Thomasine Street, Laventille—road restoration	10—Dec—02	66,736.60	Yes
121	Moonan Engineering & Construction (T & T) Ltd.	Thomasine Street Ext.—road restoration	10—Dec—02	112,293.80	Yes
122	John Williams Construction Co. Ltd.	Churchill Roosevelt Highway—road restoration	10—Dec—02	49,308.00	Yes
123	John Williams Construction Co. Ltd.	Moka Wells Phase III—road restoration	10—Dec—02	156,665.00	Yes
124	Samaroo's Limited	Supply and delivery of 350 drums HTH powder and 100 drums HTH tablets—St. Joseph	10—Dec—02	227,412.50	Yes
	Castalloy Co. Ltd.		10—Dec—02	89,838.00	
125	Trans Caribbean Agencies Ltd.	Tender for the supply and delivery of safety footwear to WASA for a 12 month period for use by employees throughout Trinidad and Tobago.	12—Dec—02	281,475.00	Yes
	Ial Engineering Services Ltd.			31,140.00	
	A.Moses & Sons Ltd.			72,800.00	
	National Shoe Manufacturing Co. Ltd.			21,290.00	

The following questions were asked by Mr. Chandresh Sharma (Fyzabad):

**National Commission for Self-Help
(Projects)**

- 68.** Could the Minister of Community Development and Gender Affairs furnish this House with a list of:
- (c) All projects funded in full or part by the National Commission for Self-Help Limited (NCSH) in 2002 including the addresses of these projects and amount of monies granted?
 - (d) The names of suppliers of goods and services to the NCSH and the amount of monies paid to these suppliers in 2002?
 - (c) The names of contractors employed by the NCSH indicating the jobs done, addresses and the amount of monies paid to these contractors in 2002?

The following reply was circulated to Members of the House:

The Minister of Community Development and Gender Affairs (Sen. The Hon. Joan Yuille-Williams): The National Commission for Self Help (NCSH) implemented 295 projects in 2002 at a cost of \$6,614,475.22. One hundred and ninety-one (191) projects were financed at a cost of \$3,861,702.62 from releases under the Development Programme and 104 projects at a cost of \$2,752,772.60 from funds released through the Community Development Fund (CDF). The projects funded, their addresses and monies paid are listed at Appendix I.

It should be noted that the suppliers of goods and services were the contractors listed at Appendix II. In the year 2002, the NCSH paid \$2,359,805.82 to seventeen (17) contractors from funds under the Development Programme and \$1,766,433.45 to seventeen (17) contractors from funds released by the Community Development Fund. Twelve (12) of these contractors were paid for contracts funded both under the Community Development Fund and the Development Programme. The names of contractors employed, the jobs done, project addresses and the monies paid are listed at Appendix II.

APPENDIX I

**NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SELF HELP LIMITED
PROJECTS FULLY OR PARTIALLY FUNDED BY NCSH (DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME) DP FUNDING
FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 2002 TO DECEMBER 2002**

NO.	PROJECT TYPE		PROJECT ADDRESS	AMOUNT
1	*MRRG	Destitute Family	#6 Nebblett Street Enterprise Chaguanas	7,657.72
2	"	Destitute Family	Lp #80 La Canoa Road Lower Santa Cruz Cakes Land	564.76
3	"	Home lost by landslide	Lp #88 Caura Royal Road Caura	1,887.51
4	"	Home damaged by landslide	33c 2nd Hamlet Trace St. Barb's Road Laventille	1,857.48
5	"	Destitute Family	Abdul Muhammed, #14 Schuller Street E.D.R, P.O.S.	5,261.58
6	"	Destitute & Disable	Lp #47 Madrass Settlement Road Cunupia	9,990.38
7	"	House delapidated/Accident victim	2 Gooding Trace Malabar Branch Road Arima	431.25
8	"	Deplorable living conditions	L'anse Mitan Road Carenage	9,994.65
9	"	Destitute Family	K.P Lands Valencia	9,889.60
10	"	Fire victim	Ayoub Trace Tabaquite Road Rio Claro	9,983.15
11	"	Fire victim	Lp #15 Dan Kelly Picton Road Laventille	9,887.52
12	"	Home damaged by landslide	Lp #64 Upper Cemetery Street Diego Martin	9,983.92
13	"	Leaking roof & rotting ceiling	8th Avenue 2nd Street Barataria	6,077.65
14	"	House damaged by land movement	3/4mm Guayaguayare Road Rio Claro	9,977.40
15	"	Fire victim	North Manzanilla Opposite Community Centre	9,942.89

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NO.	PROJECT TYPE		PROJECT ADDRESS	AMOUNT
16	*MRRG	Fire victim	South Manzanilla Road Manzanilla #2	7,570.93
17	"	Home damaged by landslide	Lp #75 Rich Plain Diego Martin	6,610.86
18	"	Fire victim	Lp #8 Upper Farm Road Richplain Road Diego Martin	9,959.00
19	"	Home damaged by high floods	Gopee Trace Penal	9,963.43
20	"	Home damaged by high tides	Beach Road Erin	9,988.56
21	"	Fire victim	# 73 Phase II Wallerfield	8,915.13
22	"	Severely ill	Lp #92A Chow Quan Ave Diego Martin Main Road Diego Martin	8,627.56
23	"	Psychiatric patient/dilapidated house	Upper 7th Avenue Malick	9,981.24
24	"	Fire victim	Macoya Extension Tunapuna	9,998.41
25	"	Destitute family/home delapidated	Gibbs Road El Dorado Tunapuna Pole #53	9,703.45
26	"	Destitute Family	Upper Quarry Street Diego Martin	9,988.81
27	"	Fire victim	Ojar Street Orange Valley Couva	9,898.91
28	"	Destitute Family	L.p #80 La Canoa Road Santa Cruz	4,400.71
29	"	Destitute/Earthquake victim	Tumbasson Road Caura Valley	9,684.99
30	"	Fire victim	Lower Santa Cruz La Canoa Road	6,216.00
31	"	Destitute Family	#11A Cochrane Street Tunapuna	9,838.98
32	"	Fire victim	Corner Southern Main Road Eccles Trace Curepe	9,498.25
33	"	Destitute Family	#18 Percy Street St. Francios Valley Belmont	9,998.55

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NO.	PROJECT TYPE		PROJECT ADDRESS	AMOUNT
34	*MRRG	Fire victim	#11 Avenue North Barataria	8,911.23
35	"	Fire victim	Naomi Abdool, Upper St.Barbs Road, Laventille	9,077.87
36	"	Fire victim	#119 Nightingale Drive Bon Air Gardens Arouca	7,073.88
37	"	Fire victim	#119 Nightingale Drive Bon Air Gardens Arouca	1,835.37
38	"	Destitute Family	#74 Maha Saba Street Felicity	9,946.15
39	"	Destitute Family	Tappin Street Cantaro Village Santa Cruz	9,588.84
40	"	Fire victim	Mt. Lambert Circular Road Ext Mt. Lambert	9,848.03
41	"	Destitute Family	Lp #82 - 83 Cumuto Main Road Wallerfield	9,681.81
42	"	Uninhabitable Conditions	Monica Pacheo LP# 33, Upper Bournes Road, St James	6,321.95
43	"	Destitute Family	Akal Trace, Santa Cruz	4,827.46
44	"	Destitute Family	#97 Pierre Road Felicity Chaguanas	8,076.39
45	"	Destitute Family	Upper Bushe Street Maitagual Road San Juan	9,652.52
46	"	Crumbling house structure	Adamsville Lady Young Road Morvant	9,972.34
47	"	Incomplete structure/Single parent	#4 La Finca Road Akal Trace Santa Cruz	15,430.19
48	"	Incomplete structure	Cipriani Avenue 2nd Caledonia Morvant	9,994.48
49	"	Pensioner	Guaico Tamana Road Nestor Village via Sangre Grande	6,674.74
50	"	Destitute Family	3 1/4mm Guaico Tamana Cunaripo Sangre Grande	9,786.67
51	"	Fire victim	LP #29 Fyzabad Branch Road Fyzabad	6,873.31

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NO.	PROJECT TYPE		PROJECT ADDRESS	AMOUNT
52	*MRRG	House collapsing	Lp #157E #15 Savannah Terrace Diego Martin	9,888.31
53	"	Fire victim	Vicky Trace La Canoa Road Santa Cruz	1,480.18
54	"	Fire victim	Eastern Main Road Lp #T338 Valencia	9,956.82
55	"	Damaged by landslide	Lp 45 Providence Estate Upper Bournes Road St. James	2,201.68
56	"	Destitute Family	#62 Petit Curucaye Road Santa Cruz Old Road San Juan	4,292.09
57	"	Dilapidated house/diabetic	Rosetta Baptiste LP#75B Caiman Road, St Joseph	9,998.85
58	"	Home unsafe for living	Lp 52/5 Marshall Gardens Palmiste Estate San Fernando	7,674.61
59	"	Destitute Family	Joseph Street Enterprise Chaguanas	9,997.96
60	"	Destitute Family	Lp #52 Donald Avenue Upper Santa Cruz	9,481.74
61	"	Polio victim	Lp #58 Hassarath Road Cunupia	9,996.38
62	"	Destitute	#57C Cementery Street Monkey Town Lower Barrackpore	9,991.78
63	"	Fire victim	#8 Ixora Lane Pleasantville	9,783.05
64	"	Fire victim	Lot #20 Brooklyn Settlement Mc Gillivary Road Sangre Grande	7,259.45
65	"	Destitute and house unfit to live in	Africa Hill John John Laventille LP 9c	9,954.34
66	"	House unfit for habitation	Kernaham Trace Ortoire Village Mayaro	9,993.47
67	"	House unfit for habitation	Kernaham Trace Ortoire Village Mayaro	9,993.47
68	"	Fire victim	#140 Tapan Lane Coconut Drive Cross Crossing San Fernando	9,998.70
69	"	Destitute/House unsafe for living	#5 Top River Charlotteville Tobago	9,421.58

NO.	PROJECT TYPE	PROJECT ADDRESS	AMOUNT
70	" Fire victim	#108 Avocado Drive Farm Road St. Joseph	9,600.20
71	" Roof destroyed by high winds	Mt. Thomas Tobago	9,440.29
72	" Destitute family	Theresa Phillips Castara Tobago	9,544.49
73	Fire victim	#149 Maharaj Village Southern Main Road Chaguanas	9,418.55
74	Water Distribution	Pole #59 Blue Basin Road Diego Martin	13,121.81
75	Water Distribution	Rock City Upper Erica Street Laventille	17,100.50
76	Road Improvement	Heights Off Gunapo, La Retreat Extension, Wallerfield	78,188.50
77	Road Improvement	Gunness Avenue off Matilda Road Princes Town	5,400.40
78	Water Distrubution	Arena Gardens Feeport	31,753.83
79	Road Improvement	Reservoir Hill Point Fortin	4,002.00
80	Water Distrubution	La Plata K.P Lands Valencia	19,043.55
81	Road Improvement	Hansraj Road off Savary Road Las Lomas #1	78,476.00
82	Road Improvement	Hilltop Drive Haleland Park Maraval	7,958.00
83	Road Improvement	Mungal Trace, Poonam Road, Williamsville	13,369.90
84	Water Distrubution	Community Drive, Mt Dor Road, Champ Fleurs	24,588.07
85	School Building/Refurbishing	San Fernando East Junior Sec School Pleasantville San Fernando	1,480.00
86	Drainage Improvement	Upper Beverly Heights Mayfair Gardens Santa Cruz	4,948.73
87	Assistance to Religious Org.	Hindustan Hindu Temple, Hindustan, New Grant	8,164.43

NO.	PROJECT TYPE	PROJECT ADDRESS	AMOUNT
88	Extension of Electricity Supply	Madoo Tr. Arena Road, Freeport	2,500.00
89	Extension of Electricity Supply	Haniff Trace Freeport	26,214.57
90	Road Improvement	Ogiste Trace, Mamoral Ext. Mamoral #2	42,170.50
91	Water Distrubution	John Williams Road, Tabaquite	32,237.88
92	Drainage Improvement	Covigne Road Diego Martin	36,731.00
93	Road Improvement	Sunrise Street #2 Trace Carolina Village Couva	25,553.00
94	Road Improvement	Abraham Road Claxton Bay	10,672.00
95	Water Distrubution	Picton Extension Rd off Eastern Main Road Sangre Grande	12,247.71
96	Assistance to Community Org.	St Anns West Dev.C'ttee, Ventures Programme, Romain Lands, Morvant	3,829.50
97	Drainage Improvement	#64 Marcano Quarry Upper John John Port of Spain	9,554.49
98	Road Improvement	Coconut Drive Uriah Bulter Highway Guayamare Chaguanas	12,650.00
99	Road Improvement	Emmanuel Road Papyea Village Maraval	9,405.38
100	Road Improvement	Seecharan Trace Guaracara Tabaquite	31,843.50
101	Road Improvement	Batchia Trace, Mamoral #2	48,300.00
102	Road Improvement	Ivan Street Rivers Branch Road Kelly Village Caroni	43,803.50
103	Road Improvement	Marabella Senior Comprehensive School, Marabella	247,779.00
104	Assistance to Religious Org.	Nazir Ahamad Seemab Memorial Mosque Charlieville Chaguanas	49,020.23
105	Road Improvement	Caroni South Bank Road, La Esmeralda North, Las Lomas #3	88,067.00

NO.	PROJECT TYPE	PROJECT ADDRESS	AMOUNT
106	Assistance to Religious Org.	Valencia Pentecostal Assembly Kangalee Street Valencia	16,138.55
107	Assistance to Social Org.	St. James Police Youth Club Four Roads Police Station Diego Martin	18,813.60
108	Road Improvement	Kowlessar Road Off Dallas Road, Gasparillo	45,149.00
109	Assistance to Sporting Org.	Trinidad & Tobago Police Sport Club St. James	5,275.06
110	Agriculture Roads Improvement	Maloney Farmers' Association Lp #40A Ali Jah Lane Piarco Old Road	6,348.00
111	Road Improvement	Ramgoolie Trace South Chin Chin Road, Cunupia	7,532.50
112	Construction of Retaining Wall	Mon Repos Road Morvant	10,508.70
113	Water Distribution	Dookiesingh Street Spring Village St. Augustine	(830.35)
114	Road Improvement	Sonalal Road Todd's Road Chaguanas	4,140.00
115	Office Accommodation NCSH Ltd.	NCSH Head Office Auto Rama Building El Socorro San Juan	13,707.00
116	Drainage Improvement	Crown Trace Pipiol Cantaro Village Upper Santa Cruz	24,695.12
117	Assistance to Religious Org.	Greater Malabar Christian Centre Malabar Arima	19,977.80
118	Road Improvement	Harrichand Trace Palmiste	41,779.50
119	Road Improvement	Thaddeus Trace Palmiste Village Londenville	49,703.00
120	Road Improvement	Unity Lane Carapo, Arima	37,743.00
121	Assistance to Religious Org.	Jesus Worship Centre Nivet Trace Sisters Road Williamsville	21,754.75
122	Construction of Retaining Wall	Nile Street Cocorite	7,073.36
123	Assistance to Religious Org.	Mt. Sinai S.B.C Upper Tunapuna Road Tunapuna	4,859.75

