



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

THIRD SESSION  
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

NO. 07  
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## ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 04, 2022 AT 1:30 P.M.

PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

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PAPERS

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 September 30, 2018.  
**(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 Statement of the Fair Trading Commission for the year ended September 30, 2019.  
**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)**
3. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statement of the Fair Trading Commission 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)**
4. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statement of the Fair Trading Commission for the year ended September 30, 2021.  
**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)**
5. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Siparia Regional Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2014.  
**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)**
6. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Siparia Regional Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2015.  
**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)**

7. The Report of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago with respect to the Progress of the Proposals to Restructure CLICO, BAT and CIB for the quarter ended December 31, 2021.  
**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)**
8. The Report of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago with respect to the Progress of the Proposals to Restructure CLICO, BAT and CIB for the quarter ended March 31, 2022.  
**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)**
9. The Annual Report of Taurus Services Limited for the financial year ending September 30, 2020.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
10. The Annual Report of Taurus Services Limited for the financial year ending September 30, 2021.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
11. The Annual Administrative Report of the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries for the period October 01, 2019 to September 30, 2020.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**
12. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Health to the Twelfth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Examination of the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year 2016.  
**(By the Minister of Health)**
13. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of National Security to the Fifth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Examination of the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year 2014 with specific reference to the Ministry of National Security.  
**(By the Minister of National Security)**
14. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Education to the Fifth Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on an examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the National Schools Dietary Services Limited (NSDSL) for the financial years 2016 to 2019 and follow-up on the implementation of the recommendations in the Report of the Auditor General on a Special Audit of the School Nutrition Programme managed by NSDSL.  
**(By the Minister of Education)**
15. The Response of the Personnel Department to the Third Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on the implementation of the recommendations of the Twenty-Fourth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an examination into the Processing of payment of Pension and Gratuities of Retired Public Officers and Contracted Employees.  
**(By the Minister of Public Administration)**
16. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Youth Development and National Service to the Third Report of the Joint Select Committee on Finance and Legal Affairs on an inquiry into the impact of COVID-19 on the Micro and Small Enterprises Sector.  
**(By the Minister of Youth Development and National Service)**
17. The Annual Report of the Public Service Commission for the year 2021.  
**(By the Minister of Public Administration)**

18. The Annual Report of the Police Service Commission for the period January 01, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

**(By the Deputy Speaker)**

19. The Annual Report of the Statutory Authorities Service Commission for the period October 01, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

**(By the Minister of Public Administration)**

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

**Questions for Oral Answer**

**Question No. 1 to the Minister of Works and Transport:**

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

Will the Minister indicate what steps are being taken to urgently repair the miles of broken cable barriers along the Sir Solomon Hochoy and Uriah Butler highways?

**Question No. 2 to the Minister of Education:**

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

Will the Minister inform the House of the timetable for completion of the Ramai Trace Hindu School?

**Question No. 3 to the Minister of National Security:**

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

Will the Minister inform the House of the number and/or percentage of CCTV cameras fully operational at this time?

**Question No. 5 to the Minister of Education:**

**(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

Given the commitment of the then Minister of Education in 2019 to construct a new Claxton Bay Junior Anglican Primary School, will the Minister state:

- a) why has construction not been completed; and
- b) the timeline for completion?

**Question No. 6 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:**

**(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

Having regard to the report in the Express of Sunday September 11, 2022 that Niquan has been given clearance by the Ministry to restart its operations, will the Minister state:

- a) when was the investigation of the explosion that took place in April 2021 on the Niquan compound completed and submitted to the Minister;
- b) why has the report and findings of this investigation not been made public;
- c) the agencies, state or otherwise, consultants, industry specialists and all persons involved in the undertaking of this investigation; and
- d) whether Niquan and the Ministry have created a safety plan for surrounding communities in the event of a disaster?

**Question No. 8 to the Minister of Trade and Industry:****(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

Will the Minister state:

- a) whether the Government has held meetings with the Trinidad and Tobago Scrap Iron Dealers Association (TTSIDA) to create and draft regulations for the Industry in the last two months; and
- b) whether a specific timeline for drafting these regulations have been proposed in order to allow the industry to recommence operations?

