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2. The Second Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on the examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Vehicle Management Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (VMCOIT) for the financial years 2013 and 2014, First Session (2020/2021), Twelfth Parliament.
(By the Member for Mayaro)
3. The Third Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on the examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited's for the years 2016 to 2018, First Session (2020/2021), Twelfth Parliament.
(By the Member for Mayaro)
4. The Follow-up Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on the examination of the Twenty-Fourth Report, Fifth Session (2019/2020), Eleventh Parliament on the Audited Financial Statements of the Export – Import Bank of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (EXIMBANK) for the years 2012 to 2017.
(By the Member for Mayaro)
5. 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, (iGovTI) for the financial years 2015 to 2019, First Session (2020/2021), Twelfth Parliament.
(By the Member for Mayaro)

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Written Answer will appear in Appendix I

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 175 to the Minister of National Security:
(By the Member for Naparima)

Could the Minister indicate how many persons under the age of 18 have been identified by intelligence agencies as being gang members as of March 2021?

Question No. 182 to the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries:
(By the Member for Naparima)

With respect to farmers/suppliers from which NAMDEVCO is purchasing produce to supply the GORTT Food Box programme, could the Minister state:

- a. the geographical locations of these farmers/suppliers?
- b. whether or not NAMDEVCO sent notice to farmer associations throughout the country indicating that suppliers were needed?

Question No. 183 to the Minister of Works and Transport:
(By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)

Could the Minister state the expected commencement date for road repairs in the Caratal community which falls within the Constituency of Cumuto/Manzanilla?

Question No. 184 to the Minister of Works and Transport:
(By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)

Could the Minister indicate the expected completion date for the repairs to St Marine Emmanuel Road Bridge, which is located at LP#332 St Marine Emmanuel Road?

Question No. 185 to the Minister of Social Development and Family Services:
(By the Member for Chaguanas East)

Could the Minister:

- a. Provide a detailed breakdown of the number of registered cases of Cerebral Palsy currently existing in Trinidad and Tobago; and
- b. Indicate whether the Ministry has engaged the Cerebral Palsy Society of Trinidad and Tobago to address their numerous concerns?

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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)

Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Sexual Offences Act, Chap. 11:28”.
- (By the Attorney General)**

Committee Stage:

1. **The Committee Stage of the following Bill which was adjourned on Wednesday June 30, 2021 will be resumed:**

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)

2. **The Committee Stage of the following Bill which was adjourned on Wednesday June 30, 2021 will be resumed:**

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)

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 Cannabis Control Bill, 2020.
- (By the Member for San Fernando West)**

2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House adopt the Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to consider and report on the Miscellaneous Provisions (Local Government Reform) Bill, 2020.
(By the Member for Arouca/ Maloney)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday June 25, 2021 will be resumed:**

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 take note of the increasing and unacceptable levels of disparity in inequitable access to education:

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)

- 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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Clerk of the House

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

***Question No. 126 to the Prime Minister:**
(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;
- 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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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. Could the Prime Minister advise the House of the present status of Salary Relief and Income Support Grants since the initiation of the lockdown of May 2021 to present?
(By the Member for Chaguanas East)
2. Having regard to large quantum of taxpayer's money and the State's Senior Counsel advice to Petrotrin to immediately set aside the AV Drilling arbitration, could the Prime Minister state if any such application has been filed in Court?
(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)
3. In light of the recent deaths of 12 police officers within the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) who have succumbed to the Covid -19 virus, could the Prime Minister inform this House if the Cabinet has given due consideration and approval for the payment of monetary compensation similar to which are paid to the families of officers who were killed in the line of duty?
(By the Member for Couva South)
4. Could the Prime Minister inform the House what data, if any, informed the decision of the Government to reopen laundromats?
(By the Member for Naparima)
5. Could the Prime Minister inform the House what is the quantum of money paid to the law firm Al-Rawi, Haynes-Soo Hon and Company thus far by the Office of the Prime Minister in respect of a pre-action protocol letter from the Maha Sabha questioning the change in criteria for scholarships?
(By the Member for Naparima)
6. Could the Prime Minister inform this House as to the details of the contract with Prestige Holdings and NAMDEVCO regarding the distribution of hampers?
(By the Member for Naparima)

7. Given the recent statements issued by the Chairman of the National Insurance Board that pensions are to be reduced before persons turn 65 years, could the Prime Minister inform the House whether this policy position has been adopted by his Government?

(By the Member for Naparima)

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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 Public Utilities**

In light of nationwide power outages owing to heavy rains, could the Minister advise what urgent action is being taken to assist those residents and essential services affected?

(By the Member for Tabaquite)

2. **To the Minister of Social Development and Family Services**

Could the Minister advise as to how many persons have applied and been awarded Emergency Relief grants owing to damage caused by the recent adverse weather?

(By the Member for Tabaquite)

3. **To the Minister of Health**

Given Dr. Hinds' recent statement that "a large number of the cases seen in this elderly category of people was because of clusters occurring within elder care facilities", could the Minister indicate why the elderly at several old aged homes in Naparima have not yet been vaccinated?

(By the Member for Naparima)

4. **To the Minister of Public Utilities**

Could the Minister inform this House as to the reasons for the sudden and inexplicable departure of the Executive Director/Chairman of the Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA), Dr. Lennox Sealy, which took immediate effect?

(By the Member for Couva South)

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