NO.	PROJECT TYPE	PROJECT ADDRESS	AMOUNT
124	Drainage Improvement	Selman Street Enterprise Chaguanas	4,556.53
125	Road Improvement	Rostant Road, Carr Road, Caparo	48,978.50
126	Bridge Construction	De Peza Trace off Quare Road Valencia	9,465.00
127	Construction of Retaining Wall	Upper Bushe Street Maigual San Juan	5,064.60
128	Road Improvement	Centre Trace La Seiva Village Maracas St, Joseph	4,427.50
129	Road Improvement	Cutucapano Road La Pastora, Santa Cruz	47,897.50
130	Extension of Electricity Supply	Bynoe Trace Ext. Enterprise Street Longdenville	11,640.30
131	Assistance to Care givers	Displaced & Homeless Children Home Lp #50 Juman's Dr. Morvant	14,752.54
132	Bridge Construction	Lp #83 Acono Road Maracas St. Joseph	21,551.00
133	Road Improvement	Seeraj Trace Extension Matura Drive Chin Chin Road Cunupia	48,001.00
134	Extension of Electricity Supply	Sahadeen Trace Vega De Oropouche Sangre Grande	13,484.00
135	Road Improvement	Lp #28 Chandoo Lane El Socorro Road San Juan	1,109.75
136	Road Improvement	Road off Sahadath Road off Mandingo Road Princes Town	13,673.50
137	Road Improvement	Nanan Trace Rochard Douglas Road Barrackpore	14,007.00
138	Road Improvement	Siew Trace & Siew Branch Trace Mohess Road Debe	3,150.54
139	Road Improvement	Bristol Road, Warwell Road Ext, Harriot Trace, Robert Village, Tableland	24,081.00
140	Road Improvement	Sand Pit Road Reserve II Off Spring Trace, Quarry Village, Siparia	44,999.50
141	Road Improvement	New Colonial Road, Barrackpore	9,384.00

NO.	PROJECT TYPE	PROJECT ADDRESS	AMOUNT
142	Road Improvement	Duncan Boulevard Caratal Road Gasparillo	24,403.00
143	Refurbishing of Community Centre	Navet Community Complex Navet Village Rio Claro	14,838.57
144	Road Improvement	Balkaran Trace off Mussaral Trace Barrackpore	2,760.00
145	Extension of Electricity Supply	John Charles Trace Area 4 Parrylands Guapo Pt. Fortin	39,784.95
146	Assistance to Religious Org.	Rama Krishna Temple #168 SDMS St. Julien Road New Grant	60,070.25
147	Assistance to Religious Org.	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel R.C Church Naparima/Mayaro New Grant	20,178.99
148	Assistance to Religious Org.	St. Peter's Parish Ethiopian Orthodox Church Dallas Ave Cocoyea	36,630.23
149	Road Improvement	Cipero Railway Line Victoria Village San Fernando	57,308.00
150	Assistance to Religious Org.	St. Cecelia's Baptist Church Lutchman Drive Delhi Rd Fyzabad	39,842.33
151	School Building/Refurbishing	St. Barnabas Church Pre School Cedar Drive Pleasantville	13,437.62
152	Improvement of School Compound	Debe Hindu School Car Park Debe	85,824.50
153	Improvement of Recreational facilities	Palmiste Park Palmiste	30,906.51
154	Road Improvement	Palmiste Park Palmiste	63,178.67
155	Improvement of Recreational facilities	Palmiste Park Palmiste San Fernando	7,245.00
156	Road Improvement	St. Madeleine Methodist Church Manahambre Road St. Madeleine	8,567.50
157	Assistance to Religious Org.	St. Madeleine Methodist Church Manahambre Road St. Madeleine	42,228.00
158	Road Improvement	Kernahan Trace Ortoire Village Mayaro	75,095.00
159	Construction of Shed for Fishermen	Jumbie Bay North Marabella	42,026.75

NO.	PROJECT TYPE	PROJECT ADDRESS	AMOUNT
160	Paving of School's car park	San Fernando Secondary Composite School Farah Street Les Effort	65,274.00
161	Road Improvement	Ramlogan Drive Chase Village Carapichaima	45,045.50
162	Construction of Retaining Wall	LP# 25 Dibe Road, Long Circular, St James	8,814.75
163	Construction of Retaining Wall	Angelina Terrace Morvant	3,291.30
164	Assistance to Sporting Org.	Supersonic Cricket Club Kelly Village Caroni	4,823.19
165	Assistance to Social Org.	SEWA Distance Learning Centre Todd's Road Chaguanas	17,444.35
166	Road Improvement	Polard Nohar Road off O'Brien Trace Biche	10,097.00
167	Road Improvement	North West Drive Patna Village Diego Martin	8,383.50
168	Road Improvement	Jackman Street Extension, Esmeralda Road, Cunupia	31,920.72
169	Extension of Electricity Supply	Tonca Bean Terrace, Upper Pipiol Road, Cantaro, Santa Cruz	2,282.44
170	Bridge Construction	Guarath Hill Side No.1 Maracas Royal Road Maracas St. Joseph	14,248.50
171	Road Improvement	Caratal Section 1 Gasparillo Special Project	5,865.00
172	Road Improvement	Whiteland Special Project	45,873.50
173	Office Accomodation NCSH Ltd.	Scarborough Tobago NCSHL Branch Office	7,295.35
174	Road Improvement	Sieunarine Drive Off Mc Leod Road, Freeport	16,445.00
175	Road Improvement	Lower Roack City Erica Street Laventille	1,052.41
176	Water Distrubution	Scorpion Development Committee Upper Abbe Ponjabe St. Carenage	14,389.38

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NO.	PROJECT TYPE	PROJECT ADDRESS	AMOUNT
177	Construction of Retaining Wall	Maraj Trace, Cantaro Village, Santa Cruz	5,742.53
178	Drainage Improvement	National Cricket Centre Clifford Roach Drive Balmain Couva	12,788.00
179	Drainage Improvement	Upper Erica Street Rock City Laventille	27,316.53
180	Drainage Improvement	Upper Erica Street Rock City Laventille	13,479.15
181	Construction of Recreational facilities	Upper Rock City Recreation Park, Upper Erica Street Laventille	75,000.00
182	Drainage Improvement	Sixth Street Pranz Gardens, Claxton Bay	31,648.00
183	Construction of Recreational facilities	Lower Rock City, Upper Erica Street, Laventille	55,901.50
184	Road Improvement	Lower Rock City, (Phase 1) Upper Erica Street, Laventille	17,401.54
185	Road Improvement	Spring Trace Upper Rock City Laventille	20,240.00
186	Road Improvement	Wealeyan Holiness Church Rock City Upper Erica Street Laventille	51,215.25
187	Road Improvement	Topaz Drive & Amber Ave. La Esmeralda North Las Lomas	44,965.00
188	Assistance to Religious Org.	Base Ball Association Of T & T Queens' Park Savannah Port of Spain	124,876.00
189	Road Improvement	Palm Avenue Calcutta #3 California	29,486.00
190	Construction of Recreational facilities	Lower Rock City Rec. Park Erica Street Laventille	16,946.86
191	Road Improvement	Upper Erica Street, Rock City Circular, Laventille	45,885.00
		TOTAL	3,851,709.16

APPENDIX II

**NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SELF HELP LIMITED
PROJECTS FULLY OR PARTIALLY FUNDED BY NCSH (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND)
FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 2002 TO DECEMBER 2002**

NO.	PROJECT TYPE	PROJECT ADDRESS	TOTAL
1	Water Distribution	Rock City Upper Erica Street Laventille	73,267.65
2	Water Distribution	Gangaram Road & Gangaram Branch Road, Princes Town	5,015.43
3	Construction of Ret. Wall	Pilgrim Drive, Upper Laventille Road, Laventille	9,958.42
4	Drainage Improvement	La Seiva Terrace Maraval	9,144.80
5	Water Distribution	Herrera Trace Morne Coco Road Maraval	21,811.16
6	Water Distribution	Pascall Trace via Wilson Trace Torrib Trace Tabaquite	16,696.81
7	Assistance to religious org.	Shiva Shakti Mandir Bois Jean Jean Mourga	22,891.90
8	Road Improvement	Hilltop Park Mango Alley Trou Macaque Laventille	5,520.00
9	Extension of Electricity Supply	Wyaby Community Board Organisation Soloman St. Carapichaima	19,000.00
10	Water Distribution	Joseph Lane Enterprise Chaguanas	28,695.85
11	Drainage Improvement	Andrew Street Blue Basin Diego Martin	16,008.00
12	Drainage Improvement	Sou Sou Lands Guaico Tamana Road Cunaripo	15,536.50
13	Road Improvement	Boodram Terrace & Ali Drive Picton Settlement Diamond Village	2,898.00
14	Refurbishing of school building	Tabaquite Composite School Manuel Junction Tabaquite	3,008.40
15	Drainage Improvement	Neckles Drive Upper Haig Street Carenage	1,497.30
16	Drainage Improvement	Upper Gran Curacaye Lower Santa Cruz	2,481.70
17	Extension of Electricity Supply	Seebalack Trace Rochard Road Penal	5,800.00

NO.	PROJECT TYPE	PROJECT ADDRESS	TOTAL
18	Road Improvement	Geranium Drive Ext. Coconut Drive Morvant	568.38
19	Extension of Electricity Supply	Salazar Trace Ext. Point Fortin	12,000.00
20	Refurbishing of school building	Erin Road Presbyterian School Quarry Village via Santa Flora	43,941.73
21	Assistance to sporting org.	Explorers Sports & Cultural Organisation North Eastern College Sangre Grande	6,167.22
22	Road Improvement	Sou Sou Lands Grand Bras Estate Febeau Village Laventille	4,450.50
23	Drainage Improvement	El Carmen Branch Road El Carmen Gasparillo Village Santa Cruz	5,175.00
24	Refurbishing of Community Centre	Brasso Seco Tourism Action Committee Brasso Seco Paria	2,700.00
25	Assistance to Social Care Givers	Child Welfare League, Belmont Circular Road Belmont	4,194.62
26	Construction of Ret. Wall	Robert Crescent Sparrow Drive Petit Valley Diego Martin	17,445.50
27	Drainage Improvement	Knack Knack Terrace Mandillon Road Sangre Grande	1,863.00
28	Extension of Electricity Supply	Davis Lane off Jokhan Trace Carapo	26,045.00
29	Bridge Construction	Community Drive Mt. Dor Road Champ Fleur	13,616.00
30	Assistance to religious org.	Gasparillo Hindu Mandir 139 Bonne Aventure Road Gasparillo	18,396.21
31	Extension of Electricity Supply	Sanka Lane Chickland Road Caparo	5,600.00
32	Drainage Improvement	Church Street Extension Success Village Laventille	897.00
33	Road Improvement	Bonntarre Trace 2 1/4mm St. Julien Br. Tr. New Grant Princes Town	2,484.00
34	Construction of Sporting facility	Almond Drive Basketball Court Morvant	21,924.18
35	Refurbishing of Senior Citizen Home	Sunflower Women's Group Beetham Estate	31,123.57
36	Road Improvement	Church Of The Open Bible Richard Street Tacarigua	28,503.51
37	Refurbishing of Community Centre	Indian Trail/Rivulet Village Council Indian Trail Couva	17,547.80

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NO.	PROJECT TYPE	PROJECT ADDRESS	TOTAL
38	Road Improvement	Cyrstal Drive & Zircon Avenue Las Lomas #3	13,593.00
39	Road Improvement	Baptist Church Road Indian Trail Village Couva	9,763.50
40	Road Improvement	Guaico Tamana Education & Sports Community Tamana Road	9,285.45
41	Assistance to religious org.	Cap-de-ville Hindu Temple Ramdhance Trace Cap-de-ville	2,763.45
42	Road Improvement	Hillview Terrace Upper 6th Avenue Malick	17,003.91
43	Drainage Improvement	Scorpion Development Committee Upper Abbe Poujade Street Carenage	23,176.81
44	Road Improvement	Alladin Trace Bonne Aventure Road Gasparillo	1,380.00
45	Construction of Ret. Wall	Community Drive West Mt. Dor Road Champ Fleur	14,110.79
46	Drainage Improvement	Cocorite Farm Cocorite	3,036.00
47	Construction of Panyard	World Wide Steel Orchestra, Hololo Road, St. Ann's	11,447.10
48	Road Improvement	Arjoonsingh Drive Dumfries Road La Romain	6,789.77
49	Road Improvement	Brickfield Branch Road Brickfield Village Waterloo Road Carapichaima	4,278.00
50	Road Improvement	Upper Tunapuna Road Tunapuna	5,255.50
51	Road Improvement	Bacchus Avenue St. Margaret's Village Claxton Bay	2,898.00
52	Extension of Electricity Supply	Dardaine Trace off St. Marie Emmanuel Road Caratal Cumuto	8,000.00
53	Drainage Improvement	Lp #19 Picton Road Laventille Straker Village	7,927.99
54	Assistance to religious org.	Guaracara Hindu Temple Seecharan Trace Guaracara	27,041.01
55	Bridge Construction	Spring Drive Five Rivers Arouca	23,281.01
56	Bridge Construction	Valley View Road Springlands Gasparillo	7,311.19
57	Road Improvement	Badree Street Hermitage Village San Fernando	6,773.50

NO.	PROJECT TYPE	PROJECT ADDRESS	TOTAL
58	Assistance to Social Org.	Spree Simon Co Operative Society Corner Picton Rd & E.M.R Laventille	13,529.98
59	Assistance to religious org.	Petit Morne Mandir Petit Morne Settlement Ste Madeleine	16,330.51
60	Road Improvement	Morne Roche Road Maraval	2,478.25
61	Road Improvement	Savannah Drive Branch Street Enterprise Street Enterprise Chaguanas	840.00
62	Extension of Electricity Supply	Nariva Road Tabaquite	9,000.00
63	Water Distribution	Iris Avenue La Brea	14,689.00
64	Construction of Pre-School Building	St. Martins Welfare Association 1B St. Paul Street E.D.R Port of Spain	80,050.65
65	Road Improvement	Corosan Village William Smith & Mantacool Roads	2,100.00
66	Assistance to religious org.	Mayo Presbyterian Church Mayo	4,221.36
67	Extension of Electricity Supply	Warden Road Extension, Point Fortin	5,500.00
68	Water Distribution	Success Road Las Cuevas Village North Coast via Maracas Bay	12,991.27
69	Road Improvement	Goodhole Trace & Ramjit Trace Poonah	4,140.00
70	Drainage Improvement	Hilltop Avenue Ext. La Sophie Estate Ext. Claxton Bay	7,036.58
71	Repairs to Pre-School	National Land Tennants & Rate Payers Association Chase Village Branch	258.75
72	Road Improvement	Farm School Road Valencia	94,967.00
73	Construction of Ret. Wall	Maraj Trace Cantaro Village Santa Cruz	10,130.71
74	Road Improvement	De Peza Trace Valencia	42,642.00
75	Drainage Improvement	Celestine Drive La Canoa Road Lower Santa Cruz	3,467.25
76	Construction of Ret. Wall	Paramin Hill, Morne Cyril, Paramin, Maraval	8,933.78
77	Drainage Improvement	Ramsarran Trace Bejucal	402.50

