



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIRST SESSION
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

NO. 27
2020/2021

ORDER PAPER

WEDNESDAY JUNE 23, 2021: 10:00 A.M.

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1. The Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill, 2021
(By the Attorney General)

PETITIONS

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1. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Environmental Management Authority- Environmental Trust Fund for the year ended September 30, 2020.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
2. 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 September 30, 2013.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
3. The Commissioner of Police and Deputy Commissioner of Police (Selection Process) Order, 2021.
(By the Minister of National Security)

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 168 to the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries:
(By the Member for Moruga/Tableland)

Could the Minister provide the steps that will be taken to accommodate the requests made by the fisher folk of Moruga for the construction of the jetty in La Ruffin, Moruga?

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order declare that land is required for a public purpose:

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may by resolution approve an Order made under section 5(1):

AND WHEREAS the Land Acquisition (Requisition) Order, 2020 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 399 dated the 15th day of December, 2020:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the said Order:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) Order, 2020 be approved.

(By the Attorney General)

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House adopt the Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to consider and report on the Constitution (Amendment) (Tobago Self- Government) Bill, 2020.
(By the Member for Arouca/Maloney)
2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House adopt the Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to consider and report on the Cannabis Control Bill, 2020.
(By the Member for San Fernando West)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** the Minister of Health has persistently demonstrated his inability to effectively undertake his duties in the health sector for the welfare of our citizens;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House express a lack of confidence in the Minister of Health and call for his immediate resignation.

(By the Member for Caroni East)

2. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday March 26, 2021 will be resumed:**

WHEREAS the Minister of Finance has demonstrated his inability to competently execute his duties to bring certainty, confidence, stability and growth to the national economy;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House express its loss of confidence in the Minister of Finance.

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

3. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday February 26, 2021 will be resumed:**

WHEREAS the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries has shown his inability to competently execute his duties to bring certainty and stability to the national energy sector;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House express its loss of confidence in the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries.

(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)

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 effectively manage resources to facilitate adequate funding to the GATE program, government sponsored scholarships, school feeding programme, 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 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)

5. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday November 27, 2020 will be resumed:**

WHEREAS it is the Government's responsibility to ensure the public safety and security of the citizenry;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed in its management of the organs responsible for intelligence, under-resourced the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution and cut the budget of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service which led to low detection and conviction rates;

AND WHEREAS thousands of citizens and businesses have been negatively affected by the high level of crime in Trinidad and Tobago;

AND WHEREAS as a result of the COVID-19 lockdown, there has been an increase in the number of cases of domestic violence:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House condemn the Government for its failure to effectively address the unacceptable and serious crime level affecting law-abiding citizens.

(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)

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ORDER PAPER WEDNESDAY JUNE 23, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

****Question No. 126 to the Prime Minister:¹**

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Prime Minister provide a listing of all contract officers employed at the Office of the Prime Minister and the agencies falling under the Office of the Prime Minister for each year from September, 2015 to February, 2021, detailing:

- i. the names of individuals;
- ii. the post to which they were employed;
- iii. the remuneration arrangements;
- iv. the duration of the contract;
- v. date of employment;
- vi. the date and place of advertisement of the vacancy;
- vii. the date and venue of the interview;
- viii. the number of applicants; and
- ix. the interview panel?

(Answer due by 20.04.2021)

****Question No. 127 to the Minister of Health:**

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister provide a listing of all contract officers employed at the Ministry of Health and the agencies falling under the Ministry for each year from September, 2015 to February, 2021, detailing:

- i. the names of individuals;
- ii. the post to which they were employed;
- iii. the remuneration arrangements;
- iv. the duration of the contract;
- v. date of employment;
- vi. the date and place of advertisement of the vacancy;
- vii. the date and venue of the interview;
- viii. number of applicants; and
- ix. the interview panel?

(Answer due by 20.04.2021)

****Question No. 128 to the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government:**

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister provide a listing of all contract officers employed at the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government and the agencies falling under the Ministry for each year from September, 2015 to February, 2021, detailing:

- i. the names of individuals;
- ii. the post to which they were employed;
- iii. the remuneration arrangements;
- iv. the duration of the contract;
- v. date of employment;
- vi. the date and place of advertisement of the vacancy;

¹**Questions No. 126-130 were deferred on Wednesday June 09, 2021 for a further two (2) weeks.