**Question No. 9 to the Minister of Health:****(By the Member for Fyzabad)**

Will the Minister provide the status of the following:

- a) the renal dialysis unit at the Couva Hospital;
- b) the cardiac catheterisation laboratory at the San Fernando General Hospital; and
- c) the renal dialysis centres to be built at Mt Hope and San Fernando?

**Question No. 11 to the Minister of Works and Transport:****(By the Member for Couva South)**

Will the Minister provide an update on the progress of rehabilitative works, inclusive of drainage works, on the Southern Main Road between Roop's Junction to Savonetta Junction, California?

**Question No. 12 to the Minister of Works and Transport:****(By the Member for Couva South)**

Will the Minister state when the potholes along Mission Road, Freeport between St. Mary's Junction to Freeport Police Station will be repaired?

**Question No. 13 to the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government:****(By the Member for Couva South)**

Will the Minister state when repairs to the potholes along Camden Road, between Exchange Junction to Rivulet Road Junction, Couva will commence?

**Question No. 16 to the Minister of Social Development and Family Services:****(By the Member for Chaguanas East)**

Will the Minister state the number of applications for grants received to date by her Ministry from scrap-iron workers since her public announcement of their eligibility on August 24, 2022?

**Question No. 17 to the Minister of National Security:****(By the Member for Caroni East)**

Will the Minister inform this House what measures will be taken to cease the escalating crime and murders in Kelly Village, Caroni?

**Question No. 18 to the Minister of Education:****(By the Member for Caroni East)**

Will the Minister provide the status of the proposed plan to move the Longdenville Presbyterian School from the Jerningham Community Centre to a permanent location?

**Question No. 19 to the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries:****(By the Member for Caroni East)**

Will the Minister provide an update on the status of the proposed plan to construct a bridge at Lalloo Trace, Cunupia?

**Question No. 23 to the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries:****(By the Member for Chaguanas East)**

Will the Minister advise what actions or strategies have been instituted to combat the *Tuta absoluta* (leafminer) pest?

**Question No. 26 to the Minister of National Security:**

**(By the Member for Naparima)**

Will the Minister provide an update on the status of the investigation into the incident at sea involving the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard and a Venezuelan vessel that resulted in the death of a Venezuelan baby on February 6, 2022?

**Question No. 28 to the Prime Minister:**

**(By the Member for Naparima)**

Will the Prime Minister state the names and positions of all the technical officers in the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries and/or other Ministries who accompanied him on his recent official visit to Switzerland?

**Question No. 29 to the Minister of Digital Transformation:**

**(By the Member for Mayaro)**

With regard to the budgetary allocation of \$15 Million for the Implementation of the Digital Society Programme in the financial year 2022, will the Minister state:

- a) the status of this Programme;
- b) the number of sectors fully digitalized to date; and
- c) how the number of fully digitalized sectors impact the achievement of the objectives of the programme?

**Question No. 30 to the Minister of Trade and Industry:**

**(By the Member for Mayaro)**

In light of the continued closure of a number of small businesses as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic, will the Minister identify whether any policy was formulated over the past year to aid Micro and Small Enterprises?

**Question No. 31 to the Minister of Works and Transport:**

**(By the Member for Mayaro)**

Will the Minister state what specific plans with measureable outcomes are being taken to bring an end to the current shortage of bitumen?

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 Finance Bill, 2022.