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NO.	PROJECT TYPE	PROJECT ADDRESS	TOTAL
78	Construction of Ret. Wall	Upper Bushe Street Maitagual Petit Bourg	45,255.37
79	Construction of Ret. Wall	Lp #13 Redhill Morvant	3,308.43
80	Construction of Ret. Wall	Chinatown Development Committee St. Francois Valley Belmont	4,054.79
81	Road Improvement	Reid Trace Navet Village Rio Claro	14,904.00
82	Construction of Panyard & Animal Pen	Jah Roots Steelband Pt.Ligoure, Pt.Fortin	30,424.49
83	Extension of Electricity Supply	Persad Drive Orange Field Road Carapichaima	3,900.00
84	Water Distribution	Matna Drive Endeavour Village Chaguanas	6,926.71
85	Road Improvement	Jump Street & Demerrara Road Wallerfield	89,809.25
86	Assistance to Care Givers Construction of Building	CRY Care & Respect For Youth Sylbert Street Laventille	19,782.05
87	Drainage Improvement	Tomato Trace River Estate Diego Martin	59,969.05
88	Construction of Pre-School Building	Head Starter Pre School Tara Drive Petit Valley Diego Martin	150,046.25
89	Road Improvement	Stevenville Laventille	59,190.50
90	Drainage Improvement	Lp #17 Picton Road Laventille	3,882.05
91	Road Improvement	Herrerra Trace Morne Coco Road Maraval	49,772.00
92	Road Improvement	Upper Scorpion Valley Upper Abbe Poujade Street Carenage	74,347.50
93	Drainage Improvement	Malabar Arima Lutchmansingh Ave. Coconut Drive West Pope Ave.	105,507.50
94	Road Improvement	Pinto Road Righteous Lane Train Line Arima	60,697.00
95	Road Improvement	Maturita & By Pass Road Arima	92,690.00
96	Construction of Recreational Facility	Heroes Gardens Malabar Phase IV Arima	91,217.48

NO.	PROJECT TYPE	PROJECT ADDRESS	TOTAL
97	Road Improvement	New Roads & Environs New Road Aboud Circular Long Circular St. James	24,437.50
98	Construction of Recreational Facility	Children Play Park Malabar Community Centre	99,950.00
99	Road Improvement	Rock City Upper Erica Street Laventille	49,720.09
100	Construction of Recreational Facility	Rock City Upper Erica Street Laventille	296,476.95
101	Road Improvement	Rock City Upper Erica Street Laventille	48,472.50
102	Road Improvement	Rock City Upper Erica Street Laventille	107,398.50
103	Road Improvement	Rock City Upper Erica Street Laventille	89,941.50
104	Road Improvement	Rock City Upper Erica Street Laventille	7,990.46
		TOTAL	2,752,772.60

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NO.	CONTRACTOR	PROJECT TYPE	PROJECT ADDRESS	PAYMENT AMOUNT
1	AJAY Enterprises	Road Improvement	Lower Rock City Erica Street Laventille	1,052.41
		Road Improvement	Upper Erica Street Rock City Circular Laventille	45,011.00
		Road Improvement	Rostant Road, Carr Road, Caparo	48,978.50
		Water Distrubution	Rock City Upper Erica Street Laventille	17,100.50
		Road Improvement	Batchia Trace, Mamoral #2	48,300.00

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	AJAY Enterprises (cont'd)	Road Improvement	Cutucapano Road La Pastora, Santa Cruz	47,897.50
		Road Improvement	Upper Erica Street, Rock City Circular, Laventille (Phase 1)	874.00
		Road Improvement	Lower Rock City, Upper Erica Street, Laventille	55,901.50
		Road Improvement	Lower Rock City, (Phase I), Upper Erica Street, Laventille	17,401.54
		Road Improvement	Spring Trace Upper Rock City Laventille	20,240.00
2	Anthony Aguilera	Extension of Electricity Supply	Madoo Tr. Arena Road, Freeport	2,500.00
		Extension of Electricity Supply	Haniff Trace Freeport	4,500.00
				7,000.00
3	Anthony Medina	Construction of sporting facility	Base Ball Association Of T & T Queens' Park Savannah Port of Spain	68,900.00
4	Bartholomew's Quarry Ltd	Road Improvement	Ivan Street Rivers Branch Road Kelly Village Caroni	43,803.50
		Road Improvement	Marabella Senior Comprehensive School, Marabella	214,877.50
		Bridge Construction	Guarath Hill Side No.1 Maracas Royal Road Maracas St. Joseph	14,248.50
		Construction of Retaining Wall	Maraj Trace, Cantaro Village, Santa Cruz	4,605.75
		Paving of School Car Park	Marabella Senior Comprehensive School, Marabella	32,901.50
				310,436.75

NO.	CONTRACTOR	PROJECT TYPE	PROJECT ADDRESS	PAYMENT AMOUNT
5	Bigal Investments Ltd	Drainage Improvement	Covigne Road Diego Martin	36,731.00
		Refurbishment of Church Building	Wesleyan Holiness Church Rock City Upper Erica Street Laventille	51,215.25
		Upgrade of Play park	Lower Rock City Rec. Park Erica Street Laventille	16,946.86
				104,893.11
6	D. Lak Transport Ltd	Road Improvement	Sunrise Street #2 Trace Carolina Village Couva	25,553.00
		Road Improvement	Ramgoolie Trace South Chin Chin Road,Cunupia	7,532.50
				33,085.50
7	Gerard Dyer	Road Improvement	Hilltop Drive Haleland Park Maraval	2,070.00
8	H. Dookeran	Religious Org. Refurbishing of Church Building	St. Peters Parish Ethiopian Orthodox Church Cocoyea Village San F'do	6,348.00
		Repairs to School Building	St. Barnabas Church Pre School Cedar Drive Pleasantville	2,834.80
		Improvement of Recreational Facility	Palmiste Park Palmiste San Fernando	7,245.00
		Paving of Roadway & School yard	San Fernando Secondary Composite School Farah Street Les Effort west	3,220.00
		Road Improvement	Whiteland Special Project	45,873.50

NO.	CONTRACTOR	PROJECT TYPE	PROJECT ADDRESS	PAYMENT AMOUNT
	H. Dookeran (cont'd)	Road Improvement	Heights Off Gunapo, La Retreat Extension, Wallerfield	78,188.50
		Road Improvement	Reservoir Hill Point Fortin	4,002.00
		Road Improvement	Mungal Trace, Poonam Road, Williamsville	13,369.90
		Road Improvement	Unity Lane Carapo, Arima	37,743.00
		Road Improvement	Palmiste Park Palmiste	63,178.67
		Road Improvement	St. Madeleine Methodist Church Manahambre Road St. Madeleine	8,567.50
		Paving of Roadway & Church yard	St. Madeleine Methodist Church Manahambre Road St. Madeleine	42,228.00
		Paving of Roadway & School yard	San Fernando Secondary Composite School Farah Street Les Effort	62,054.00
				374,852.86
9	J.B Contracting Co Ltd	Road Improvement	Gunness Avenue off Matilda Road Princes Town	5,400.40
		Drainage Improvement	Upper Beverly Heights Mayfair Gardens Santa Cruz	1,794.00
		Construction of Retaining Wall	Mon Repos Road Morvant	9,073.50
		Drainage Improvement	Selman Street Enterprise Chaguanas	1,794.00
		Road Improvement	Caratal Section 1 Gasparillo Special Project	5,865.00
				23,926.90

NO.	CONTRACTOR	PROJECT TYPE	PROJECT ADDRESS	PAYMENT AMOUNT
10	M & E General Contractors	Religious Org. Refurbishing of Church Building	Jesus Worship Centre Nivet Trace Sisters Road Williamsville	21,754.75
11	Nazim Hosein	Road Improvement	Hansraj Road off Savary Road Las Lomas #1	78,476.00
		Road Improvement	Coconut Drive Uriah Bulter Highway Guayamare Chaguanas	12,650.00
		Road Improvement	Caroni South Bank Road, La Esmeralda North, Las Lomas #3	88,067.00
		Road Improvement	Nanan Trace Rochard Douglas Road Barrackpore	14,007.00
		Road Improvement	Cipero Railway Line Victoria Village San Fernando	57,308.00
		Paving of School Car Park	Debe Hindu School Car Park Debe	85,824.50
		Road Improvement	Ramlogan Drive Chase Village Carapichaima	45,045.50
		Road Improvement	Polard Nohar Road off O'Brien Trace Biche	10,097.00
		Road Improvement	Kernahan Trace Ortoire Village Mayaro	75,095.00
		Road Improvement	Seecharan Trace Guaracara Tabaquite	31,843.50
		Road Improvement	Sand Pit Road Reserve II Off Spring Trace, Quarry Village, Siparia	44,999.50
				543,413.00

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12	Orca Construction Ltd	Office Accomodation NCSH Ltd.	NCSH Head Office Auto Rama Building El Socorro San Juan	13,707.00
13	R & K Seecharie Rentals & Transport Service	Road Improvement	Maloney Farmers' Association Lp #40A Ali Jah Lane Piarco Old Road	6,348.00
		Road Improvement	Balkaran Trace off Mussaral Trace Barrackpore	2,760.00
				9,108.00
14	R. Ramsumair	Road Improvement	Abraham Road Claxton Bay	10,672.00
		Road Improvement	Road off Sahadath Road off Mandingo Road Princes Town	13,673.50
		Road Improvement	Duncan Boulevard Caratal Road Gasparillo	24,403.00
		Road Improvement	Jackman Street Extension, Esmeralda Road, Cunupia	26,680.00
				75,428.50
15	S.M Transport & General Contractors Ltd	Road Improvement	Sonalal Road Todd's Road Chaguanas	4,140.00
		Road Improvement	Harrichand Trace Palmiste	41,779.50
		Road Improvement	Thaddeus Trace Palmiste Village Londenville	49,703.00

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15	S.M Transport & General Contractors Ltd (cont'd)	Construction of Retaining Wall	Upper Bushe Street Maigual San Juan	3,570.75
		Road Improvement	Seeraj Trace Extension Matura Drive Chin Chin Road Cunupia	48,001.00
		Road Improvement	Topaz Drive & Amber Ave. La Esmeralda North Las Lomas	44,965.00
		Road Improvement	Palm Avenue Calcutta #3 California	29,486.00
		Road Improvement	Kowlessar Road Off Dallas Road, Gasparillo	45,149.00
		Road Improvement	Sixth Street, Pranz Gardens, Claxton Bay	2,484.00
		Road Improvement	Ogiste Trace, Mamoral Ext. Mamoral #2	42,170.50
		Road Improvement	Sieunarine Drive Off Mc Leod Road, Freeport	16,445.00
		Road Improvement	Sixth Street Pranz Gardens, Claxton Bay	29,164.00
				357,057.75
16	Boodram Persadi	Construction of Recreational facilities	Upper Rock City Recreational Park, Upper Erica Street Laventille	75,000.00
17	V. Lalla Trucking Service	*MRRG- House delapidated/Accident victim	2 Gooding Trace Malabar Branch Road Arima	431.25
		Drainage Improvement	Crown Trace Pipiol Cantaro Village Upper Santa Cruz	18,584.00

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NO.	CONTRACTOR	PROJECT TYPE	PROJECT ADDRESS	PAYMENT AMOUNT
17	V. Lalla Trucking Service	Road Improvement	Centre Trace La Seiva Village Maracas St, Joseph	4,427.50
		Bridge Construction	Lp #83 Acono Road Maracas St. Joseph	3,588.00
		Road Improvement	New Colonial Road, Barrackpore	9,384.00
				36,414.75
				2,359,805.82

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NO.	CONTRACTOR	PROJECT TYPE	PROJECT ADDRESS	PAYMENT AMOUNT
1	AJAY Enterprises	Road Improvement	Stevenville Laventille	59,190.50
		Road Improvement	Andrew Lane Malabar Branch Road Malabar Arima	82,298.50
		Road Improvement	Rock City Upper Erica Street Laventille	49,720.09
		Road Improvement	Rock City Upper Erica Street Laventille	48,472.50
		Road Improvement	Rock City Upper Erica Street Laventille	107,398.50
		Road Improvement	Rock City Upper Erica Street Laventille	89,941.50
		Road Improvement	Rock City Upper Erica Street Laventille	7,990.46

NO.	CONTRACTOR	PROJECT TYPE	PROJECT ADDRESS	PAYMENT AMOUNT
		Water Distribution	Rock City, Upper Erica Street, Laventille	5,750.00
				.450,762. 05
2	Anthony Aguilera	Extension of Electricity Supply	Dardaine Trace, off St. Marie Emmanuel Rd, Caratal, Cumuto	8,000.00
3	Bartholomew's Quarry Ltd.	Bridge Construction Refurbishing of Church Building	Community Drive Mt Dor Rd, champ Fleur Church Of The Open Bible Richard St, Tacarigua	966.00 6,279.00
4	Bigal Investments Ltd.	Enhancement of Recreational Facilities	Heroes Gardens Malabar Phase IV Arima	88,717.48
		Enhancement of Recreational Facilities	Children Play Park Malabar Community Centre	99,950.00
		Enhancement of Recreational Facilities	Rock City Upper Erica St. Laventille	296,476.95
		Road Improvement	De Peza Trace Valencia	42,642.00
		Road Improvement	Herrerra Trace Morne Coco Rd. Maraval	49,772.00
		Road Improvement	New Roads & Environs New Rd. Aboud Circular, Long Circular St. James	24,437.50
				601,995.93

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NO.	CONTRACTOR	PROJECT TYPE	PROJECT ADDRESS	PAYMENT AMOUNT
5	Chaitlal Durbal	Extension of Electricity Supply	Wyaby Community Board Organisation Soloman St. Carapichaima	19,000.00
		Extension of Electricity Supply	Sanka Lane Chickland Rd, Caparo	5,600.00
		Extension of Electricity Supply	Nariva Rd. Tabaquite	9,000.00
		Extension of Electricity Supply	Persad Drive Orange Field Rd. Carapichaima	3,900.00
				37,500.00
6	Corneal's Engineering & Survey Services Ltd	Construction of Drain	Lp # 17 Picton Rd Laventille	1,564.00
7	D. Lak Transport Ltd	Road Improvement	Baptist Church Rd Indian Trail Village Couva	9,763.50
		Road Improvement	Brickfield Branch Rd Brickfield Village Waterloo Rd. Carapichaima	4,278.00
				14,041.50
8	Francis Lau Construction Ltd.	Refurbishing of school building	St. Martins Welfare Association B St. Paul St. E.D.R. Port of Spain	51,646.50
9	H. Dookeran	Paving of churchyard	Mayo Presbyterian Church Mayo	2,208.00
		Construction of drain	Andrew St. Blue Basin Diego Martin	16,008.00

