



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SECOND SESSION  
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

NO. 25  
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## ORDER PAPER

WEDNESDAY APRIL 20, 2022 AT 1:30 P.M.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

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1. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014.  
**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)**
2. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Health to the Third Report of the Joint Select Committee on Local Authorities, Service Commissions and Statutory Authorities (including the THA) on an Inquiry into the Administration of the Children's Life Fund Authority.  
**(By the Minister of Health)**

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

**Questions for Written Answer appear in the Appendix**

**Questions for Oral Answer**

**\*Question No. 136 to the Minister of Education**

**(By the Member for Naparima)**

Will the Minister state when works on the Reform Hindu School will be completed?

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\* Question No. 136 was postponed on April 08, 2022 pursuant to Standing Order 29(10)

**Question No. 137 to the Minister of National Security****(By the Member for Naparima)**

In light of the fire which occurred at Bamboo Settlement No. 2, Valsayn on February 7, 2022, will the Minister state why the fire service is not resourced with a proper fire hydrant system throughout the country?

**\*Question No. 138 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries****(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

Given the recent downgrade of Trinidad Petroleum Holdings Limited's international credit rating by Standard and Poor's due to the company's failure to submit its 2019 Audited Financial Statements, will the Minister provide a timeline for completion and publication of these statements?

**\*Question No. 139 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries****(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

Given the statements attributed to the Trinidad Petroleum Holdings Limited that one of the reasons for the non-submission of its 2019 financials was an "asset valuation that was not represented in previous audits", will the Minister advise as to the following:

- a) whether an asset valuation has been conducted; and
- b) when will it be made public?

**Question No. 142 to the Minister of Health****(By the Member for Caroni East)**

Will the Minister advise, for the period March 30, 2021 to February 28, 2022, how many expired COVID-19 vaccines were destroyed, disaggregated by manufacturer?

**Question No. 152 to the Minister of National Security****(By the Member for Couva South)**

Will the Minister indicate who is the Acting Commissioner of Prisons, given that the former Commissioner retired compulsorily from the Trinidad and Tobago Prisons Service on March 05, 2022?

**Question No. 153 to the Minister of Education****(By the Member for Couva South)**

Given the recent incidents of violence among secondary school students, will the Minister state what measures, if any, are being implemented to address this issue?

**Question No. 154 to the Minister of Education****(By the Member for Couva South)**

In light of the decision to wind up the operations of the Education Facilities Company Limited, will the Minister state the number of employees who have been served with retrenchment notices effective from March 03, 2022?

**Question No. 156 to the Minister of Works and Transport****(By the Member for Barataria/ San Juan)**

Will the Minister indicate when the dilapidated floodwater pumps in El Socorro South will be replaced?

**Question No. 157 to the Minister of Works and Transport****(By the Member for Barataria/ San Juan)**

Will the Minister state what steps are being taken to repair or replace the broken and missing manhole covers in the constituency of Barataria/ San Juan?

**Question No. 158 to the Minister of Works and Transport****(By the Member for Barataria/ San Juan)**

Will the Minister state when the major drains and rivers, under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Works and Transport will be cleared, in the constituency of Barataria/ San Juan?

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS****Motions:**

1. **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)**
2. **The debate on the following Motion which was adjourned on Friday April 08, 2022 will be resumed:**  
**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)**

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

1. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 4(3) of the Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Act, Chap.25:50 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that as soon as may be after the Elections and Boundaries Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) has submitted a report under section 4(1)(a) of the Act, the Minister shall lay before the House of Representatives for its approval the draft of an Order by the President for giving effect, whether with or without modifications, to the recommendations contained in the report;

**AND WHEREAS** the Commission has submitted a report to the Minister in accordance with the provisions of section 4(1)(a) of the Act;

**AND WHEREAS** the draft of an Order entitled “the Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Order, 2021” giving effect to the recommendations of the Commission was laid before the House of Representatives on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the draft of the “Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Order, 2021” be approved.  
**(By the Prime Minister)**

**Bills Second Reading:**

1. **The debate on the Second Reading of the following Bill which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday February 18, 2022 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Judicial and Legal Service Act, Chap. 6:01, the Prison Service Act, Chap. 13:02, the Defence Act, Chap. 14:01, the Police Service Act, Chap. 15:01, the Civil Service Act, Chap. 23:01, the Fire Service Act, Chap. 35:50 and the Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago Act, Chap. 72:01 to provide a regulatory framework for polygraph and drug testing and biometric identification for members of the Protective Services and certain offices in the Judicial and Legal Service and the Civil Service and for other related matters.”

