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ORDER PAPER

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PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

PETITIONS

PAPERS

1. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the National Training Agency for the financial year ended September 30, 2012.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
2. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the National Information and Communication Technology Company Limited (iGovTI) for the financial year ended September 30, 2020.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
3. The Audited Financial Statements of Caroni (1975) Limited for the financial year ended June 30, 2020.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
4. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Unit Trust Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2020.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
5. The Response of the Auditor General to the Third Report of the Public Administration and Appropriation Committee on the implementation of the recommendations of the Twenty-Fourth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee (PAAC) on the examination into the Processing of the payment of Pensions and Gratuities of Retired Public Officers and Contracted Employees.

(By the Speaker of the House)

6. The Ministerial Response from the Ministry of Finance to the Fourth Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on the Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the National Information and Communication Technology Company Limited (iGovTT) for the financial years 2015 to 2019.
(By the Minister of Finance)
7. The Annual Report of the Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2021.
(By the Minister of Finance)
8. The Annual Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Solid Waste Management Company Limited (SWMCOL) for the period October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016.
(By the Minister of Public Utilities)
9. The Annual Report of the Police Service Commission for the period January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.
(By the Deputy Speaker)
10. The Annual Administrative Report of the Power Generation Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the year ended 2008.
(By the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries)
11. The Annual Administrative Report of the Power Generation Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the year ended 2009.
(By the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries)
12. The Annual Administrative Report of the Power Generation Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the year ended 2010.
(By the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries)
13. The Annual Administrative Report of the Power Generation Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the year ended 2011.
(By the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries)
14. The Annual Administrative Report of the Power Generation Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the year ended 2012.
(By the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries)
15. The Annual Administrative Report of the Power Generation Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the year ended 2013.
(By the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries)
16. The Administrative Report of the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago for the fiscal year 2015/2016.
(By the Minister of Education)
17. The Administrative Report of the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago for the fiscal year 2018/2019.
(By the Minister of Education)

18. The Annual Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Civil Aviation Authority for the financial year ended September 30, 2021.
(By the Minister of Works and Transport)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 34 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:
(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)

Will the Minister state how much the NGC has borrowed in the past 12 months, from which entities and the terms of the loans?

Question No. 35 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:
(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)

Will the Minister provide the average Gas production for the fiscal year 2021?

Question No. 36 to the Minister of National Security:
(By the Member for Naparima)

Will the Minister state the Government's plan to ensure the murder rate does not exceed 500 in 2022?

Question No. 37 to the Minister of Finance:
(By the Member for Naparima)

Will the Minister state why Trinidad and Tobago is the only CARICOM country on the current European Union list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes?

Question No. 38 to the Minister of National Security:
(By the Member for Naparima)

In light of reports of inmates "calling hits" from within prison walls, will the Minister state what electronic measures are in place to prevent this?

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

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

1. The Miscellaneous Provisions (Testing and Identification) Bill, 2022.
(By the Attorney General)
2. The Whistleblower Protection Bill, 2022
(By the Minister of National Security)

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 63 of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Minister, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, may make Regulations to give effect to the provisions of the Act;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 63(3), that Regulations made under the Act shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Finance, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, caused the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Record of Procurement Proceedings) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 to be prepared;

AND WHEREAS the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Record of Procurement Proceedings) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 were laid in the House of Representatives on the 13th day of December, 2021;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Record of Procurement Proceedings) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 now be affirmed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Record of Procurement Proceedings) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 be approved.

(By the Minister of Finance)

2. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 63 of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Minister, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, may make Regulations to give effect to the provisions of the Act;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 63(3), that Regulations made under the Act shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Finance, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, caused the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Challenge Proceedings) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 to be prepared;

AND WHEREAS the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Challenge Proceedings) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 were laid in the House of Representatives on the 13th day of December, 2021;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Challenge Proceedings) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 now be affirmed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Challenge Proceedings) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 be approved.

(By the Minister of Finance)

3. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 63 of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Minister, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, may make Regulations to give effect to the provisions of the Act;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 63(3), that Regulations made under the Act shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Finance, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, caused the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Ineligibility Proceedings) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 to be prepared;

AND WHEREAS the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Ineligibility Proceedings) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 were laid in the House of Representatives on the 13th day of December, 2021;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Ineligibility Proceedings) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 now be affirmed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Ineligibility Proceedings) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 be approved.