NO.	CONTRACTOR	PROJECT TYPE	PROJECT ADDRESS	PAYMENT AMOUNT
		Construction of drain	Cocorite Farm Cocorite	3,036.00
		Construction of drain	Hilltop Av. Ext. La sophie Estate Ext. Claxton Bay	6,501.83
		Construction of ret. Wall	Pilgrim Drive, Upper Laventille Rd, Laventille	6,348.00
		Road Improvement	Hilltop Park Mango Alley Trou Macaque Laventille	5,520.00
		Road Improvement	Boodram Terrace & Ali Drive Picton Settlement Diamond Village	2,898.00
		Road Improvement	Alladin Trace Bonne Aventure Rd Gasparillo	1,380.00
		Road Improvement	Jump St. & Demerara Rd. Wallerfield	89,809.25
		Road Improvement	Upper Scorpion Valley Upper Abbe Poujade St. Carenage	74,347.50
		Road Improvement	Maturita & By Pass Rd. Arima	52,785.00
				260,841.58
10	J. B. Contracting Ltd.	Construction of Bridge	Community Drive Mt. Dor Rd. Champ Fleur	9,142.50
		Construction of drain	Church St. Extension Success Village Laventille	897.00
		Construction of drain	Celestine Drive La Canoa Rd. Lower Santa Cruz	1,909.00
		Construction of ret. Wall	Upper Bushe St. Maitagual Petit Bourg	4,398.75
		Road Improvement	Hillview Terrace Upper 6 th Avenue Malick	5,278.50
		Road Improvement	Community Drive West Mt. Dor Rd. Champ Fleur	3,277.50
		Road Improvement	Arjoonsingh Drive Dumfries Rd. La Romain	1,328.25

NO.	CONTRACTOR	PROJECT TYPE	PROJECT ADDRESS	PAYMENT AMOUNT
		Road Improvement	Upper Tunapuna Rd. Tunapuna	1,794.00
		Road Improvement	Badree St. Hermitage Village San Fernando	6,773.50
		Refurbishing of school building	Tabaquite Composite School Manuel Junction Tabaquite	3,008.40
				37,807.40
11	Mungal Kissoon General Contractors	Extension of electricity supply	Seebalack Trace Rochard Rd. Penal	5,800.00
		Extension of electricity supply	Salazar Trace Ext. Point Fortin	12,000.00
		Extension of electricity supply	Warden Rd. Extension Point Fortin	5,500.00
				23,300.00
12	Nazim Hosein	Road Improvement	Farm School Rd. Valencia	14,904.00
		Road Improvement	Reid Trace Navet Village Rio Claro	60,697.00
		Road Improvement	Pinto Rd. Righteous Lane Train Line Arima	94,967.00
				170,568.00
13	R & K Seecharie	Road Improvement	Goodhole Trace & Ramjit Trace Poonah	4,140.00
14	R. Ramsumair	Road Improvement	Bonntare Tr. 2 1/4 mm St. Julien Br. Tr. New Grant Princes Town	2,484.00
		Road Improvement	Valley View Rd. Springlands Gasparillo	2,070.00
				4,554.00

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NO.	CONTRACTOR	PROJECT TYPE	PROJECT ADDRESS	PAYMENT AMOUNT
15	S. M. Transport & General Contractors Ltd.	Construction of ret. Wall	Upper Bushe St. Maitagual Petit Bourg	9,004.50
		Road construction	Crystal Dr. & Zircon Av. Las Lomas # 3	13,593.00
				22,597.50
16	Stollmeyer Ltd.	Road construction	Savannah Dr. Br. St. Enterprise St. Enterprise Chaguanas	840.00
		Road construction	Corosan Village William Smith & Mantacool Roads	2,100.00
				2,940.00
17	Visham Lalla Trucking Service	Construction of drain	Sou Sou Lands Guaico Tamana Rd. Cunaripo	15,536.50
		Construction of drain	El Carmen Br. Rd. El Carmen Gasparillo Village Santa Cruz	5,175.00
		Construction of drain	Knack Knack Terrace Mandillon Rd. Sangre Grande	1,863.00
		Road Improvement	Sou Sou Lands Grand Bras Estate Febeau Village Laventille	4,450.50
		Road Improvement	River Valley La Retrete Jean & Francis St. Malabar Ext. Arima	39,905.00
				66,930.00
			TOTAL	1,766,433.45

Scholarships (2002)

69. Could the Minister of Public Administration and the Environment inform this House of the following:

- (d) Provide a list of the names of all recipients of scholarships in 2002, the value of each scholarship and the place of study?
- (e) State in detail the criteria employed in awarding these scholarships?
- (f) Provide a list of the names of applicants who were unsuccessful in obtaining scholarships and the reasons which guided the decision?

The following reply was circulated to Members of the House:

The Minister of Public Administration and Information Sen. The Hon. Dr. Lenny Saith: In response to part (a) of the question, Appendix I and Appendix IV provide a list of all recipients of scholarships which were managed under the purview of the Ministry of Public Administration and Information in 2002, the value of each scholarship and the place of study.

In response to Part (b) information is provided in Appendix II regarding the criteria used in awarding these scholarships.

APPENDIX I**LIST OF RECIPIENTS OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2002**

NAME OF TRAINEE	COURSE OF STUDY	DURATION OF AWARD	PLACE OF STUDY	VALUE OF AWARD
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (O.A.S.)				
SPECAF				
Urmilla Hardial Forester I	B.Sc. Forestry	2 Years	University of Guyana, Guyana	Personal Maintenance Allowance (PMA) US\$330 per month Tuition. Books-US\$300 Return Airfare.

NAME OF TRAINEE	COURSE OF STUDY	DURATION OF AWARD	PLACE OF STUDY	VALUE OF AWARD
Carlton Roberts Technical Instructor	-do-	-do-	-do-	PMA – US\$330 per month Tuition Books-US\$300 Return Airfare.
Sarah Quesnel Non-public Officer	B.Sc. Environmental Science	-do-	University of Guelph Canada.	PMA Tuition Books Return Airfare
REGULAR TRAINING PROGRAMME Kurleigh Prescod Non-public Officer	M.Sc. Telecommunic ations Management	-do-	University of Maryland U.S.A.	Tuition Books – US\$300 PMA-US\$700 per month Return Airfare Estimate- US\$22,796
Kevin Burgess Non-public Officer	M.Sc. – Earthquake Engineering and Structural Dynamics	-do-	Stanford University California U.S.A.	Tuition Books – US\$300 PMA – US\$700 per month Return Airfare Estimate – US\$32,994 per year
Sandra Figaro-Henry Teacher I	M.Sc. Applied Technology in Education	-do-	New York Institute of Technology U.S.A.	Salary – PMA – US\$700 per month Tuition Books – US\$300 Return Airfare Estimate – US\$25,000

NAME OF TRAINEE	COURSE OF STUDY	DURATION OF AWARD	PLACE OF STUDY	VALUE OF AWARD
Lisa Harrynanan Agricultural Officer I	Postgraduate Certificate in Postharvest Biology and Technology	1 Year	University of California U.S.A.	Salary – PMA – Return Airfare – Estimate – US\$16,825
Alana Smith Petroleum Inspector I	M.Sc. Environmental Applied Science and Management	2 Years	University of Calgary Canada	Salary – Tuition – Can.\$4,373 per year PMA – Can.\$500 Return Airfare Estimate – Can.\$19,036
GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO Natalle Rojas Non-public Officer	M.Sc. – Tourism	-do-	Autonomous University of the State of Mexico Mexico	Tuition – PMA – 4548 Pesos per month Return Airfare
Tricia Douglas Teacher I	Masters – International Business Trade/Economic Development	-do-	National Polytechnic Institute – School of Superior Economics Mexico	Salary – Tuition – PMA 4548 Pesos per month Return Airfare

NAME OF TRAINEE	COURSE OF STUDY	DURATION OF AWARD	PLACE OF STUDY	VALUE OF AWARD
COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP PLAN: Ayles-Anne Wilson	M.Sc. in	-do-	Concordia	Salary –
Technical Vocational <i>Teacher III</i>	Applied Technology in Education		University Canada	PMA – Can.\$1100 per month Books – Can.\$500 per annum Tuition – Return Airfare Settling in – Can.\$500
Darryl Walters Teacher II	M. Phil/Ph.D – Education	3 Years	Fitzwilliams College, University of Cambridge United Kingdom	Salary – PMA - £608 per month Books - £407 Warm Clothing - £268 Tuition Return Airfare
Dorian Noel Non-public Officer	Ph.D –Finance/ Financial Econometrics	-do-	University of Reading United Kingdom	PMA - £608 per month Tuition – Books - £407 Return Airfare Warm Clothing - £268

NAME OF TRAINEE	COURSE OF STUDY	DURATION OF AWARD	PLACE OF STUDY	VALUE OF AWARD
<p>WORLD MARITIME ORGANIZATION</p> <p>Colin Young Non-public Officer</p>	M.Sc. – Port Management	18 months	World Maritime University Sweden	Tuition – US\$5500 per annum PMA – US\$1000 per month
<p>THE NETHERLANDS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME</p> <p>Rosalie Barclay Non-public Officer</p>	Master of Art-Local and Regional Development (Development Studies)	15½ months	Institute of Social Studies The Netherlands	Tuition – PMA – Euro 73,512 per month Return Airfare Books – Insurance – Medical Expenses
<p>TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE – GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC</p> <p>Damian Richardson Cultural Officer I</p>	Master’s Public Sector Management	1 year	Pontificia Universidad Catolica Madre and Maestra Dominican Republic	Salary – Tuition – - Return Airfare PMA – Book – Health Insurance

NAME OF TRAINEE	COURSE OF STUDY	DURATION OF AWARD	PLACE OF STUDY	VALUE OF AWARD
HINDI AWARDS Anita Motilal Non-public Officer	Certificate in Hindi Language	9 months	Kendryia Hindi Sansthan Agra, India	PMA – R1870 Books – R3500 Incidental – R820 Warm Clothing – R4900
Dhanmattie Mahabir Non-public Officer	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-
Khemoutie Kanhai Non-public Officer	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-
Deosaran Sooknan Court Clerk II	-do-	9 months	Kendryia Hindi Sansthan Agra, India	PMA – R1870 Books – R3500 Incidental – R820 Warm Clothing and salary – R4900
Nalini Ragoonanan Teacher I	Diploma in Hindi Language	-do-	-do-	-do-
Sharmila Ramsingh Teacher I	Advanced in Hindi Language	-do-	-do-	-do-
Dolly Paria Clerk III	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-
Brinda Lochan Teacher I	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-
Rajwati Ramcharan Teacher I	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-
Vivik Ragoonanan Teacher II	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-

NAME OF TRAINEE	COURSE OF STUDY	DURATION OF AWARD	PLACE OF STUDY	VALUE OF AWARD
GOVERNMENT OF CUBA Muricia Ashby	B.Sc. degree in History of the Arts	6 years	Universidad de Ciego de Avila Cuba	Accommodation Meals Basic Study Material Monthly Stipend Return Airfare Supplemental Maintenance Allowance– US\$200 per month
Rosa Mae Whittier	B.Sc. Economics	-do-	Universidad de Ciego de Avila Carretera a Moron Cuba	-do-
Kimberly Hewitt	B.Sc. Economics	-do-	-do-	-do-
Liz Edmund	Bachelor's degree in Medicine	7 Years	Universidad de Ciego de Avila Cuba	-do-
Michelle Maharaj	B.Sc. Medicine	-do-	-do-	-do-
Shelly-Ann Chin Soong	B.Sc. Sports and Physical Education	6 Years	UNAH Universidad San Jose Cuba	-do-
Keisha Elcock	B. Sc. Psychology	-do-	Universidd de Ciego de Avila Cuba	-do-

NAME OF TRAINEE	COURSE OF STUDY	DURATION OF AWARD	PLACE OF STUDY	VALUE OF AWARD
Donica Murray	B. Sc. Psychology	-do-	-do-	-do-
Sonja Douglas	B. Sc. Telecommunications	-do-	Universidad de Ciego de Avila Carretera a Moron Cuba	-do-
CARIBBEAN UNION COLLEGE (C.U.C.) TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP				
Nicole Bengochia	B. Sc. Computer Information Systems with a minor in English	3 Years	Caribbean Union College Trinidad	Tuition
Hazel Lewis	B.Sc. Computing	25 months	-do-	Tuition
Avalyn Robinson	B.Sc. Computing	-do-	-do-	Tuition
Junior Bowen	B.Sc. Computing with a minor in Psychology	1 Year	-do-	Tuition
METEOROLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS				
Kenneth Keer Meteorological Assistant	Class II Diploma in Meteorology	18 months	Caribbean Institute for Meteorology and Hydrology Barbados	Salary Medical – B\$30 per month PMA – B\$590 per month Tuition – Return Airfare

NAME OF TRAINEE	COURSE OF STUDY	DURATION OF AWARD	PLACE OF STUDY	VALUE OF AWARD
Arnold Ramgoolam Meteorological Assistant	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-
CIVIL ENGINEERING Madho Balroop Police Constable	B. Sc. Civil Engineering	3 Years	The University of the West Indies St. Augustine	Salary Tuition - \$16,175 Books - \$1,700
Allison Fortune-Elcock Non-Public Officer	-do-	-do-	-do-	Salary Tuition - \$16,175 Books - \$1,700
Karen Cooper Works Supervisor I	-do-	-do-	-do-	Salary Tuition - \$16,175 Books - \$1,700
Marc Cooper Non-public Officer	-do-	-do-	-do-	Salary Tuition - \$16,175 Books - \$1,700
Ricardo Revnales Works Supervisor III	-do-	-do-	-do-	Salary Tuition - \$16,175 Books - \$1,700
Francis Jaggernauth Engineering Assistant	-do-	-do-	-do-	Salary Tuition - \$16,175 Books - \$1,700
Althea Thomas Non-public Officer	-do-	-do-	-do-	Salary Tuition - \$16,175 Books - \$1,700

NAME OF TRAINEE	COURSE OF STUDY	DURATION OF AWARD	PLACE OF STUDY	VALUE OF AWARD
Rose Marie Margy-Wright Temporary Draughtsman I	-do-	-do-	-do-	Salary Tuition - \$16,175 Books - \$1,700
Nigel De Bourg Non-Public Officer	-do-	-do-	-do-	Salary Tuition - \$16,175 Books - \$1,700
Ricardo Fulchan Non-public Officer	-do-	-do-	-do-	Salary Tuition - \$16,175 Books - \$1,700
Orlando Mc Intosh Motor Vehicle Officer I	-do-	-do-	-do-	Salary Tuition - \$16,175 Books - \$1,700
Juanita Parsan Non-public Officer	-do-	-do-	-do-	Salary Tuition - \$16,175 Books - \$1,700

APPENDIX II

The Scholarship Selection Committee, which is responsible for shortlisting, interviewing and selecting candidates for the award of/nomination of candidates for scholarships, generally takes the following factors into consideration in the processing of applications for scholarships: the candidate's academic qualifications; work experience; area of study; motivation and commitment; maturity and communication skills.

