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ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 25, 2022 AT 1:30 P.M.

PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

PETITIONS

PAPERS

1. The Notification of Her Excellency, the President, in respect of the nomination of Mr. Curt Simon, for appointment to act in the Office of Deputy Commissioner of Police.
(By the Speaker of the House)
2. The Annual Report of the Police Service Commission for the period January 01, 2021 to December 31, 2021.
(By the Deputy Speaker)
3. The Sessional Report of the Second Session (2021/2022), Twelfth Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.
(By the Deputy Speaker)
4. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Police Complaints Authority 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 Administrative Report and Audited Financial Statements of National Helicopter Services Limited for the year ended September 30, 2017.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
6. The Administrative Report and Audited Financial Statements of National Helicopter Services Limited for the year ended September 30, 2018.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)

7. The Administrative Report of the National Investment Fund Holding Company Limited as at December 31, 2021.
(By the Minister of Finance)
8. The Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards for the year ended September 30, 2019.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)
9. The Annual Administrative Report of the Industrial Relations Advisory Committee for the period February 2012 to September 2012.
(By the Minister of Labour)
10. The Annual Administrative Report of the Industrial Relations Advisory Committee for the period October 2013 to February 2014.
(By the Minister of Labour)
11. The Annual Administrative Report of the Industrial Relations Advisory Committee for the period October 2017 to September 2018.
(By the Minister of Labour)
12. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance 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, Second Session (2021/2022), Twelfth Parliament.
(By the Minister of Finance)
13. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Digital Transformation to the Third Report of the Joint Select Committee on Social Services and Public Administration on an inquiry into the impact of Work-from-Home and Alternative Work Arrangements, Policies and Initiatives on Public Sector Productivity and Service Delivery.
(By the Minister of Digital Transformation)
14. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Labour to the Third Report of the Joint Select Committee on Social Services and Public Administration on an inquiry into the impact of Work-from-Home and Alternative Work Arrangements, Policies and Initiatives on Public Sector Productivity and Service Delivery.
(By the Minister of Labour)
15. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Planning and Development to the Third Report of the Joint Select Committee on Social Services and Public Administration on an inquiry into the impact of Work-from-Home and Alternative Work Arrangements, Policies and Initiatives on Public Sector Productivity and Service Delivery.
(By the Minister of Planning and Development)
16. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Planning and Development to the Fourth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Finance and Legal Affairs on an inquiry into the efficiency and effectiveness of the Central Statistical Office (CSO), Second Session (2021/2022), Twelfth Parliament.
(By the Minister of Planning and Development)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

1. The Seventh Report of the Public Accounts Committee on an examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Securities and Exchange Commission (TTSEC) for the Financial Years 2014 to 2018.
(By the Member for Oropouche West)

2. The Eighth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on an examination of the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the Financial Years 2021.
(By the Member for Oropouche West)

3. The Ninth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on an examination of the administration of the CAPE Scholarship Programme as reported on in the Special Audit Report within the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the Financial Year 2019.
(By the Member for Oropouche West)

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Written Answer will appear in the Appendix

Questions for Oral Answer

***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. 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 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?

2Question 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?

*In accordance with S.O. 29(10), Question Nos. 14, 20, 21, 32, 33, 34, and 35 remained unanswered on November 11, 2022 and were postponed to the next sitting.

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?

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. 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. 36 to the Minister of Education:**(By the Member for Tabaquite)**

With regard to the recent procurement of 7000 laptops, will the Minister state:

- a) the total cost of the laptops;
- b) the number of laptops that have been distributed to date;
- c) the timeline for the distribution of the remaining laptops; and
- d) the criteria used for the distribution of the laptops?

Question No. 37 to the Minister of Digital Transformation:**(By the Member for Tabaquite)**

Will the Minister state:

- a) the number of ICT Access Centres that have been completed, operationalized and accessed by communities; and
- b) the construction schedule for the completion of the other ICT Access Centres promised?

Question No. 38 to the Minister of Education:**(By the Member for Tabaquite)**

Will the Minister state which year's applicants are currently being interviewed by the Teaching Service Commission?

Question No. 41 to the Minister of Finance:**(By the Member for Naparima)**

Will the Minister state the quantum of surplus energy revenues received for the quarter January 2022 to March 2022 and the date on which that required surplus was paid into the Heritage and Stabilisation Fund?

