



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

THIRD SESSION
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

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ORDER PAPER

MONDAY JANUARY 23, 2023 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 Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago with respect to the Progress of the Proposals to Restructure CLICO, BAT and CIB for the quarter ended September 30, 2022.
(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 Statements of the Princes Town Regional Corporation 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 Statements of the Princes Town Regional Corporation Chairman's Fund 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 Annual Administrative Report of the Ministry of Finance for the fiscal year 2019/2020.
(By the Minister of Finance)
5. The Annual Report of the Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2022.
(By the Minister of Finance)
6. The Annual Report of the Anti-Terrorism Unit for the year 2021/2022.
(By the Attorney General)
7. The Administrative Report of the National Helicopter Services Limited for the fiscal year 2018/2019.
(By the Minister of Works and Transport)

8. The Administrative Report of the National Helicopter Services Limited for the fiscal year 2019/2020.
(By the Minister of Works and Transport)
9. The Annual Administrative Report of the Industrial Relations Advisory Committee for the period October 01, 2012 to September 30, 2013.
(By the Minister of Labour)
10. The Annual Administrative Report of the Industrial Relations Advisory Committee for the period, October 01, 2018 to September 30, 2019.
(By the Minister of Labour)
11. The Annual Report of the Registration Recognition and Certification Board for the year ended December 31, 2021.
(By the Minister of Labour)
12. The Unconsolidated Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission for the year ended December 31, 2020.
(By the Minister of Public Utilities)
13. The Unconsolidated Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission for the year ended December 31, 2021.
(By the Minister of Public Utilities)
14. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Public Utilities to the Sixth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Local Authorities, Service Commissions and Statutory Authorities (including the THA) on an inquiry into the Operational Efficiency of the Trinidad and Tobago Postal Service Corporation and the Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on its Service Delivery.
(By the Minister of Public Utilities)
15. The Response of the Auditor General to the Sixth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on the 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 Minister of Finance)
16. The Response of the Tobago House of Assembly to the Sixth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on the 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 Minister of Finance)
17. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Youth Development and National Service to the Seventh Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on the examination into the implementation of the Public Sector Investment Programme for the fiscal year 2021.
(By the Minister of Youth Development and National Service)
18. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of National Security to the Seventh Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on the examination into the implementation of the Public Sector Investment Programme for fiscal year 2021.
(By the Minister of National Security)

19. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Health to the Seventh Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on the examination into the implementation of the Public Sector Investment Programme for fiscal year 2021.
(By the Minister of Health)
20. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government to the Seventh Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on the examination into the implementation of the Public Sector Investment Programme for fiscal year 2021.
(By the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government)
21. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Labour to the Seventh Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on the examination into the implementation of the Public Sector Investment Programme for fiscal year 2021.
(By the Minister of Labour)
22. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Works and Transport to the Seventh Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on the examination into the implementation of the Public Sector Investment Programme for fiscal year 2021.
(By the Minister of Works and Transport)

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. 48 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:**

(By the Member for Pointe-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. 66 to the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries:

(By the Member for Couva North)

Will the Minister state the date on which the packaging Houses at Couva and Brother's Road will become operational?

Question No. 67 to the Minister of Public Utilities:

(By the Member for Couva North)

Will the Minister indicate when lighting will be provided for the following Recreation Grounds in the constituency of Couva North:

- a) Jerry Junction;
- b) Couva;
- c) Perseverance;
- d) Chandernagore;

*Question No. 48 was deferred for two (2) weeks on December 02, 2022.

- e) Roopsingh Road;
- f) Carapichaima; and
- g) Korea Village?

Question No. 68 to the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries:
(By the Member for Couva North)

Will the Minister state the specific incentives or relief measures undertaken to assist fisher folk to treat with the increased fuel prices?

Question No. 70 to the Minister of Public Utilities:
(By the Member for Fyzabad)

With regard to the removal of the Water and Sewage Authority Main pipe and debris which fell into the Godineau River over the past two (2) months, will the Minister state:

- a) the expected commencement date for works; and
- b) whether compensation will be provided to affected fisher folk for loss of earnings from plying their trade?

Question No. 71 to the Minister of Planning and Development:
(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Will the Minister state whether the Environmental Management Authority visited the site where the Water and Sewage Authority main pipe and debris fell into the Godineau River to assess the environmental and socio-economic impact of this event?

Question No. 72 to the Minister of Works and Transport:
(By the Member for Couva South)

Will the Minister provide the reason/s why the Beucarro Road Project has been abandoned by the PURE Division of the Ministry?