In situations where up to fifteen (15) applications have been received for any particular scholarship programme, the Scholarship Selection Committee would not shortlist candidates but would interview all eligible applicants.

However, where a large number of applications have been received – and this is applicable to the Commonwealth awards, the Organisation of American States

awards and other popular programmes – the Scholarship Selection Committee would, in the first instance, engage in a shortlisting exercise whereby all eligible applications would be considered and a shortlist of applicants, who would be invited to attend an interview, formulated.

At the shortlisting stage of the selection process, candidates would be selected based on the following:

Academic Qualifications

Marks would be awarded in different ranges based on the number of subject passes and grades or class of degree, etc. obtained. For example, in the case of postgraduate awards, marks are allotted in the following categories: First Class Honours; Upper Second Class Honours; Lower Second Class Honours and Pass.

Additional marks would be awarded for any relevant additional qualifications which the candidate might have.

In the area of study where awards are open, that is, where a person can apply to pursue studies in any field, a list of the various areas of study applied for is sent to the Ministry of Planning and Development where the areas would be put into priority groupings (Group I, II, III, etc) based on the human resource requirement needs of the country.

There could be three to four groupings of priority areas of study and marks would be allotted to each group with the highest mark going to fields of study falling within Group I.

With regard to work experience marks are awarded under “the field of intended study” for two years and more; one year and more, but less than two years; six months to under 12 months and under six months. In the category of “not in the field of intended study” there are two years and more; one year and more, but less than two years and under one year.

The Scholarship Selection Committee would then aggregate the marks of each individual under the three headings and decide on the number of persons who would be invited to attend an interview, on the basis of the Order of Merit List, the number of awards being offered, and the number of applications received.

At the interview stage of the selection process, additional marks would be awarded in the areas of motivation and commitment; maturity and communication skills.

With respect to the areas identified at paragraph 6 above, each member of the committee would allot marks to each candidate within the range of marks agreed upon based on his/her own assessment of the candidate.

At the end of the interviews, the marks awarded to each applicant would be aggregated, following which the merit of each candidate would be discussed in relation to the candidate's interest and knowledge in the area of study; the potential of the candidate to contribute to national development on completion of his/her training; the candidate's suitability in terms of personal attributes, career goals, aspirations and outlook on life and an order of merit list established.

An appropriate Note containing the comments and recommendations of the Scholarship Selection Committee would then be prepared for the consideration and approval of Cabinet.

APPENDIX II

UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS RE: NALIS SCHOLARSHIP 2002

NAMES	REMARKS
1. Maneka Gokool } 2. Erna Carrington }	Nominated as alternates for award of scholarship
3. Shelley-Ann Greaves	
4. Renita Seegobin	
5. Michelle Corbie	
6. Mohan Redoy	Not shortlisted; incomplete application
7. Nicole Mohini Ramsook	
8. Natasha Yasha Singh	
9. Clint Chan Tack	
10. Linda Superville	
11. Sean Ng Wai	No longer interested

NAMES	REMARKS
12. Asha Soorsatee Deonarine	
12. Kristy-Ann Mahato	
13. Randall Jitman Betty-Ann Sieudath	
14. Ramnarine Thackoor	
15. Juliet Paulina Glenn-Callender	
16. Nicole Shavaine Dipsingh	
17. Rebecca Yuk Sheung Njeri Smith	
18. Dabrielle Nurse	
19. Cherry Ann Smart	
20. Kamella Karianne Carmino	
21. Chandra Teerie	
22. Dawn Therese Newton-Cooper	
23. Gillian Navarro	
24. Stephen Brown	
25. Vera Deonanan	

NAMES	REMARKS
26. Aisha Baptiste	
26. Kalisha Mohammed	
27. Madoorie Primchand	
28. Carol Helen Julien	
29. Trevor Joefield	
30. Brigid Susan Winter	
31. Nisha Hosein	
32. Maria Eureka Clapperton	
33. Rishi Shashi Maharaj	
34. Geeta Indar0De Bourg	
35. Renée Amanda Heywood	Not shortlisted, originals not submitted
36. Angeliqne Megan Bayley	Incomplete no resumé
37. Hans Anil Hanooman	
38. Carol Christine Linton	
39. Resa Lonette Jack	

NAMES	REMARKS
40. Dominic Charles	
41. Avé Paula Mann	
42. Cindy Andrea Browne	
43. Susan Allyson Alfonso	
44. Thérèse Watson	
45. Savitri Lalman-Balkaran	
46. Jasmin Alicia Simmons	
47. Julian Damian Holison Gift	
48. Allison Mary Nisha Shepherd	
49. Nicole Avalyn Harris	
50. Laurine Quash-Antoine	
51. Dave Ian Jason Brathwaite	
52. Renee-Amanda Heywood	
53. Givan Clouden	
54. Kristal Petal Williams	

NAMES	REMARKS
55. Tavita Valeda Ramcharan	
56. Lynette Murray	
57. Paulette Reefer	
58. Neal Rasmine	
59. Deborah Birjah-Rampersad	
60. Genevieve Simbhoo	
61. Margo Anne Marie Malcolm	
62. 65. Sheldon Vail Seebaran	

APPENDIX III**APPLICANTS WHO WERE UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS****INTRODUCTION**

The following lists marked A-O provide information on applicants who were unsuccessful in obtaining awards. The failure by candidates to obtain awards can be attributed mainly to supply and demand; that is there are many persons competing for very few awards. For instance in the case of the United Kingdom Commonwealth Awards for 2002, the Commonwealth Authorities requested the Government of Trinidad and Tobago to submit five (5) nominations. Seventy-two (72) applicants were received and all candidates met the minimum academic requirement of Upper Second Class Honours. The Scholarship Selection Committee is therefore always faced with the difficult task of recommending a few persons for scholarship or for nomination for awards from a pool of highly qualified applicants.

It is also important to note that not all of the applicants who are nominated by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago under international technical assistance programmes are successful in obtaining awards. The majority of applicants have eventually to be advised that they were unsuccessful in being granted an award or being nominated for an award because the Scholarship Selection Committee is constrained by the number of awards or nominations that can be made.

G.

**CANDIDATES WHO WERE UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING AWARDS
UNDER THE NETHERLANDS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME (2002)**

1	SMITH, Alana
2	SMITH, Rebecca
3	JOHNSON, James
4	HARRY, Paul Natalie
5	RAMNANAN, Anil
6	LEWIS, Wendy Ann
7	FIGARO HENRY, Sandra
8	DOUGLAS, Tricia
9	GRANT, Dianne
10	BARCLAY, Rosalie Vern
11	GRIMES, Nigel
12	OGISTE, Nandi Michelle
13	HUGHES, Allison C
14	CLARKE, Alesia
15	SIEWNARINE, Anne Marie
16	WINCHESTER, Agnes
17	HERNANDEZ, Carol
18	BALKISSOON, Frankie
19	KHAN, Niaa
20	HOWELL, Marisa
21	JACK, Resa Lonette

H.

**APPLICANTS WHO WERE UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING AWARDS
FOR THE M.Sc. COURSE IN MARITIME AFFAIRS AT THE WORLD
MARITIME UNIVERSITY, MALMO, SWEDEN – (2001/2002)**

- 1 XAVIER, Roger
- 2 CHANG FONG, Celia
- 3 RAMDAHIN, Ian Hymdath
- 4 WILSON, Justin
- 5 SMITH, Julius
- 6 ALI OMAR, Ibn Rayasat
- 7 MAPP, Dawford Edison
- 8 PIERRE, Murchison
- 9 GONZALES, Jennifer
- 10 BAGOO, Seebaran Lesann
- 11 ALLEYNE, Hayden
- 12 SCIPIO-HOSANG, Michelle
- 13 ROBINSON, David Hugh
- 14 GREEN, Rita
- 15 CHADBAND, Garth
- 16 MORRISON, Richard Earle
- 17 MOHAMMED, Davion

I.

**APPLICANTS WHO WERE UNSUCCESSFUL
IN OBTAINING AWARDS IN HINDI BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA –(2002/2003)**

- 1 CHUNILAL, Sindaree Sandy

J.

**APPLICANTS WHO WERE UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING AWARDS UNDER
CARICOM/CUBA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME (2002/2003)**

- 1 MATTHIAS, Yoka K
- 2 BEHARRY, Jonathan

- 3 DOUGLAS, Charla Marie
- 4 SOLOMON, Shivanand P
- 5 NPANGI, Assate Kernallan
- 6 TITUS, Maria
- 7 JOHNSON, Cindy
- 8 MARSHALL, Kendra
- 9 NANAN, Fayola
- 10 FRANCIS, Dixis
- 11 LEWIS, Anika Naiasha
- 12 MATTHEWS, Deborah
- 13 CHUNISINGH, Deryck
- 14 JOHNSON, Keri
- 15 JOHNSON, Stacey-Ann M
- 16 PADIA, Joel
- 17 MATTIS, Cherrie Ann
- 18 RAMROOP, Paula
- 19 AUSTIN, Janine Rosselle
- 20 SADOO, Mark Harry
- 21 ALLEYNE, Anya K
- 22 GUY, Kester

K.

**APPLICANTS WHO WERE UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING AWARDS UNDER
THE CARIBBEAN UNION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME – (2002)**

- 1 WILLIAMS, Marisha
- 2 DEOPERSAD, Lilawati
- 3 NOEL, Marisa Tisha
- 4 CROSS-DALY, Marsha
- 5 AMOS, Kerry Ann
- 6 MAYERS, Carl
- 7 DOUGLAS, Charleeze
- 8 ANTOINE, Ayanna

9	JULIEN, Lisa Cherry
10	WILLIAMS, Khadisha Michelle
11	BEHARRY, Sonya Kelly
12	DIAZ, Althea
13	MOORE, Randy Claude Patrick
14	ALLEYNE, Anya Kerricia
15	FRANCIS, Rendell
16	PAUL, Jane
17	RAMLAKHAN, Dhanmatie
18	RAMOUTAR, Melissa
19	SHARP, Wendy
20	CHARLES, Trent
21	AHYOUNG, Myrnelle
22	HORSFORD, Myrna
23	NURSE, Dianne Cindy
24	BOODRAM, Ravi
25	LEWIS, Rhonda
26	JONES, Makesi
27	BRITO, Keva
28	NEWANI, Everol
29	ROACH, Mandi Que
30	MC CLATCHIE, Hollis W
31	ELDER, Allan
32	FORBES, Felicia
33	ROBINSON, Jaycie-Ann
34	SEALY, Ermintrude
35	WHITE, Delene
36	JAMES, Ashella

E.

**APPLICANTS WHO WERE UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING AWARDS
UNDER THE COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP PLAN
(UNITED KINGDOM PROGRAMME) – (2002)**

1	EXTAVOUR , Rian
2	LOUDITT, Steve

- 3 PAUL HARRY, Natalie
- 4 METIVIER, A. Kimlin
- 5 JACK, Resa Lonette
- 6 MAHARAJ, Chris
- 7 SHAH, Kalim
- 8 HOGAN, Kirk Derwyn
- 9 MC LEOD, Nicole
- 10 BOYCE, Carolyn Lisa
- 11 LONDON, Jacqueline
- 12 ROJAS, Terrance
- 13 WILSON, Ayles-Anne
- 14 GAIRY, Khadena
- 15 SEENARINE, Kathleen
- 16 LOBBAN, Amina
- 17 HOGAN, Kathy Ann
- 18 LEWIS, Ria
- 19 GIBBONS, Adeola Patricia
- 20 LEE TANG, Edward
- 21 GOPIE, Krishana
- 22 MOHAMMED, Natasha
- 23 HOSEIN, Nisha
- 24 SIMON, Stacey
- 25 SMITH, Alana
- 26 HOSEIN, Marianne
- 27 RAMOS BISHOP, Dominique
- 28 HOYTE, Trudee
- 29 SUEPAUL MUNGROO, Nisa
- 30 SYLVESTER, Myrnelle
- 31 DEONARINE, Tara R.
- 32 PEREIRA, Sarah
- 33 CHADEE, Jason
- 34 PANCHORIE, Ricardo

35	SMART, Zakiya Asha
36	REYES, Debbie
37	BASANTA, Lynsay
38	RAMDEO, Alicia
39	SMITH, Christopher
40	PRESCOD, Kurleigh
41	MAHADEO, Rishi
42	GEOFROY, Nancy
43	SUEPAUL, Rod
44	KHAN, Karima
45	DOUGLAS, Tricia
46	HEMLEE, Shivaughn
47	ECKSTEIN, Allison
48	JAGESSAR, Jillian
49	DASS, Sairia
50	SIMPSON, Candace
51	RAMCHARAN, Roger
52	TEELUCKSINGH, Trudy
53	KASSIE, Nadine
54	BAYLEY, Angelique
55	MACINTOSH, Andrew
56	NILES, Keren
57	POTTS, Andrea
58	RAMSARAN, Savatry
59	JOSEPH, Natalie
60	SMITH, Richard
61	MANJOO, Ajay
62	MARTIN, Alicia
63	ADAM, Javen
64	ARTHUR, Amryl
65	CLARKE, Anthea Cecile
66	DILLON, Mona

*Written Answers to Questions**Friday, May 02, 2003*

67 PEMBERTON. Asha

68 BOODOO. Suzan

APPENDIX III

A.

APPLICANTS WHO WERE UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING SCHOLARSHIPS
 UNDER THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
 UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES PROGRAMME – (2002)

1 WILLIAMS, Junior W.

2 GIBBS, Cerian

3 DOUGLAS, Myrna

4 NELSON, Michael

5 RUDOLFO, Nicholas

6 RAMDEO, Alicia

7 MAHARAJ, Matthew

8 SANTOS, Kyle

9 QUESNEL, Suzanne

10 MOSCA, Dennis John

11 BURROWES, Janeisha

12 DOWNES, Shenda

13 ARNAUD, Melissa

14 WILLIAMS, David

15 AUGUSTUS, Gillian

16 DE PAIVA, Kevin

17 WHITE, Giselle

B.

