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Questions for Oral Answer

***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 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?

*In accordance with S.O. 29(10), Question Nos. 42, 43 and 45 remained unanswered on November 25, 2022 and were postponed to the next sitting.

Question No. 47 to the Minister of Finance:**(By the Member for Point-a-Pierre)**

Given the Minister's announcements on October 27, 2022 that "total revenue for fiscal 2022 was \$2.7 billion more than announced" and referenced in the Budget Statement 2023 "a one-time transport grant of \$1,000 for all recipients of social grants on or before January 2023", will the Minister state:

- a) why weren't these grants introduced immediately upon the budget's approval given that fuel prices increased immediately;
- b) whether the Government will commence the distribution of these grants before January 2023;
- c) whether the Government will consider giving the grant to school bus and maxi taxi operators; and
- d) whether a means test be administered or will each recipient automatically receive the grant?

Question No. 48 to the Energy and Energy Industries:**(By the Member for Point-a-Pierre)**

Will the Minister state whether any changes have been made to the terms and conditions of the bid that was issued in 2020 for the construction of a 112 MW (megawatts) Solar Photovoltaic project won by the joint consortium of BP, Shell and Lightsource BP?

Question No. 49 to the Energy and Energy Industries:**(By the Member for Point-a-Pierre)**

Will the Minister state:

- a) the names of the officials of the Ministry who accompanied the Prime Minister on his recent trip to Europe to meet with International Energy companies in September 2022; and
- b) whether the officials listed in (a) were present at all of the deliberations between the Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Energy Industries and International Energy companies in Europe?

Question No. 53 to the Minister of Works and Transport:**(By the Member for Princes Town)**

In light of the major landslip in Craignish Village and worsening road conditions along Naparima Mayaro Road, will the Minister indicate:

- a) which areas have been earmarked for rehabilitation works along the Naparima Mayaro Road;
- b) the name of the contractors awarded the contracts; and
- c) the process used to award the contracts?

Question No. 54 to the Minister of Works and Transport:**(By the Member for Princes Town)**

In light of the rapid deterioration of the roadways and numerous landslips along St. Julien Road from the Sisters Road to the Naparima Mayaro Road, will the Minister indicate:

- a) the expected date when rehabilitation works will commence;
- b) the name of the contractors awarded the contracts; and
- c) the process used to award the contracts?

Question No. 55 to the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries:**(By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)**

Will the Minister state when repair work will commence on Caltoo Bridge?

Question No. 56 to the Minister of Works and Transport:**(By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)**

Will the Minister state the expected date for the recommencement of the construction of the Highway from Cumuto to Manzanilla?

Question No. 57 to the Minister of Health:**(By the Member for Fyzabad)**

Will the Minister provide the total number of patients awaiting vitreo-retinal surgery at the ophthalmology clinics of the San Fernando General Hospital?

Question No. 58 to the Minister of Health:**(By the Member for Fyzabad)**

Given that the treatment of COVID-19 patients is no longer required at the Augustus Long Hospital, will the Minister state the role of this hospital in providing services in the public health sector?

Question No. 60 to the Minister of Works and Transport:**(By the Member for Caroni East)**

In light of prolonged rainfall and incidents of flooding in the areas of St. Helena, El Carmen, Kelly Village and environs, will the Minister state the works undertaken to prevent future instances of flooding in these areas?

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

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)

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday November 25, 2022 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 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)

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November 28, 2022

ORDER PAPERFRIDAY DECEMBER 02, 2022QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWERQuestion No. 40 to the Minister of Finance**(By the Member for Naparima)**

Will the Minister indicate the revenue for the fiscal years 2021 and 2022 as follows:

- a) Value Added Tax collected by the State from the sale of petroleum fuels at the pump;
- b) Contributions made by local oil producing companies to the petroleum production subsidy, under the Petroleum Production Levy and Subsidy Act, Chap 62:02; and
- c) Business and Green Fund Levy from the sale of petroleum fuels?

(Answer due by 01.12.2022)Question No. 44 to the Minister of Works and Transport**(By the Member for Moruga/Tableland)**

Will the Minister provide a detailed breakdown of the landslips repaired in the constituency of Moruga/Tableland for the period August 1, 2022 to date?

(Answer due by 01.12.2022)



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

1. To the Minister of Social Development and Family Services

Will the Minister indicate the precise steps to be taken to bring relief to homeowners and occupiers who have suffered property loss, in the aftermath of this week's horrendous floods?
(By the Member for Chaguanas East)

2. To the Minister of Social Development and Family Services

Will the Minister indicate if any "fast track" approach is being adopted to bring emergency grant relief to the thousands of persons affected by the recent floods?
(By the Member for Chaguanas East)

3. To the Minister of Youth Development and National Service

Will the Minister state if any emergency assistance is being offered by the National Entrepreneurship Development Company Limited (NEDCO) to small businesses devastated by the recent floods?
(By the Member for Couva South)

4. To the Minister of Works and Transport

Will the Minister indicate exactly what emergency clearing, cleaning, desilting and dredging works will be undertaken on the major river courses in light of the recent unprecedented flooding?
(By the Member for Oropouche East)

5. To the Minister of Works and Transport

Given that citizens continue to be negatively affected by stagnant floodwaters, will the Minister inform the House what urgent steps will be taken to address this critical situation?
(By the Member for Baratavia/San Juan)

6. To the Minister of Works and Transport

What immediate measures are being undertaken to prevent floodwaters from making the Madras Road in Cunupia impassable to vehicular traffic for the rest of the rainy season?
(By the Member for Caroni East)

7. To the Minister of Works and Transport

What immediate measures are being undertaken to widen the bottleneck of the Cunupia River, created by two retaining walls that have collapsed and narrowed the river's width from 25 feet to 3 feet?
(By the Member for Caroni East)

8. To the Minister of Works and Transport

In light of the destroyed roadways through Manzanilla to Mayaro, will the Minister indicate when would remedial work start on all the major landslips along the Naparima Mayaro Road, as this is the only access to several parts of the east coast?

(By the Member for Princes Town)

9. To the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development

Will the Minister indicate what emergency resources are being deployed to ensure access roads to fields and crops are passable to farmers in light of the recent land movements in the Tabaquite constituency?

(By the Member for Tabaquite)

10. To the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development

Given the recent catastrophic flooding, will the Minister state what relief supplies or aid have been sent to Members of Parliament whose constituencies have been severely affected, other than that offered through the local corporations and arms of the state ?

(By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)

11. To the Minister of Works and Transport

Will the Minister state what urgent measures will be taken to strengthen the riverbanks and repair floodgates at Bamboo Settlement number two, as well as prevent flooding in neighbouring Real Spring, Valsayn South?

(By the Member for St. Augustine)

12. To the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development

Will the Minister advise what additional resources have been provided to the Municipal Corporations to allow them to execute critically needed spraying and sanitising exercises following the floods?

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

13. To the Minister of National Security

Will the Minister advise what measures have been taken to prepare shelters advised by Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM) with materials, equipment and supplies to be operational?

(By the Member for St Augustine)

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