Question No. 73 to the Minister of Works and Transport:
(By the Member for Couva South)

Will the Minister state when the underground drainage system along the Southern Main Road between St. Mary's Junction to Savonetta be desilted by mechanical means?

Question No. 74 to the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government:
(By the Member for Couva South)

Will the Minister state when construction of a permanent bridge to replace the existing compromised Carolina Bridge will commence?

Question No. 75 to the Minister of Works and Transport:
(By the Member for Mayaro)

Will the Minister state how many times in the past 5 years the mouth of the Ortoire River has been dredged?

Question No. 80 to the Minister of Public Utilities:
(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Will the Minister indicate when will the section of the San Fernando to Point Fortin Highway between South Oropouche and Delhi Road junction be illuminated by working streetlights?

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE ON DEFINITE
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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 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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PORT OF SPAIN

January 18, 2023

ORDER PAPER**MONDAY JANUARY 23, 2023****QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER*****Question 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. 61 to the Attorney General****(By the Member for Naparima)**

Will the Attorney General provide for the period September, 2015 to November, 2022:

- a) the number of court matters that have been won and lost by the State; and
- b) the cost to the State of each matter?

(Answer due by 12.01.2023)**Question No. 62 to the Minister of National Security****(By the Member for Naparima)**

Will the Minister state the steps being taken to ensure that fire stations are adequately supplied with functioning equipment?

(Answer due by 12.01.2023)**Question No. 63 to the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries****(By the Member for Couva North)**

A. Will the Minister provide a list of all the agricultural training programmes executed in fiscal 2022; and

B. For each training programme listed in part A, will the Minister state:

- a) the location of these training programmes;
- b) the duration of the training programmes;
- c) the names and addresses of registered participants; and
- d) the number of persons who completed the training programme?

(Answer due by 12.01.2023)

*Question No. 40 was deferred for two (2) weeks on December 02, 2022.

Question No. 64 to the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries
(By the Member for Couva North)

Further to the response provided to House of Representatives Question No. 172 on May 16, 2022, will the Minister provide an update on the status of the number of residential and agricultural plot leases distributed to former Caroni (1975) Limited workers?

(Answer due by 12.01.2023)

Question No. 65 to the Minister of Youth Development and National Service
(By the Member for Couva North)

With regard to the expenditure of \$28 million on the upgrading of the Chatham Youth Camp, will the Minister provide:

- a) the name of the contractor and any sub-contractors;
- b) the amount tendered to each contractor;
- c) the scope of works; and
- d) the Bill of Quantities, inclusive of the cost of each line item?

(Answer due by 12.01.2023)

Question No. 76 to the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries
(By the Member for Couva North)

With regard to the completion of the construction of Agricultural Access Roads for the period August 31, 2020 to October 31, 2022, will the Minister provide:

- a) the location/address of each project and in which constituency;
- b) the length and width of road;
- c) the cost of each project;
- d) the name of the contractor selected for each project; and
- e) the commencement and completion date of each project?

(Answer due by 12.01.2023)

Question No. 77 to the Minister of Finance
(By the Member for Couva North)

In light of the recently signed US\$120 million CAF loan, *“to strengthen the digital economy and society by delivering more efficient services to citizens and fostering digital inclusion”*, will the Minister state the specific objectives/goals as well as the timelines associated with the rolling out and implementation of this loan?

(Answer due by 12.01.2023)

Question No. 78 to the Minister of Finance
(By the Member for Couva North)

In light of the recently signed US\$40 million CAF loan, *“to finance drainage works in the Caroni, Caparo, South Oropouche and North Oropouche basins, as well as in Port of Spain”*, will the Minister provide a detailed breakdown of the scope of works, inclusive of the roll out, individual cost and implementation timeline for each project?

(Answer due by 12.01.2023)

Question No. 79 to the Minister of National Security
(By the Member for Naparima)

In light of numerous videos circulating on social media involving Coast Guard patrol vessels tied up on various occasions at Staubles Bay, will the Minister state what steps are being taken, if any, to guarantee a 24/7 coverage of our coastlines?

(Answer due by 12.01.2023)



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MONDAY JANUARY 23, 2023 1:30 P.M. NOTICE OF URGENT QUESTIONS

The under-mentioned Question which has been accepted by the Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 27 is hereby forwarded for the attention of the Minister concerned.

1. **To the Minister of Health:**

Will the Minister state what steps are being undertaken by the Ministry to resolve the financial issues currently faced by the Pharmacy Board?

(By the Member for Caroni East)

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January 23, 2023