APPLICANTS WHO WERE UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING AWARDS
 UNDER THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
 POST GRADUATE PROGRAMME – (2002)

1 RAYMOND, Petronilla

2 METIVIER, Kimlin

3 PAUL HARRY, Natalie

- 4 ROSEMAN, Ayodelle
- 5 THOMAS, Richard Mark
- 6 HEM-LEE, Shivaughn
- 7 RAMCHARITAR, Maharaj Vidya
- 8 CHERRIE, Maria
- 9 RAMPERSAD, Indira
- 10 HOMER, Sharon
- 11 JOHNSON, James
- 12 CORDNER, Kurt A.P.
- 13 JOSEPH, Natalie
- 14 LEWIS, Wendy Ann
- 15 DEONARINE, Tara
- 16 LEID, Simone
- 17 HUGGINS, Georgia Vernelle
- 18 NABIE, Nadine
- 19 FRANCIS, Dixil
- 20 BARRATT, Kai Abi
- 21 DILLON, Mona
- 22 SALICK, Nalini
- 23 JOHN, Lorraine
- 24 HOSEIN, Jerome
- 25 ROJAS, Terrence
- 26 GRANT, Dianne
- 27 SMART, Zakiya
- 28 CLARKE, Kelly
- 29 MOORLEY, Dereck
- 30 MARTIN, Alicia
- 31 KHAN, Karima
- 32 KHAN, Lorraine
- 33 SOOKNANAN, Courtney

- 34 GREENIDGE, Chanzo
- 35 RAMJATTAN, Monica
- 36 JOSEPH, Sacha
- 37 JARVIS, Jason
- 38 HANSON, Dionne Sara

F.

APPLICANTS WHO WERE UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING AWARDS
UNDER THE COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP & FELLOWSHIP PLAN
(NEW ZEALAND PROGRAMME) (2002)

- 1 WILSON, Alysia
- 2 ISAAC, Wendy-Ann
- 3 GABRIEL, Milton
- 4 SEEBARANSINGH, Devendra
- 5 SMITH, Valentine
- 6 KHAN, Karima
- 7 BOODRAM, Daveka
- 8 ASHTON Sheryl Anne
- 9 BRAITHWAITE, Kirkland
- 10 MC DOUGALL, Khadine
- 11 NATHANIEL, Karene-Anne
- 12 SON LEE, Son Yen Ian
- 13 CHARLES, Kathleen
- 14 MURRAY, Judy
- 15 MONTOUTE, Hazel J.
- 16 MANWARING, Tamara Jodi
- 17 LEWIS, Wendy-Ann
- 18 ROSTANT, Wayne
- 19 SMITH, Richard
- 20 GONZALES, Janadi C.
- 21 RAMOUTAR, Wendell
- 22 PERSAD, Lystra

23	TANG CHOON, Russell
24	WALTERS, Darryl
25	LEE TANG, Edward
26	COLLETTE, Lauren
27	PILGRIM, Vernilla E.A.
28	CLARKE, Floretta
29	LA BORDE, Hyacinth
20	CHARLES, Tricia
31	DAVIS, Eudine

C.

**CANDIDATES WHO WERE UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING
AWARDS UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO AWARDS PROGRAMME (2002)**

1	BENJAMIN, Ariane Camille
2	WILLIAMS, S. Joanne

L.

**APPLICANTS WHO WERE UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING AWARDS OFFERED
BY THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (2002)**

1	SHALLOWE, Shallona
2	YORKSHIRE, Susan Wendy
3	HOSPEDALES, Joan

N.

**APPLICANTS WHO WERE UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING
AWARDS OFFERED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
FOR THE B.Sc. DEGREE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES, ST. AUGUSTINE – (2002)**

1	RAYMOND, Esther Kezia C.
2	KISSOON, Kaidar
3	DE FREITAS, Kieran
4	DINO LEWIS, Phillip
5	BOSLAND, Dereko

- 6 CHRISTOPHER, Gandalal Kean
- 7 GOSINE, Ravi
- 8 BEEDAISE, Baldath
- 9 FARRELL, Jason Andrew
- 10 AUGUSTIN, Charline
- 11 LEE CHONG, Eugene
- 12 SANTOKEE, Rabindra
- 13 PAYNTER, Astrid Mellany
- 14 HINDS, Ethelbert
- 15 BIRKETTE, Shivon Dave
- 16 SINGH, Vishal
- 17 RAMSOOK, Ann
- 18 FRANCIS, Tamara
- 19 O'CONNOR, Michelle
- 20 BALLIRAM, Ravi
- 21 RAMPERSAD, Lyndon
- 22 SCANTERBURY, Hans
- 23 ATTZS, Koffi
- 24 BEHARRY, Kerwin
- 25 HOSEIN, Sephra
- 26 BARTHOLOMEW, Annessa
- 27 PABLO, Twain
- 28 DE BOURG, Nigel
- 29 HOSEIN, Neesha
- 30 ALEXANDER, Julien
- 31 WILLIAMS, Andy Nigel
- 32 NIDHAN, Nathaniel
- 33 CHUNISINGH, Denis
- 34 RAMBARRAN, Don
- 35 SINGH NARINE, Kavita
- 36 MURRAY, Dufern Janelle

- 37 CHARLES, Kelly
- 38 RAMLOCHAN, Bertrand
- 39 BRIGGS, Dobson
- 40 MOHAMMED, Mushtaque
- 41 DELEON, Dax
- 42 RAMKISSOON, David

D.

**APPLICANTS WHO WERE UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING AWARDS
UNDER THE COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP PLAN
(CANADA PROGRAMME) (2002/2003)**

- 1 DILLON, Mona
- 2 MOORLEY, Dereck
- 3 METIVIER, Kimlin
- 4 SMITH, Alana
- 5 EXTAVOUR, Rian
- 6 RAMPERSAD, Indira
- 7 MOHAMMED, Ntasha N
- 8 CORDNER, kurt
- 9 HUGGINS, Georgia
- 10 NICHOLAS, Payola C.A
- 11 RAMDEO, Alicia
- 12 SEEPERSAD, Randy
- 13 DASH MAHARAJ, Devitra
- 14 PATTRON, Deryck
- 15 MAHARAJ, Chris Sat
- 16 MAHADEO, Rishi
- 17 RAMOS BISHOP, Dominique
- 18 LAWRENCE, Anuska
- 19 DEONARINE, Tara
- 20 HEM LEE, Shivaughn
- 21 CHEDDIE, Denver

22	PANCHORIE, Ricardo
23	KHAN, Karima
24	SHAH Kalim
25	LEE TANG, Edward
26	FRANCIS, Dixil
27	BOODOO, Susan
28	LAWRENCE, Yvienne
29	GEOFROY, Nancy
30	CHADEE, Jason
31	REYES, Debbie
32	FIGARO HENRY, Sandra
33	SMART, Zakiya
34	TELLUCKSINGH, Trudy
35	DOUGLAS, Tricia
36	CLARICE, Aleshia
37	CHADBAND, Garth
38	RAMNANAN, Meera
39	MOHAMMED, Rianna
40	GREENIDGE, Chanzo

M.

**CANDIDATES WHO WERE UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING AWARDS
OFFERED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
- METEOROLOGY CLASS II DIPLOMA – (2002)**

1	CORRAIN, Leslie C.
2	BENJAMIN, Sary
3	DICKSON, Ashford
4	MOLLINEAU, Renwick
5	MOSES, Judy
6	BLAKE, Jeremy

APPENDIX IV

**List of NALIS Scholarship Award Recipients
re: Post Graduate Degrees in Library and Information Science - 2002**

	NAME	INSTITUTION	TUITION		ALLOWANCE		AIRFARE	SALARY	VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP (TT\$)
	<u>CANADA</u>								
			Can \$	TT \$	Can \$	TT \$			
1	Peter Green	University of Western Ontario	\$10,957.84	\$94,778.00	\$17,760.00	\$76,722.00	\$7,956.00	\$66,024.00	\$245,478.00
2	Camille Cheddie	University of Toronto	\$26,966.00	\$116,493.12	\$17,760.00	\$76,722.00	\$8,317.40	\$78,024.00	\$279,556.00
3	Volinha Narinesingh	Mc Gill University	\$18,104.00	\$78,209.28	\$17,760.00	\$76,722.00	\$13,356.00	\$63,816.00	\$232,104.00
4	Avril Belfon	University of Toronto	\$28,966.00	\$125,133.12	\$17,760.00	\$76,722.00	\$8,271.40	\$124,608.00	\$334,734.00
5	Jo-Anne Haywood	Mc Gill University	\$20,552.00	\$88,784.64	\$17,760.00	\$76,722.00	\$13,356.18	\$71,664.00	\$250,526.00
6	Joy Smith	Mc Gill University	\$21,700.00	\$93,744.00	\$17,760.00	\$76,722.00	\$13,356.18	\$153,648.00	\$337,470.00
7	*Mariella Pilgrim	University of Toronto	\$26,966.00	\$107,288.18	\$21,120.00	\$128,778.00	\$8,371.40		\$244,438.00
8	*Kumaree Ramtahal	University of Western Ontario	\$31,782.00	\$125,150.00	\$21,120.00	\$128,778.00	\$9,334.50		\$263,262.00
9	*Karen Eccles	University of Toronto	\$28,966.00	\$125,112.00	\$21,120.00	\$128,778.00	\$8,371.40		\$224,618.00
10	Michelle Garcia	Dalhousie University	\$19,302.00	\$76,792.00	\$17,870.00	\$112,580.00	\$14,334.14	\$75,672.00	\$273,134.00

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	NAME	INSTITUTION	TUITION		ALLOWANCE		AIRFARE	SALARY	VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP (TT\$)
11	Anuska Lawrence	University of Toronto	\$26,966.00	\$107,288.00	\$17,760.00	\$76,722.00	\$8,371.40	\$149,736.00	\$342,118.00
12	*Anjali Dookeran	Mc Gill University			\$21,120.00	\$132,792.00			\$95,454.00
13	Karen Ross	Mc Gill University	\$21,700.00	\$93,740.00	\$15,160.00	\$65,490.00	13306	\$149,736.00	\$322,272.00
14	*Jiselle Alleyne	Dalhousie University	\$17,700.00	\$76,464.00	\$17,960.00	\$77,586.00	\$9,854.00		\$163,904.00
	TOTAL		\$300,627.84	\$1,3 08,976.34	\$259,790.00	\$1,311,836.00	\$136,556.00	\$932,928.00	\$3,609,068.00

***Non Public Servants**

	<u>USA</u>								
			US \$	TT \$	US \$	TT \$			
15	*Marsha Winter	Syracuse University			\$21,110.00	\$132,992.00	\$10,354.00		\$356,750.00
16	*Maurisa Gonzales	Queens College, The City University of New York	\$15,428.00	\$97,196.40	\$21,110.00	\$132,992.00	\$5,229.96		\$235,418.00
17	*Cleavon Brathwaite	Florida State University	\$27,512.00	\$173,325.60	\$21,110.00	\$132,992.00	\$8,549.40		\$314,868.00

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	NAME	INSTITUTION	TUITION		ALLOWANCE		AIRFARE	SALARY	VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP (TT\$)
18	Maria Cherrie	Syracuse University	\$33,876.00	\$213,418.80	\$17,870.00	\$112,580.00	\$10,354.24	\$67,824.00	\$404,176.00
19	Juliet Glenn-Callender	Indiana University	\$28,726.00	\$180,973.80	\$17,870.00	\$112,580.00	\$10,474.10	\$69,696.00	\$375,692.00
20	Arlene Dolabaille	Syracuse University	\$33,876.00	\$213,418.00	\$17,870.00	\$112,580.00	\$10,354.24	\$92,064.00	\$428,416.00
21	*Sujin Huggins	University of Illinois	\$28,596.00	\$180,154.80	\$21,110.00	\$132,992.00	\$9,015.98		\$322,162.00
22	Sunita Gobin	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey	\$24,000.00	\$151,200.00	\$17,870.00	\$112,580.00	\$6,417.30	\$146,928.00	\$417,124.00
23	Michelle Wooding	Simmons College, USA	\$43,748.00	\$275,562.00	\$17,870.00	\$113,084.00	\$6,452.00		\$395,298.00
24	Gerada Holder	University of Pittsburg	\$45,944.00	\$289,448.00	\$15,310.00	\$96,452.00	\$8,743.78	\$68,880.00	\$446,036.00
25	*Juliet Hector	University of Pittsburg	\$45,944.00	\$288,448.00	\$17,950.00	\$113,084.00	\$8,743.78		\$393,788.00
26	Shelly Lyons	Simmons College, USA	\$50,900.00	\$32,670.00	\$15,310.00	\$96,452.00	\$6,653.78	\$153,768.00	\$577,542.00
		TOTAL	\$378,550.00	\$2,095,815.40	\$222,360.00	\$1,401,360.00	\$101,342.56	\$599,160.00	\$4,667,270.00

*Non Public Servants

LIST OF RECIPIENTS WHO HAVE NOT YET TAKEN UP THE AWARD

27	Georgia Alexander								
28	Janice Reid								
29	Ray Mc Carthy								
30	Viki Vinisha Kanhai								

**National Petroleum Company Limited
(Motor Vehicles)**

- 70.** Could the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries provide this House with a list of all motor vehicles by registration number that were sold by the National Petroleum Company Limited in 2002, indicating the names of the persons to whom they were sold and the amounts paid?

The following reply was circulated to Members of the House:

The Minister of Energy and Energy Industries (Hon. Eric Williams): The National Petroleum Marketing Company sold no motor vehicles during the year 2002.

**National Petroleum Company Limited
(Donations/Sponsorship)**

- 71.** Could the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries provide a list of all donations/sponsorships granted by the National Petroleum Company Limited in 2002, detailing the names of recipients and amounts given?

The following reply was circulated to Members of the House:

The Minister of Energy and Energy Industries (Hon. Eric Williams):

A list of all donations/sponsorships granted by National Petroleum Marketing Company Limited in 2002 detailing recipients and amounts given is shown at Appendix I.