**(By the Minister of National Security)**

2. **The debate on the Second Reading of the following Bill which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday February 04, 2022 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, “An Act to combat corruption and other wrongdoings by encouraging and facilitating disclosures of improper conduct in the public and private sector, to protect persons making those disclosures from detrimental action, to regulate the receiving, investigating or otherwise dealing with disclosures of improper conduct and to provide for other matters connected therewith.”

**(By the Prime Minister)**

3. 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 of Rural Development and Local Government)**

4. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Sexual Offences Act, Chap. 11:28 and for other related matters.”

**(By the Attorney General)**

5. 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)**

6. 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)**

7. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Immigration (Caribbean Community Skilled Nationals) Act, Chap. 18:03.”

**(By the Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs)**

**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)**

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday March 25, 2022 will be resumed:**

**WHEREAS** the Government has been unable to effectively prevent a surge in criminal activity resulting in rapid increases in murders, robberies and home invasions;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has failed to set and operationalise a forceful and functional crime reduction plan with SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and time bound) goals to curb the growing murder rate;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has consistently ignored and, through their incompetence, added to the fundamental causes of crime, while focusing on punitive measures instead of preventative measures;

**AND WHEREAS** the failure to effectively address crime has created social, political, economic and cultural crises of immeasurable proportions:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House reprimand this Government for its failure to effectively prevent the surge in criminal activity in our country.

**(By the Member for Naparima)**

2. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday February 25, 2022 will be resumed:**

**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 take note of the increasing and unacceptable levels of disparity in equitable 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 call on the Government to take all immediate and necessary steps to provide equitable access to all students.

**(By the Member for Tabaquite)**

3. **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 condemn the Government for its neglect of the economy and failure to generate sustainable economic growth and development.

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

4. **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)**

5. **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)

6. **WHEREAS** the Government's neglect of the agricultural and fisheries sectors has created a food and nutrition security crisis;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government continues to ignore the plight of farmers and fisher folk relating to praedial larceny and piracy;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has failed to establish an appropriate strategy to address this food and nutrition security crisis and runaway food prices;

**AND WHEREAS** the global supply chain challenges pose a serious threat to food and nutrition security;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has failed to reduce barriers and bureaucratic red tape to facilitate greater efficiencies in the agricultural and fisheries sectors;

**AND WHEREAS** this food and nutrition security crisis will lead to increased poverty, unemployment and widespread starvation:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House call on the Government to acknowledge the food and nutrition security crisis and to take immediate measures to prevent food insufficiency and starvation in the nation, particularly for poor, marginalized and vulnerable groups.

(By the Member for Couva North)

**Bills Second Reading:**

1. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Tobago Council for Handicapped Children (Incorporation) Act, 1975'.

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

*Brian Caesar*  
*Clerk of the House (Ag.)*

*House of Representatives' Secretariat*  
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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Question No.141 to the Minister of Planning and Development

**(By the Member for St. Augustine)**

Will the Minister provide details of the approved land-use for Bamboo Settlements Nos. 2 and 3, Valsayn, inclusive of boundaries?

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The under-mentioned Questions which have been accepted by the Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 26 are hereby forwarded for the attention of the Prime Minister.

1. Will the Prime Minister update the House on the status of the Commission of Enquiry into the Divers tragedy of February 2022?  
**(By the Member for Couva South)**
2. Based on a recent report which quoted the Minister of Finance as stating that the passing of the Procurement Regulations clears the way for the implementation by the end of March for a system of procurement in Trinidad and Tobago with equitable and transparent procedures, will the Prime Minister state if implementation of this new system has taken place?  
**(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**
3. Given the recent announcement of the Prime Minister for a new business model for Lake Asphalt, will the Prime Minister confirm if all the employees of the company would have their jobs preserved during this transition?  
**(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**
4. Given that the Russian/Ukraine war continues and will continue to impact food prices globally, will the Prime Minister indicate what plans if any the Government has formulated aimed at increasing local food production?  
**(By the Member for Naparima)**
5. Will the Prime Minister inform this House of the reason/s, which would have guided Trinidad and Tobago's decision to abstain in the United Nations General Assembly's vote to suspended Russia from the United Nations Human Rights Council?  
**(By the Member for Couva South)**
6. Will the Prime Minister inform this House precisely the role of the Single Point Land Management Authority and when will it be established?  
**(By the Member for Couva South)**

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

1. **To the Minister of Works and Transport**

In light of recent disruption of the reopening of school at the Robert Village Hindu school in Tableland due to a major landslide adjacent to the school's compound, will the Minister indicate when work will commence to address this landslip?

**(By the Member for Princes Town)**

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*Clerk of the House (Ag.)*

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