**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the next stage of the Bill be taken later in the proceedings.)**

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

### Bills Second Reading:

1. 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. 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)**

### 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 Housing and Urban Development)**

## PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

### Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** it is the duty of the Government to provide safe and reliable healthcare services for all citizens during a pandemic;  
  
**AND WHEREAS** the Government has failed to address the existing inequities in accessing healthcare services and procedures exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic;  
  
**AND WHEREAS** the Government has failed to provide well equipped, well stocked, and well secured spaces for healthcare workers during the COVID-19 pandemic;  
  
**AND WHEREAS** the Government has failed to meet the international standards for patient care as highlighted in the Report of the Committee Appointed to Investigate the Factors contributing to COVID-19 Patients in Trinidad and Tobago;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has failed to effectively manage resources to facilitate the movement of critically ill patients to and from our nation's hospitals;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has mismanaged our nation's medical specialists thereby denying the best clinical care to COVID-19 patients;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House take note of the unacceptable number of deaths from COVID-19 and the failure of the Ministry of Health to deliver on its essential mandate:

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this House call on the Government to take immediate and urgent steps to initiate a Commission of Inquiry into the Government's management of COVID-19 at our nation's healthcare institutions.

**(By the Member for Caroni East)**

2. **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 national security, law and order and has been unable to provide for the safety and security of citizens resulting in massive increases in serious crimes;

**AND WHEREAS** the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service has been progressively under-resourced and not equipped to respond effectively to the threat of widespread crime;

**AND WHEREAS** there has been an astronomical and continuous increase in the murder toll with a corresponding breakdown in the criminal justice system;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has failed to present a clear and effective anti-crime plan to deal with this perturbing crime situation;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has contributed to the disturbing crime situation as a result of 7 years of neglect in education, training opportunities, rising unemployment and a total breakdown of the social safety net;

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

**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)**

3. **WHEREAS** the Minister of National Security is responsible for ensuring public safety by the maintenance of law and order and the effective oversight of the national security infrastructure;

**AND WHEREAS** the Minister of National Security through his vast and continued incompetence has mismanaged the organs and departments of national security;

**AND WHEREAS** the Minister of National Security has unequivocally demonstrated his inability to competently execute his duties:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House express its lack of confidence in the Minister of National Security.

**(By the Member for Barataria /San Juan)**

*Jacqui Sampson-Meiguel*  
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*October 28, 2022*



ORDER PAPERFRIDAY NOVEMBER 04, 2022QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWERQuestion No. 7 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries  
(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)

Given the statements at the recently held 'Spotlight on the economy' that discussions were ongoing with regard to the Petrotrin refinery, will the Minister give a detailed report on the status of the refinery as well as all negotiations associated with it?

(Answer due by 22.10.2022)

Question No. 10 to the Minister of Health  
(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Will the Minister provide a breakdown of the expenditure on the Covid-19 pandemic for each of the (4) four Regional Health Authorities in Trinidad for the financial years 2020, 2021 and 2022?

(Answer due by 22.10.2022)

Question No. 24 to the Minister of Finance  
(By the Member for Naparima)

Will the Minister provide the total value of per diems paid to the Prime Minister and the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries for official travel purposes during the period October 2015 to September 2022?

(Answer due by 26.10.2022)

Question No. 25 to the Minister of National Security  
(By the Member for Naparima)

Will the Minister state what specific plans with measurable outcomes will be implemented to ensure that the murder rate does not exceed 600 for the year 2022?

(Answer due by 26.10.2022)

Question No. 27 to the Minister of Finance  
(By the Member for Naparima)

Will the Minister state:

- a. the positions held by Rhoda Bharath at the National Lotteries Control Board and any other publicly funded State bodies/agencies;
- b. the responsibilities for each position held; and
- c. the remuneration package for each position held?

(Answer due by 26.10.2022)



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## FRIDAY NOVEMBER 04, 2022 1:30 P.M. NOTICE OF URGENT QUESTIONS

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 National Security:**

Having regard to the incident at the Rose Hill RC Primary School in Laventille, will the Minister state what new and immediate initiatives are proposed by the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service to better protect children at risk to criminal elements at their schools in the so-called hot spots?

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

2. **To the Minister of Education:**

Given well publicised reports of events at the Rose Hill RC Primary School in Laventille, will the Minister indicate whether there are programs to deal with psychological trauma which can affect the learning experiences of students at our educational institutions?

**(By the Member for Naparima)**

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