



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

THIRD SESSION
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

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ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2022 AT 1:30 P.M.

PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

PETITIONS

PAPERS

1. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Statement of Recovery of Expenses of the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries for the year ended December 31, 2021.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
2. 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 June 30, 2022.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

1. The Third Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity on an inquiry into the discrimination faced by persons with mental illness and the ability to access quality mental health, Third Session (2022/2023), Twelfth Parliament.
(By the Member for Tobago West)
2. The Sixth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an examination into the internal controls expenditure and the accessibility and availability of diagnostic imaging services at Public Health Institutions with specific reference to the Tobago Regional Health Authority.
(By the Member for Fyzabad)
3. The Seventh Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an examination into the implementation of the Public Sector Investment Programme (PSIP) for fiscal year 2021.
(By the Member for Fyzabad)

4. The Eighth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an examination into the Statements of Expenditure for the First, Second and Third Quarters of the financial year 2022, with respect to Recurrent Expenditure and the Development Programme - Consolidated Fund and Infrastructure Development Fund.
(By the Member for Fyzabad)

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Oral Answer

1Question 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 Jerminham 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:**

¹In accordance with S.O. 29(10), Question Nos. 18, 19, 23, 26, 28, 29, 30 and 31 remained unanswered on November 04, 2022 and were postponed to the next sitting.

(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?

Question No. 4 to the Minister of National Security:**(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

Will the Minister update the House as to the status of the provision and utilisation of body cameras to officers of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service?

Question No. 14 to the Minister of Public Utilities:**(By the Member for Couva South)**

Will the Minister state:

- a) Who is the Senior Manager of Environmental, Social and Reputation Management at the Telecommunication Services of Trinidad and Tobago; and
- b) When did this person assume this position?

Question No. 15 to the Minister of Sports and Community Development:**(By the Member for Couva South)**

Given that the Couva Community Pool has been closed since September 2018, will the Minister inform this House when will the pool be reopened for use by members of the public?

Question No. 20 to the Minister of Works and Transport:**(By the Member for Caroni East)**

With regard to the 3 landslips located at Fletcher's Road, will the Minister state when will repair and rehabilitation works commence?

Question No. 21 to the Minister of Public Utilities:**(By the Member for Caroni East)**

Will the Minister state when will the lights located at Kelly Recreational Ground be repaired and commissioned for use?

Question No. 22 to the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government:**(By the Member for Caroni East)**

Will the Minister state when will the repair and rehabilitation works to the bridge located at Hercules Trace, Ravine Sable commence?

Question No. 32 to the Minister of Works and Transport:**(By the Member for Mayaro)**

Will the Minister state when will remedial works commence along the road that links Mayaro to Guayaguayare?

Question No. 33 to the Minister of Education:**(By the Member for Tabaquite)**

Will the Minister state the estimated final cost of the Vacation Revision Programme 2022?

Question No. 34 to the Minister of Education:**(By the Member for Tabaquite)**

Will the Minister state what specific plans with measurable outcomes, if any, are being taken to ensure that Secondary Entrance Assessment examination results improve in the 2022-2023 academic year?

Question No. 35 to the Minister of Education:**(By the Member for Tabaquite)**

Will the Minister state of the 46,770 students who never accessed online learning, how many have returned to the physical school system?

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

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 Civil Aviation Act, Chap.49:03"
(By the Minister of Works and Transport)
2. 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)
3. 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)
4. 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)

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SITTING NO. 8

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

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FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2022 1:30 P.M. NOTICE OF PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

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

1. Given the national crisis emerging from unparalleled criminality, the historic high murder rate, gang activity and gun violence, will the Prime Minister indicate when this House will debate and determine the Notification of Her Excellency, the President, in respect of the nomination of Mr. Ramnarine Samaroo for appointment to act in the Office of Deputy Commissioner of Police?
(By the Member for Oropouche East)
2. Will the Prime Minister indicate whether there is any confirmed case of monkey pox virus in Trinidad and Tobago?
(By the Member for Fyzabad)
3. Given the level of flooding experienced by citizens across Trinidad over the last seventy-two (72) hours, what measures have been taken to help affected residents/citizens?
(By the Member for Couva South)
4. Will the Prime Minister inform this House of the root causes of last Monday night's and Tuesday morning's power failures which knocked out power supply in areas from east to west as well as the south western part of Trinidad?
(By the Member for Couva South)
5. Will the Prime Minister inform this House if the Government has taken a decision to review the laws to make errant police officers pay for malicious prosecution against members of the public?
(By the Member for Couva South)
6. In light of the latest CSO data reflecting the significant increase in the price of food and non-alcoholic beverages, will the Prime Minister inform the House as to the measures his Government has taken to halt any further escalation in the price of food and non-alcoholic beverage items in Trinidad and Tobago?
(By the Member for Couva North)

7. With reference to recent reports that parents and teachers are fearful for their safety with the re-opening of the Rose Hill RC School, what assurances will the Prime Minister, as Head of the National Security Council provide to bring a sense of relief to these persons?
(By the Member for Couva North)
8. Will the Prime Minister advise whether it is the policy of this government to impose a fee/charge on religious institutions for the use of community centres to conduct religious service?
(By the Member for Couva North)
9. Will the Prime Minister state why Trinidad and Tobago is still listed as a “non-cooperative jurisdiction for tax purposes” especially after the Opposition supported all four pieces of legislation which we were informed would remove Trinidad and Tobago off the EU blacklist?
(By the Member for Naparima)
10. Given the widespread discontent by top trade unions in the public sector over the Government's four percent wage increase offer, is the Prime Minister willing to reconsider his government’s four percent offer?
(By the Member for Naparima)
11. Given that the State receives over 3 billion annually from the sale of fuel at the pump through business levy, VAT and petroleum production levy, will the Prime Minister give consideration to the removal of significant VAT payments by motorists for fuel?
(By the Member for Naparima)
12. Given the already limited green space and other open spaces in San Fernando, will the Prime Minister state why the Todd Street Housing Development is necessary and most important at this time?
(By the Member for Naparima)

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The undermentioned 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 the two recent power outages that occurred earlier this week across several communities throughout the country, will the Minister indicate whether the generators at T&TEC are currently functional?

(By the Member for Princes Town)

2. **To The Prime Minister**

Given that UDECOTT falls under the Office of the Prime Minister, will the Prime Minister state the exact nature of the cause of distress and disrepair of infrastructure at the Red House that has caused the dislocation of sittings of the House of Representatives from today?

(By the Member for Oropouche East)

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

With respect to the nationwide flooding over the last 48 hours that has devastated several communities, will the Minister outline what emergency works have been undertaken to bring relief to affected communities across the nation?

(By the Member for Oropouche East)

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

Will the minister indicate the urgent infrastructure works embarked upon in light of the several roadways across the nation that have collapsed and are now impassable?

(By the Member for Oropouche East)

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