(By the Minister of Finance)

4. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 63 of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Minister, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, may make Regulations to give effect to the provisions of the Act;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 63(3), that Regulations made under the Act shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Finance, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, caused the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Retention and Disposal of Personal Property) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 to be prepared;

AND WHEREAS the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Retention and Disposal of Personal Property) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 were laid in the House of Representatives on the 13th day of December, 2021;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Retention and Disposal of Personal Property) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 now be affirmed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Retention and Disposal of Personal Property) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 be approved.

(By the Minister of Finance)

5. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 63 of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Minister, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, may make Regulations to give effect to the provisions of the Act;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 63(3), that Regulations made under the Act shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Finance, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, caused the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Miscellaneous) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 to be prepared;

AND WHEREAS the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Miscellaneous) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 were laid in the House of Representatives on the 13th day of December, 2021;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Miscellaneous) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 now be affirmed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Miscellaneous) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 be approved.

(By the Minister of Finance)

6. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 63 of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Minister, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, may make Regulations to give effect to the provisions of the Act;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 63(3), that Regulations made under the Act shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Finance, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, caused the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Evaluation) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 to be prepared;

AND WHEREAS the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Evaluation) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 were laid in the House of Representatives on the 13th day of December, 2021;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Evaluation) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 now be affirmed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Evaluation) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 be approved.

(By the Minister of Finance)

7. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 63 of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Minister, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, may make Regulations to give effect to the provisions of the Act;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 63(3), that Regulations made under the Act shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Finance, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, caused the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Participation in Procurement) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 to be prepared;

AND WHEREAS the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Participation in Procurement) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 were laid in the House of Representatives on the 13th day of December, 2021;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Participation in Procurement) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 now be affirmed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Participation in Procurement) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 be approved.

(By the Minister of Finance)

8. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 63 of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Minister, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, may make Regulations to give effect to the provisions of the Act;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 63(3), that Regulations made under the Act shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Finance, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, caused the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Pre-Qualification and Pre-Selection) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 to be prepared;

AND WHEREAS the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Pre-Qualification and Pre-Selection) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 were laid in the House of Representatives on the 13th day of December, 2021;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Pre-Qualification and Pre-Selection) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 now be affirmed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Pre-Qualification and Pre-Selection) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 be approved.

(By the Minister of Finance)

9. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 63 of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Minister, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, may make Regulations to give effect to the provisions of the Act;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 63(3), that Regulations made under the Act shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Finance, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, caused the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Procurement Methods and Procedures) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 to be prepared;

AND WHEREAS the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Procurement Methods and Procedures) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 were laid in the House of Representatives on the 13th day of December, 2021;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Procurement Methods and Procedures) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 now be affirmed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Procurement Methods and Procedures) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 be approved.

(By the Minister of Finance)

10. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 63 of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Minister, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, may make Regulations to give effect to the provisions of the Act;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 63(3), that Regulations made under the Act shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Finance, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, caused the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Procurement of Consultants) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 to be prepared;

AND WHEREAS the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Procurement of Consultants) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 were laid in the House of Representatives on the 13th day of December, 2021;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Procurement of Consultants) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 now be affirmed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Procurement of Consultants) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 be approved.

(By the Minister of Finance)

Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act to provide for the designation, development, operation and management of Special Economic Zones, the establishment of the Special Economic Zones Authority, the repeal of the Free Zones Act, Chap. 81:07, the regulation of Special Economic Zones and matters related thereto”.
(By the Attorney General)
2. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Municipal Corporations Act, Chap. 25:04 to establish the Borough of Diego Martin and the Borough of Siparia and to make consequential amendments to the Representation of the People Act, Chap. 2:01, the Interpretation Act, Chap. 3:01, the Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Act, Chap. 25:50, the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Regulations, Chap. 48:50, the Central Tenders Board Act, Chap. 71:91 and other written laws”.
(By the Minister or Rural Development and Local Government)
3. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Summary Courts Act, Chap. 4:20 to remove the requirement of consent for joinder of complaints in summary judicial matters”.
(By the Attorney General)
4. A Bill entitled, “An Act to repeal the Foreign Labour Contracts Act, Chap. 88:11”.
(By the Minister of Labour)
5. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Sexual Offences Act, Chap. 11:28 and for other related matters.”
(By the Attorney General)
6. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Interpretation Act, Chap. 3:01, the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, Chap. 4:01, the Offences Against the Person Act, Chap. 11:08, the Criminal Procedure Act, Chap. 12:02 and for other related matters”.
(By the Attorney General)
7. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Proceeds of Crime Act, Chap. 11:27, the Anti-terrorism Act, Chap. 12:07, the Securities Act, Chap. 83:02, the Insurance Act, Chap. 84:01 and the Miscellaneous Provisions (FATF Compliance) Act, No. 25 of 2020”.
(By the Attorney General)

Committee Stage:

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to accord self-government to Tobago and for related matters”.
(By the Prime Minister)
2. A Bill entitled, “An Act to repeal the Tobago House of Assembly Act, Chap. 25:03, and to provide for the powers and functions of the Tobago Island Government and the Tobago Legislature and for related matters”.
(By the Minister of Planning and Development)

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House adopt the Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Miscellaneous Provisions (Local Government Reform) Bill, 2020.