SUMMARY OF DONATIONS GIVEN—2002

MONTH	AMOUNTS
	\$
January	4,250.00
February	24,863.75
March	17,253.70
April	36,213.70
May	51,888.38
June	30,678.00
July	33,799.00
August	43,900.00
September	64,785.00
October	28,765.82
November	22,320.00
December	25,255.00
TOTAL	383,972.35

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JANUARY 2002

No.	Names of Recipients	Amounts Given (\$)
1	QRC Foundation	1,250.00
2	Grissom Sports Club	300.00
3	San Juan District Carnival Committee	400.00
4	Sacred Heart Girls R. C. School	500.00
5	Organization for Socio Economic Development	1,800.00
	TOTAL	4,250.00
	No. of requests received for January 2002	57

FEBRUARY 2002

No.	Names of Recipients	Amounts Given (\$)
1	Oilfield Workers Trade Union (Steelband competition)	3,000.00
2	National Carnival Commission	2,000.00
3	Santa Cruz Touring Team	225.00
4	Hollis Duncan Medical Expenses	5,000.00
5	National Association of Secretaries	10,063.75
6	National Gas Company	1,000.00
7	Servol Junior Life Centre	675.00

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No.	Names of Recipients	Amounts Given (\$)
8	Valencia Pentecostal Children's Carnival Group	300.00
9	YMCA	600.00
	TOTAL	24,863.75
	No. of requests received for February 2002	20

MARCH 2002

No.	Names of Recipients	Amounts Given (\$)
1	South Chamber of Industry & Commerce, Inc.	400.00
2	Las Lomas No. 2 Women's Group (LPG Cylinder)	53.70
3	Earth United	400.00
4	Miss Adana Jones	5,000.00
5	Arima Presbyterian Primary School	4,000.00
6	Trinidad & Tobago Volleyball Federation	750.00
7	St. John's Mother's Union	300.00
8	Trincity Nationals Football Club	500.00
9	Port of Spain Netball League	1,850.00
10	Northern Games 2002	4,000.00
	TOTAL	17,253.70
	No. of requests received for March 2002	27

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APRIL 2002

No.	Names of Recipients	Amounts Given (\$)
1	Route 2 Maxi Taxi Association.	3,000.00
2	Alliance Francaise	480.00
3	Laventille Boys Government Primary School	500.00
4	Mr. Carl James	1,000.00
5	La Brea Zonal Super League	400.00
6	Mr. Winston Grazette	500.00
7	St. Philomen Healing SB Church	400.00
8	Santa Flora Government School	250.00
9	Mr. Andrew Gordon	500.00
10	Moriah Police Youth Club	500.00
11	Marionettes Chorale	780.00
12	Janet Cyrus	1,000.00
13	Bon Accord/Black Rock Secondary Centre	300.00
14	Mayaro Unemployed & Concerned Citizens	6,300.00
15	Tobago Aids Society	1,000.00
16	Harpe Place Pre School	420.00
17	Parry's Pan School	150.00

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No.	Names of Recipients	Amounts Given (\$)
18	Amateur Swimming Association of T & T	500.00
19	Ms. Mona Maxime	500.00
20	4H/YFC Voluntary Leaders Council	300.00
21	Rotary Club of Chaguanas	1,000.00
22	Teneille Dottin	1,000.00
23	North Zone T & T Cricket Board of Control	1,060.00
24	Community Promotions, Mayaro	3,920.00
25	Ms. Marcia Pacheco	2,500.00
26	Rosehill Moravian Church	500.00
27	St. Joseph Road Youth Movement	500.00
28	Renal Support Group of T & T	300.00
29	Kiddies Kindergarten	53.70
30	Rotary Club of St. Augustine West	5,000.00
31	Trinidad and Tobago Manufacturers Association	1,000.00
32	St. Augustine Girls' High School	300.00
33	San Juan Boys R. C. School	300.00
	TOTAL	36,213.70
	No. of requests received for April 2002	87

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MAY 2002

No.	Names of Recipients	Amounts Given (\$)
1	Patrons of Queens Hall	375.00
2	Laventille Tourism Development Organization	360.00
3	Trinity College (Moka) PTA	1,000.00
4	Radix Youth Group	1,000.00
5	G & L Trading Ltd. (T & T Police Service)	1,200.00
6	OCEAN	425.00
7	Mucurapo Girls' R. C. School	500.00
8	Rotary Club of Port of Spain	3,000.00
9	Hindi Nidhi	5,000.00
10	Oilfields Workers Trade Union (Labour Day Celebrations)	5,000.00
11	Trinity College, Moka	5,000.00
12	Good Sheppard Anglican Primary School	500.00
13	Fitzroy Henry	500.00
14	Metamorphosis	500.00
15	St. Helena Development Corporation	500.00
16	T & T Prisons Service Sports Club	500.00
17	Women's Organization for the Underprivileged	500.00

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No.	Names of Recipients	Amounts Given (\$)
18	Morvant/Laventille Improvement Organization	500.00
19	Andy G. Ganteaume	2,000.00
20	Tobago House of Assembly (Fishermen Festival)	400.00
21	Beetham Gardens Organizing Committee	1,000.00
22	Caribbean Historical Society	800.00
23	Morvant/Laventille Secondary School	500.00
24	Salvation Army, Allington B. George	1,000.00
25	St. James Community Improvement Committee	4,000.00
26	Mayaro Atheletic Club	2,000.00
27	Mrs. Roseann Reece	500.00
28	Charlene Beckles, Lezama Fund	2,000.00
29	Our Lady of Lourdes, Maraval	500.00
30	Gloster Lodge Moravian School	300.00
31	St. John Evangelist Church	500.00
32	Dinsley Trincity Government School	130.63
33	Arima Presbyterian School, P. A. System	4,145.00
34	La—Z—Girls	300.00
35	Petrotrin Penal/Barrackpore Club	152.75

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No.	Names of Recipients	Amounts Given (\$)
36	Martin Cain	800.00
37	Sports, Education & Cultural Org. (Min. of Works)	1,000.00
	TOTAL	51,888.38
	No. of requests received for May 2002	68

JUNE 2002

No.	Names of Recipients	Amounts Given (\$)
1	St. Ann's West Development Committee	1,000.00
2	De Bungus Sports Club	300.00
3	Princess Elizabeth School	360.00
4	Soroptomist International of San Fernando	1,500.00
5	Trinity All Generation Steel, School of the Arts	3,000.00
6	Parish of St. Anns	300.00
7	Corpus Christi College	300.00
8	Right Connections Promotions	5,000.00
9	St. Agnes Parish Church	450.00
10	MP, Port of Spain South	2,668.00
11	Autistic Society of T & T	1,000.00
12	Mr. Andre Herbert	500.00

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No.	Names of Recipients	Amounts Given (\$)
13	La Horquetta Professional Football Club	300.00
14	East Port of Spain Cultural Alliance	200.00
15	La Brea Arts Foundation	1,250.00
16	St. George's College, Barataria	500.00
17	Griffith, Taylor Scholastic Fund	200.00
18	Grand Couva Action Committee	300.00
19	President's Award, T & T	3,250.00
20	T & T Hospitality & Tourism Institute	500.00
21	Trincity Nationals Football Club	300.00
22	T & T Badminton Association	500.00
23	National Carnival Bands Association	1,000.00
24	Oilfields Workers' Trade Union (Dell Desktop Computer)	6,000.00
	TOTAL	30,678.00
	No. of requests received for June 2002	77

JULY 2002

No.	Names of Recipients	Amounts Given (\$)
1	Employees Consultative Association of T & T	600.00
2	N. A. E. A. P.	400.00

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No.	Names of Recipients	Amounts Given (\$)
3	77 Sunset Strip, Tobago Goat Race	500.00
4	Cunupia International All Stars F. C.	300.00
5	T & T Unified Teachers Association	1,000.00
6	Woodbrook Pentecostal Chapel	500.00
7	Patrons of Queen's Hall	600.00
8	Holy Ghost Fathers, Fatima College	1,000.00
9	Presbyterian Church in T & T	500.00
10	Emancipation Support Committee	4,000.00
11	NP Club Facile	1,000.00
12	Hindi Nidhi Foundation	350.00
13	St. Crispin's Home for the Aged	500.00
14	Friends of Diego Martin West	1,000.00
15	Geriatric Adolescent Partnership Programme	2,850.00
16	Joy Four Dance Company	500.00
17	Brian Huggins	500.00
18	Rotary Club of San Fernando South	5,000.00
19	Harlem Youths Sports & Cultural Club	199.00
20	Spektakula Promotions (Emancipation Committee)	1,000.00

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No.	Names of Recipients	Amounts Given (\$)
21	T & T Women's Cricket Board	500.00
22	SJC Committee	200.00
23	Eastern Credit Union (Don Alcindor)	200.00
24	Nutones Credit Union	500.00
25	Mount Horeb Spiritual School	300.00
26	YTEPP, Woodbrook Government	500.00
27	Mayaro Cricket Competition	7,500.00
28	Caribbean Historical Society	800.00
29	Belmont Boys Intermediate/Secondary	1,000.00
	TOTAL	33,799.00
	No. of requests received for July 2002	61

AUGUST 2002

No.	Names of Recipients	Amounts Given (\$)
1	University of the West Indies	4,500.00
2	Southern Marines Steel Orchestra	500.00
3	Tabernacle of Prayer (T & T) Ltd.	300.00
4	T & T Cricket Umpires Council	500.00
5	T & T Squash Association	2,500.00

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No.	Names of Recipients	Amounts Given (\$)
6	Old Hilarians Associations	600.00
7	Associates of the Radiotherapy Centre	600.00
8	C. H. I. L. D.	400.00
9	Starlift Steel Orchestra	400.00
10	Hollis Liverpool	5,000.00
11	Marabella Festival Committee	5,000.00
12	Trans Global Communications	6,300.00
13	Community Promotions, Rio Claro	2,000.00
14	North West Laventille Cultural Movement	500.00
15	Merry Boys Touring Team	500.00
16	Santa Cruz Touring Team	300.00
17	T & T Cancer Society	2,000.00
18	Fyzabad Improvement Committee	1,000.00
19	Starland Steel Orchestra	1,000.00
20	World Steelband Music Festival 2002	10,000.00
	TOTAL	43,900.00
	No. of requests received for August 2002	54

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SEPTEMBER 2002

No.	Names of Recipients	Amounts Given (\$)
1	Multicultural Club	5,000.00
2	Friends of Anaparima	3,000.00
3	Telly Paul & Co. Ltd.	3,000.00
4	IQ Financial Services (T & T) Ltd. Charity	6,000.00
5	Friends of Point Fortin	2,500.00
6	Mr. George John	5,000.00
7	Mrs. Eutrice Lawrence	500.00
8	St. George's College, Barataria	2,000.00
9	University of the West Indies	4,500.00
10	Charles Williams re Flora Williams	4,000.00
11	Hydro Sports Club	600.00
12	Sangeet 106 Boyz	2,000.00
13	Ms. Diane Gordon	5,000.00
14	YMCA Port of Spain	5,000.00
15	<u>Express Children's Fund</u>	3,000.00
16	Ministry of Education	5,000.00
17	Families In Action	400.00

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No.	Names of Recipients	Amounts Given (\$)
18	NP Footballers	1,835.00
19	School of Creative Stitches	400.00
20	Trinidad & Tobago Hockey Board	5,000.00
21	Women's Organization for the Underprivileged	600.00
22	San Juan Hill Early Childhood	150.00
23	Lady Hochoy Home	300.00
	TOTAL	64,785.00
	No. of requests received for September 2002	57

OCTOBER 2002

No.	Names of Recipients	Amounts Given (\$)
1	<u>Tobago Secondary School Drama Festival</u>	500.00
2	Success/Laventille Composite School	500.00
3	Newtown Boys' R. C. School	500.00
4	Old Hilarians Association	600.00
5	NP Cricket Touring Team	244.44
6	Ministry of Works, Victoria West District	500.00
7	Spiritual Christmas Carolling Group	300.00
8	Laventille Tourism Development Organization	500.00

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No.	Names of Recipients	Amounts Given (\$)
9	Rotary Club of Pointe-a-Pierre	2,000.00
10	Love Bunch Serenaders	500.00
11	Judity Julien	500.00
12	Mayaro Government Primary School	2,220.00
13	Arima Lions Club	500.00
14	Trinity All Generations Steel	200.00
15	Debe Hindu School	300.00
16	R. S. S. R. Football Academy	1,601.38
17	Jessica Lee Wen	2,000.00
18	Patrons of Queen's Hall	5,000.00
19	St. Helena Community Early Childhood	1,000.00
20	Queen's Royal College Foundation	1,200.00
21	Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Co-operative	500.00
22	Rotary Club of Port of Spain West	500.00
23	Rainbow Rescue	500.00
24	Beetham Gardens Organizing Committee	500.00
25	Southern Vicariate of the Catholic Church	500.00
26	T & T Coalition Against Domestic Violence	1,100.00

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No.	Names of Recipients	Amounts Given (\$)
27	LIFELINE	2,000.00
28	T & T Badminton Association	2,000.00
29	Joshua United Youth Football Club	500.00
	TOTAL	28,765.82
	No. of requests received for October 2002	60

NOVEMBER 2002

No.	Names of Recipients	Amounts Given (\$)
1	<u>Renal Support Group of T & T</u>	200.00
2	Latchu Memorial Presbyterian Church	400.00
3	Methodist Church in the Caribbean and Americas	480.00
4	T & T Manufacturer's Association	1,500.00
5	South East Port of Spain Achievement Organization	660.00
6	T & T Association for the Hearing Impaired	1,000.00
7	Parlemusik	450.00
8	Mayor Murchison Brown, City of Port of Spain	5,000.00
9	Amateur Swimming Association of T & T	2,000.00
10	Tidal Wave Aquatics	500.00
11	Amateur Swimming Association of T & T	1,000.00

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No.	Names of Recipients	Amounts Given (\$)
12	Open Air Eid Committee	1,000.00
13	Traffic & Highway Patrol Branch (1 LPG Package)	130.00
14	Prime Minister's Residence (PM's Children's Xmas Party)	2,000.00
15	Political Leader's Relief Fund (Annual Christmas Hamper)	3,000.00
16	Sonja Dumas	500.00
17	Trinity College	2,500.00
	TOTAL	22,320.00
	No. of requests received for November 2002	91

DECEMBER 2002

No.	Names of Recipients	Amounts Given (\$)
1	<u>East Side Symphony Steel Orchestra</u>	360.00
2	Najir Ahamad Seemad Memorial Mosque	600.00
3	Macaulay Government Primary School	500.00
4	Caparo Village Council	300.00
5	Ecclesville Early Childhood Care	500.00
6	St. James Cricket League	4,000.00
7	Friends of the Underprivileged	1,000.00
8	Trenchtown Sports Club	5,500.00

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No.	Names of Recipients	Amounts Given (\$)
9	Port of Spain Divisional Headquarters	1,000.00
10	Besson Street Police Station	1,000.00
11	Erlene Isaac (Food Hamper)	400.00
12	Cluny Project for the Needy	500.00
13	Ministry of Energy (FHS United)	1,000.00
14	Cyril Ross Children's Home (Washing Machine)	3,695.00
15	National Action Cultural Committee	4,000.00
16	Caribbean Union Conference	600.00
17	The Graduates	300.00
	TOTAL	25,255.00
	No. of requests received for December 2002	43

**National Petroleum Company Limited
(Providers/Suppliers)**

- 72.** Could the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries furnish a list of the providers/suppliers of all vehicles rented by the National Petroleum Company Limited and the amounts paid for each such rented vehicle in 2002?

The following reply was circulated to Members of the House:

The Minister of Energy and Energy Industries (Hon. Eric Williams):

Provider/Suppliers	Amount Paid (\$)
Econocar Rentals	1,216,490.11
Singh's Auto Rentals	162,932.00
Rollocks Car Rentals	18,365.00
Kaloo's	21,112.50
Bacchus Taxi & Car Rental	160.00
TOTAL	1,419,059.61

The following question was asked by Mr. Ganga Singh (Caroni East):

Carnival 2003

81. Could the Minister of Culture and Tourism inform this House of the following:

- (iii) The groups and organizations funded by the Government for carnival 2003 with the exception of the National Carnival Commission, PanTrinbago and TUCO?
- (iv) The quantum of funds allocated to each group or organization, their addresses and their principal?