Question No. 42 to the Minister of Housing and Urban Development:**(By the Member for Moruga/Tableland)**

Will the Minister identify the areas in which the recipients of the "A House for Christmas" were resident prior to being allocated housing?

*Question Nos. 8 was deferred for two (2) weeks on November 04, 2022 and Question No. 15 was deferred for two (2) weeks on Friday November 11, 2022.

Question No. 43 to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts:**(By the Member for Moruga/Tableland)**

Will the Minister provide an update on the status of the Visitor Relationship Management System (VRMS)?

Question No. 45 to the Minister of Finance:**(By the Member for Moruga/Tableland)**

Will the Minister provide a list of the ten (10) largest recipients of foreign exchange for the period October 1st, 2021 to September 30th, 2022?

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**Motions:**

1. **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)

2. **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)

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)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** section 123(1)(a) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago ("the Constitution") provides that the Police Service Commission shall have the power to appoint persons to hold or act in the office of Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Police;

AND WHEREAS section 123(3) of the Constitution provides that the Police Service Commission shall submit to the President a list of the names of the persons nominated for appointment to the office of Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner of Police;

AND WHEREAS section 123(4) of the Constitution provides that the President shall issue a Notification in respect of each person nominated under subsection (3) and the Notification shall be subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives;

AND WHEREAS the Police Service Commission has submitted to the President the name **Mr. Ramnarine Samaroo, Assistant Commissioner of Police**, as a person nominated to act in the office of Deputy Commissioner of Police;

AND WHEREAS the President has on the 24th day of June, 2022 issued a Notification in respect of the nomination;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the Notification;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Notification of the President of the nomination by the Police Service Commission of **Mr. Ramnarine Samaroo** to act in the office of Deputy Commissioner of Police be approved.

(By the Prime Minister)

2. **WHEREAS** section 123(1)(a) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (“the Constitution”) provides that the Police Service Commission shall have the power to appoint persons to hold or act in the office of Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Police;

AND WHEREAS section 123(3) of the Constitution provides that the Police Service Commission shall submit to the President a list of the names of the persons nominated for appointment to the office of Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner of Police;

AND WHEREAS section 123(4) of the Constitution provides that the President shall issue a Notification in respect of each person nominated under subsection (3) and the Notification shall be subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives;

AND WHEREAS the Police Service Commission has submitted to the President the name **Mr. Curt Simon, Superintendent of Police, acting as Assistant Commissioner of Police**, as a person nominated to act in the office of Deputy Commissioner of Police;

AND WHEREAS the President has on the 16th day of November, 2022 issued a Notification in respect of the nomination;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the Notification;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Notification of the President of the nomination by the Police Service Commission of **Mr. Curt Simon** to act in the office of Deputy Commissioner of Police be approved.

(By the Prime Minister)

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)

4. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Firearms Act, Chap. 16:01 and for other related matters.”
(By the Minister of National Security)

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)

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ORDER PAPERFRIDAY NOVEMBER 25, 2022QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER***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. 39 to the Minister of Education
(By the Member for Tabaquite)

Will the Minister provide a detailed status report on schools under construction throughout Trinidad and Tobago as follows:

- a) primary schools;
- b) secondary schools; and
- c) tertiary educational institutions?

(Answer due by 16.11.2022)

*Question No. 24 was deferred for two (2) weeks on November 04, 2022.



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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 Works and Transport

Will the Minister inform the House what urgent action will be taken to address the flooding situation in El Socorro South, where flood waters have remained stagnant over the last four (4) days?

(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)

2. To the Minister of Works and Transport

In light of the critical nature of the landslide in Robert Village, Tableland, which impeded the passage of multiple heavy vehicles this week leading to traffic congestion, will the Minister inform the House what urgent and critical remedial works are planned to bring relief to the motoring public?

(By the Member for Mayaro)

3. To the Minister of Works and Transport

Given the collapse of part of the Manzanilla Road which has made it impossible for residents to commute to work and school, could the Minister state what immediate action is being undertaken by his Ministry to alleviate the situation?

(By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)

4. To the Minister of Works and Transport

Will the Minister advise when will the rubble base from the recently collapsed Roopsingh Road Bridge be removed as it is currently blocking the free flow of water in the La Cuesa River?

(By the Member for Couva North)

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