- vii. the date and venue of the interview;
- viii. number of applicants; and
- ix. the interview panel?

(Answer due by 20.04.2021)

****Question No. 129 to the Minister of Finance:**
(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister provide a listing of all contract officers employed at the Ministry of Finance and the agencies falling under the Ministry for each year from September, 2015 to February, 2021, detailing:

- i. the names of individuals;
- ii. the post to which they were employed;
- iii. the remuneration arrangements;
- iv. the duration of the contract;
- v. date of employment;
- vi. the date and place of advertisement of the vacancy;
- vii. the date and venue of the interview;
- viii. number of applicants; and
- ix. the interview panel?

(Answer due by 20.04.2021)

****Question No. 130 to the Minister of Planning and Development**
(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister provide a listing of all contract officers employed at the Ministry of Planning and Development and the agencies falling under the Ministry for each year from September, 2015 to February, 2021 detailing:

- i. the names of individuals;
- ii. the post to which they were employed;
- iii. the remuneration arrangements;
- iv. the duration of the contract;
- v. date of employment;
- vi. the date and place of advertisement of the vacancy; vii. the date and venue of the interview;
- viii. number of applicants; and
- ix. the interview panel?

(Answer due by 20.04.2021)



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WEDNESDAY JUNE 23, 2021 10:00 A.M. NOTICE OF PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

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

1. In light of the discrepancies contained in the Auditor General's Report for 2020 relating to the COVID-19 grants, could the Prime Minister indicate whether an urgent investigation will be undertaken?
(By the Member for Oropouche West)
2. Could the Prime Minister inform the House what percentage/value in money terms of the recently signed loan agreement between China and Trinidad and Tobago is being used for the procuring of the Sinopharm vaccine?
(By the Member for Oropouche West)
3. Given the announcement by the Minister of Finance that a contributory pension plan for daily paid workers in the public service will take effect in 2020, could the Prime Minister inform this House why this said Plan has not come into effect?
(By the Member for Couva South)
4. In view of a recent report from the US White House that 'Haiti and other Caricom countries' will in part benefit from a 14 million vaccine allocation, as part of President Biden's pledge to share vaccines, could the Prime Minister indicate how many of these vaccines Trinidad and Tobago is expected to receive?
(By the Member for Fyzabad)
5. Given recent reports that the Government is committed to locating a private operator to partner with Port of Port of Spain to divest its operations, could the Prime Minister provide the House with a status brief on this project?
(By the Member for Caroni Central)
6. Given the Government's policy on the vaccination of elderly persons in senior citizens' homes, could the Prime Minister confirm whether the JC MacDonald Home for the Aged and other such homes have to date received Covid-19 vaccines?
(By the Member for Naparima)

7. Could the Prime Minister justify the Government's continued use of its lobbyist in the US, Group DC, given that to date they have failed in our desire to obtain vaccines from that country?
(By the Member for Naparima)
8. Could the Prime Minister state the status of Patriotic Energies and Technologies' proposal to acquire the Petrotrin Refinery given that its President indicated on Sunday that a new proposal was submitted?
(By the Member for Naparima)
9. Is the Prime Minister prepared to conduct an independent Commission of Enquiry into his Government's management of the Covid-19 pandemic?
(By the Member for Naparima)
10. Could the Prime Minister identify the group of persons in National Security who have received the 200 first shot of the Pfizer vaccines donated by the Government of the United States?
(By the Member for Caroni Central)

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

1. **To the Minister of Education**

Could the Minister indicate how many SEA Supervisors have been fully vaccinated in anticipation of their presence at the SEA Examination next Thursday?

(By the Member for Tabaquite)

2. **To the Minister of Finance**

Given the recent announcement that Caribbean Airlines Limited (CAL) has taken a decision to reduce its staff by 450 employees could the Minister inform this House of the current financial position of CAL in relation to after tax loss or profit after the first quarter of 2021?

(By the Member for Couva South)

3. **To the Minister of Finance**

In light of the Government's decision to invite applications for income support grant to all construction workers, could the Minister inform this House of the total number of applications the Ministry has received through the National Insurance Board (NIB) for salary relief grants as the 23 June, 2021?

(By the Member for Couva South)

4. **To Minister of Public Utilities**

Is the government willing to consider a moratorium on payments for public utilities for persons who have lost income due to the Covid 19 pandemic?

(By the Member for St. Augustine)

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