The following reply was circulated to Members of the House:

The Minister of Culture and Tourism (Hon. Penelope Beckles):

For Carnival 2003, funding was provided for one hundred and sixty-nine (169) groups and organisations. The list of beneficiaries included Pan Trinbago, Trinbago Unified Calypsonians Organisation (TUCO), National Carnival Bands Association (NCBA), National Action Cultural Committee (NACC), Soca Chutney Organisation, Caribbean Prestige

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Foundation, forty-eight (48) Regional Carnival Committees and one hundred and fifteen (115) steelbands. Information on the groups and organizations, quantum of funds allocated to each, their addresses and their principals is set out in the table below. Details of the forty-eight (48) Regional Carnival Committees are set out at Appendix I to this Note. Details on the one hundred and fifteen (115) steelbands are to be found at Appendix II.

GROUPS/ORGANISATIONS	GRANT	ADDRESSES	PRINCIPALS
Caribbean Prestige Foundation	\$100,000.00	66 Prince Street, Port of Spain	William Munroe
Soca Chutney Organisation	\$ 90,000.00	Independence Ave.and Rushworth Street, San Fernando	George Singh
National Action Cultural Committee	\$100,000.00	40 Duke Street, Port of Spain	National Joint Action Committee
Trinbago Unified Calypsonian Organisation	\$3,819,369.25	Queen's Park Savannah, Port of Spain	Michael Legerton
National Carnival Bands Association	\$2,600,000.00	Queen's Park Savannah, Port of Spain	Richard Afong
Pan Trinbago	\$6,592,032.00	Victoria Suites, Park Street, Port of Spain	Patrick Arnold
48 Regional Carnival Committees (Details at Appendix I)	\$1,490,650.00		
115 Steelbands (Details at Appendix II)	\$ 301,000.00		

**PAYMENTS MADE TO REGIONAL CARNIVAL COMMITTEES
FOR CARNIVAL (2003)**

	REGIONAL CARNIVAL COMMITTEE/GROUP	PAYMENT
1.	Arima Carnival Committee	55,000
2.	Arouca Carnival Development Committee	70,000

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	REGIONAL CARNIVAL COMMITTEE/GROUP	PAYMENT
3.	Barrackpore Regional Carnival Committee	15,000
4.	Belmont Cultural Improvement Committee	20,000
5.	Biche Carnival Development Committee	30,000
6.	Carapichaima Carnival Committee	80,000
7.	Cedros Regional Carnival Committee	15,000
8.	Chaguanas Carnival Committee	78,000
9.	Couva Carnival Committee	95,000
10.	Cumana Carnival Improvement Committee	5,000
11.	Curepe Carnival Improvement Committee	15,000
12.	Cross Town Carnival Committee	25,000
13.	Diego Martin Carnival Committee	30,000
14.	Downtown Carnival Committee	62,500
15.	The North Coast Federated Organisation	17,000
16.	Fyzabad Improvement Committee	10,000
17.	Gasparillo Carnival Improvement Committee	15,000
18.	Jim Roy Wyse Children's Park Management Committee	5,000
19.	La Brea Carnival Improvement Committee	25,000
20.	La Horquetta Carnival Committee	15,000

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	REGIONAL CARNIVAL COMMITTEE/GROUP	PAYMENT
21.	Friends Maloney Cultural Committee	15,000
22.	Manzanilla Regional Carnival Committee	15,000
23.	Marabella Carnival Improvement Committee	10,000
24.	Maracas Valley Carnival Association	5,000
25.	Matura Carnival Committee	10,000
26.	Mayaro Regional Carnival Committee	65,000
27.	Moruga Carnival Association	30,000
28.	Oropouche Development Committee	15,000
29.	Paramin Carnival Committee	20,000
30.	Petit Valley Carnival Committee	10,000
31.	Point Fortin Carnival Committee	65,000
32.	Port of Spain South Community Council	5,000

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**PAYMENTS MADE TO REGIONAL CARNIVAL COMMITTEES
FOR CARNIVAL (2003)**

	REGIONAL CARNIVAL COMMITTEE/GROUP	PAYMENT
33.	Princes Town Carnival Committee	40,000
34.	Rio Claro Carnival Committee	35,000

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	REGIONAL CARNIVAL COMMITTEE/GROUP	PAYMENT
35.	San Fernando Carnival Committee	158,000
36.	San Juan District Carnival Committee	40,000
37.	Sangre Grande Regional Carnival Committee	10,000
38.	Santa Flora Carnival Committee	10,000
39.	Siparia Envirofest Committee	20,000
40.	Siparia Women's Association	30,000
41.	Small People In Action (SPA)	30,000
42.	St. David's Carnival Committee	25,000
43.	St. Helena Development Corporation	5,000
44.	St. James Working Council	20,000
45.	St. Joseph Carnival Committee	10,000
46.	Talparo Carnival Development Committee	20,000
47.	Tunapuna Carnival Committee	40,000
48.	Up Town Carnival Improvement Committee	50,000

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DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS TO STEELBANDS FOR CARNIVAL 2003

CONVENTIONAL BANDS EAST ZONE	\$72,000.00
CONVENTIONAL BANDS SOUTH/CENTRAL	\$42,000.00

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CONVENTIONAL BANDS NORTH ZONE	\$51,000.00
CONVENTIONAL BANDS TOBAGO	\$15,000.00
SINGLE PAN BANDS EAST ZONE	\$45,000.00
SINGLE PAN BANDS NORTH ZONE	\$58,000.00
SINGLE PAN BANDS	\$ 8,000.00
SINGLE PAN BANDS TOBAGO	\$10,000.00
 GRAND TOTAL	 \$301,000.00

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CONVENTIONAL BANDS
EAST ZONE

NO.	NAME	AMT. RECEIVED
1.	Biche Survivors	3,000.00
2.	Birdsong	3,000.00
3.	Curepe Scherzando	3,000.00
4.	Exodus	3,000.00
5.	Fascinators Pan Symphony	3,000.00
6.	Five Rivers Modern Symphony	3,000.00
7.	Flamingoes	3,000.00
8.	Harmonites	3,000.00

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NO.	NAME	AMT. RECEIVED
9.	Melodians	3,000.00
10.	Moods	3,000.00
11.	Morvant Ebonites	3,000.00
12.	Nutones	3,000.00
13.	Parry's Pan School	3,000.00
14.	Potential Symphony	3,000.00
15.	Samaroo Jets	3,000.00
16.	Sangre Grande Cordettes	3,000.00
17.	Sforzata	3,000.00
18.	Simple Song	3,000.00
19.	Surrey Symphony	3,000.00
20.	Rapsody Rebirth	3,000.00
21.	Tamana Pioneers	3,000.00
22.	Thunderbirds	3,000.00
23.	Tipica	3,000.00
24.	Tunapuna All Stars	3,000.00
	TOTAL	\$72,000.00

CONVENTIONAL BANDS**SOUTH / CENTRAL**

No	Name	Amt. Received
1.	Central Symphony	3,000.00
2.	Dow Village Music Makers	3,000.00
3.	Couva Joylanders	3,000.00
4.	Kalomo Kings	3,000.00
5.	Motown	3,000.00
6.	Mt. Moriah Pan Movement	3,000.00
7.	New Creation Youths	3,000.00
8.	Panasonic Connections	3,000.00
9.	San City	3,000.00
10.	Southern All Stars	3,000.00
11.	Southern Marines Steel Band	3,000.00
12.	Starland	3,000.00
13.	Tornadoes	3,000.00
14.	Tropical Angel Harps	3,000.00
TOTAL		\$42,000.00

CONVENTIONAL PAN BANDS**NORTH ZONE**

	Name	Amt. Received
1.	Belmont Fifth Dimension	3,000.00
2.	Blue Diamonds	3,000.00
3.	Gale Stars	3,000.00
4.	Harvard Harps	3,000.00
5.	Humming Bird Pan Groove	3,000.00
6.	Kool and the Gang	3,000.00
7.	Merrytones	3,000.00
8.	Pan Vibes	3,000.00
9.	Panatics	3,000.00
10.	Players Symphony	3,000.00
11.	Silver Stars	3,000.00
12.	St James North Stars	3,000.00
13.	Steel Dream	3,000.00
14.	Casablanca	3,000.00
15.	Trinidad Pan Connoisseurs	3,000.00

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	Name	Amt. Received
16.	Valley Harps	3,000.00
17.	West Stars	3,000.00
TOTAL		\$51,000.00

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No	Name	Amt. Received
1.	Buccaners	3,000.00
2.	Katzenjammers	3,000.00
3.	Our Boys	3,000.00
4.	Redemption Sound Setters	3,000.00
5.	West Side	3,000.00

TOTAL \$15,000.00

APPENDIX 11 PAGE 5**SINGLE PAN BANDS****EAST ZONE**

No	Name	Amt. Received
1.	Arima All Stars	3,000.00

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No	Name	Amt. Received
2.	Brazil RX4	3,000.00
3.	Chord Masters	3,000.00
4.	L.H. Pan Groove	3,000.00
5.	Magic Notes	3,000.00
6.	Marsicans	3,000.00
7.	Pan Jammers	3,000.00
8.	Pan On De Move	3,000.00
9.	Pan Stereonettes	3,000.00
10.	Rhythm Rockers	3,000.00
11.	San Juan All Stars	3,000.00
12.	San Juan East Side Symphony	3,000.00
13.	Star Sapphire	3,000.00
14.	Trinidad East Side Symphony	3,000.00
15.	Trinidad Nostalgic	3,000.00
TOTAL		\$45,000.00

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NORTH ZONE

No	Name	Amt. Received
1.	Bar 22	2,000.00
2.	Belmont City Kids International	2000.00
3.	Belmont Harmonic	2,000.00
4.	Cocorite West Wind	2,000.00
5.	Crazy Golden Eagles	2,000.00
6.	Crescendoes Musicale	2,000.00
7.	D Untouchables Pan Groove	2,000.00
8.	Free Lancers Pan Groove	2,000.00
9.	Gonzales Shriekers	2,000.00
10.	Harlem Syncopators	2,000.00
11.	Hi-Larke	2,000.00
12.	Is We	2,000.00
13.	La Creole Pan Groove	2000.00
14.	Laventille Pan Strummers	2,000.00

No	Name	Amt. Received
15.	Laventille Pasphonic	2,000.00
16.	Maraval Blanca 47	2,000.00
17.	Music Makers	2,000.00
18.	Nutin Big Pan Groove	2,000.00
19.	Scorpion Pan Reflection	2,000.00
20.	Scrunters Pan Groove	2,000.00

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21.	Serenaders	2,000.00
22.	Spellbound	2,000.00
23.	Spree Simon Harmonics	2,000.00
24.	Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force	2,000.00
25.	Tripolians	2,000.00
26.	Uni Stars	2,000.00
27.	Woodbrook Modernaires	2,000.00

28.	Woodbrook Play Boyz	2,000.00
29.	World Wide	2,000.00
TOTAL		\$58,000.00

APPENDIX 11 PAGE 8**SINGLE PAN BANDS****SOUTH / CENTRAL ZONE**

No.	Name	Amount Received
1.	Jah Roots	2,000.00
2.	Rio Claro Koskeros	2,000.00
3.	Shades In Steel	2,000.00
4.	La Romaine Super Vibes	2,000.00

TOTAL \$8,000.00

APPENDIX 11**SINGLE PAN BANDS****TOBAGO**

No.	Name	Amount Received
1.	Dem Boys	2,000.00
2.	Hope Pan Grooveers	2,000.00

No.	Name	Amount Received
3.	Natural Mystic	2,000.00
4.	Pan Fanatics	2,000.00
5.	Tobago Pan-Thers	2,000.00

TOTAL \$10,000.00

The following question was asked by Mr. Chandresh Sharma (Fyzabad):

**Siparia Regional Corporation
(Roads Paved)**

- 96.** (a) Would the Minister of Local Government indicate the roads paved in the Siparia Regional Corporation by the Ministry of Local Government during the financial year 2002?
- (b) Would the Minister also indicate the following:
- (i) (name(s) of the contractor(s) who paved the roads
 - (ii) whether the contracts were awarded by the Central Tenders Board;
 - (iii) the cost of each paved road;
 - (iv) in each case, whether the Ministry had the approval of the Siparia Regional Corporation to carry out the project;
 - (v) under which allocation of the Ministry of Local Government were the funds identified to make payments for the said contracts;

- (vii) the source of the authority for the Ministry of Local Government to undertake road paving in areas under the control of regional corporations?

The following reply was circulated to Members of the House:

The Minister of Local Government (Hon. Jarrette Narine):

- (a) For the year 2002, the Ministry of Local Government collaborated with the Siparia Regional Corporation to pave the roads under the Road Improvement Fund listed in column (a) of the Appendix.
- (b) (i) Please refer to columns (a) and (d) of the Appendix.
- (ii) Please refer to columns (a) and (e) of the Appendix.
- (iii) Please refer to columns (a) and (c) of the Appendix.
- (iv) Based on the Siparia Regional Corporation's request, the Ministry of Local Government provided the necessary support and approval to the corporation to undertake each of the projects listed in column (a) of the Appendix.
- (v) The Siparia Regional Corporation used funds available from the Road Improvement Fund which was made accessible by the Ministry of Local Government to make payments for the contracts referred to in the reply to part (b) (ii) of the question.
- (vi) The Minister of Local Government's authority for working with any corporation to implement projects emanates from among other things, his presidential appointment as the Minister of Local Government, the provisions of the Municipal Corporations Act No. 21 of 1990 and the Amended Collection of Taxes Act.

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Statement of roads under the control of the Siparia Regional Corporation paved under the Road Improvement Fund during the financial year 2002.

A Name of Project	B Location	C Expenditure (\$)	D Name of Contractor	E Was Contract Awarded by Tenders Board
Wilson Trace	Palo Seco	122,910.88	Sunco Engineering Services Ltd.	Yes
Ma Happy Drive	Siparia	70,000.00	Sunco Engineering Services Ltd.	Yes
Lagon Dor Street	La Brea	104,263.38	Sunco Engineering Services Ltd.	Yes
Adjodasingh	Dow Village	96,818.37	Sunco Engineering Services Ltd.	Yes
Pierre Avenue	Robert Hill Thick Village Siparia	122,918.75	Sunco Engineering Services Ltd.	Yes
Bois Bourg Road	Cedros	99,948.28	Sunco Engineering Services Ltd.	Yes
St. John Br. Trace	Oropouche	249,784.10	Sunco Engineering Services Ltd.	Yes
Grant's Ext. Trace	Rousillac Off Grants Trace	122,757.80	Sunco Engineering Services Ltd.	Yes
Berridge Trace	Dow Village	85,460.00	Sunco Engineering Services Ltd.	Yes
Syfoo Trace	Cedros	280,000.00	Sunco Engineering Services Ltd.	Yes
Cassava Alley	La Brea	80,107.39	Sunco Engineering Services Ltd.	Yes

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A Name of Project	B Location	C Expenditure (\$)	D Name of Contractor	E Was Contract Awarded by Tenders Board
Francis Trace	Santa flora	56,093.00	Sunco Engineering Services Ltd.	Yes
TOTAL		1,491,061.95		