(By the Member for Arouca/Maloney)

2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House adopt the Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Cannabis Control Bill, 2020.

(By the Member for San Fernando West)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday December 10, 2021 will be resumed:**

WHEREAS the Government has consistently presented Budgets which are unrelated to the demonstrated needs of Trinidad and Tobago;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to present a sustainable and viable plan to address job creation, investment or foreign exchange generation;

AND WHEREAS the cost of living continues to escalate, lowering the standard of living and quality of life of a significant segment of the population;

AND WHEREAS the Government continues to fund its wastage and corruption by engaging in increased domestic and foreign debt while depleting state resources:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House condemns the Government for its neglect of the economy and failure to generate sustainable economic growth and development.

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

2. **WHEREAS** the House of Representatives, is the elected House of Parliament, where lawfully elected Members are entitled to the Constitutionally entrenched right to freedom of speech;

AND WHEREAS the Standing Orders are not intended to diminish, restrict or violate the rights, privileges and immunities of the House;

AND WHEREAS the Speaker must discharge her functions in an unbiased and impartial manner; free from political influence and in no manner to prevent or protect the Government from criticism;

AND WHEREAS the Speaker's lack of understanding of and/or disregard for her role as an impartial presiding officer, the application of, and at times, indifference to, the Standing Orders

has impeded her judgment to perform her role free from bias and thereby unequivocally brought the Office of Speaker into disrepute;

AND WHEREAS the Speaker has oppressed and continues to oppress the voice and opinions of hundreds of thousands of constituents of the Members of the Opposition:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House express a lack of confidence in the Speaker.

(By the Member for Couva South)

3. **WHEREAS** section 76(2) of the Constitution provides that the Attorney General is responsible for the administration of legal affairs in Trinidad and Tobago and civil proceedings for and against the State;

AND WHEREAS the Attorney General has shown his lack of knowledge, bias, incompetence and legal ineptitude to manage the administration of legal affairs in Trinidad and Tobago and civil proceedings for and against the State;

AND WHEREAS the Attorney General having failed to properly execute his constitutional duties;

AND WHEREAS the conduct of the Attorney General has brought his office into odium and disrepute:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House express its loss of confidence in the Attorney General.

(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)

4. **WHEREAS** it is the responsibility of the Government to provide equal and equitable opportunities for all citizens to access quality education;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to address the existing inequities in accessing education exacerbated by the shift to virtual learning;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to provide safe learning spaces following its sudden decision to institute in-person classes for some students;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to meet the varied requirements of teachers leaving many ill-equipped to execute quality online instruction;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to effectively manage resources to facilitate adequate funding to the GATE program, government sponsored scholarships and bursaries, school feeding programme, special education access and other school related services;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House takes note of the increasing and unacceptable levels of disparity in inequitable access to education and the failure of the Ministry of Education to deliver on its essential mandate;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House calls on the Government to take all immediate and necessary steps to provide equitable access to all students.

(By the Member for Tabaquite)

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FRIDAY JANUARY 14, 2022 1:30 P.M. NOTICE OF URGENT QUESTIONS

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

1. **To the Minister of Health**

Will the Minister confirm that the government's "quasi safe zone" policy for public sector workplaces will be implemented on Monday January 17, 2022?

(By the Member for Caroni East)

2. **To the Minister of Health**

Will the Minister indicate whether his Ministry has to date launched an investigation into the reports by named young persons at the recent Tuesday 11, January 2022 NATUC press conference of developing serious side effects after taking the Pfizer vaccine?

(By the Member for Caroni East)

3. **To the Minister of Health**

Will the Minister inform the House as to the status of the Government's procurement of Pfizer's Anti-Viral Covid-19 Drug thus far?

(By the Member for Caroni East)

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

Will the Minister provide reasons for Trinidad and Tobago's high mortality figures and the urgent steps being taken to address them, given our current position on the Worldometer's global COVID-19 database?

(By the Member for Naparima)

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