ORDERS OF THE DAY
FRIDAY JANUARY 27, 2023 AT 1:30 P.M.

PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

PETITIONS

PAPERS

   (By the Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister)

   (By the Speaker of the House)

   (By the Minister of Health)

4. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Education to the Ninth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the 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 Minister of Education)

5. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance 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)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

1. The Fourth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Social Services and Public Administration on an Inquiry into the Mental Health and Psychosocial Services Available to the Population during the Covid-
19 Pandemic (with a specific focus on measures to curb substance abuse and suicide) Third Session (2022/2023), Twelfth Parliament.
(By the Member for Tunapuna)

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 69 to the Minister of Planning and Development:
(By the Member for Couva North)
In light of the severe flooding and complaints of unregulated and irregular building practices being a major contributor to riverine flooding, will the Minister state the measures undertaken to monitor and regulate building practices, especially those in close proximity to major watercourses?

Question No. 81 to the Minister of Public Utilities:
(By the Member for Fyzabad)
Will the Minister indicate whether there are any plans by the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission to review the proposed location of power transmission towers in the vicinity of Siparia Old Road and Ackbar Trace?

Question No. 82 to the Minister of Works and Transport:
(By the Member for Fyzabad)
Will the Minister provide an update on the status of the repair works to a section of the SS Erin Road in the vicinity of Skinner Trace, which collapsed?

Question No. 83 to the Minister of Works and Transport:
(By the Member for Fyzabad)
Will the Minister indicate when restoration will commence to a section along Delhi Road between Sparrow and Seeram Junction which has been damaged by heavy vehicular traffic?

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 responsibility of the Ministry of Health to protect, promote and improve the health status of citizens;

**AND WHEREAS** there have been numerous complaints from citizens regarding drug shortages and long waiting times for healthcare services at public health institutions;

**AND WHEREAS** the Report of the Committee Appointed to Investigate the Factors Contributing to Clinical Outcomes of COVID-19 Patients in Trinidad and Tobago also highlighted the existence of multiple chronic non-communicable diseases in our population;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government’s approach to healthcare has failed to adequately and effectively treat with these public health issues:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House take note of the failure of the Government to deliver on its health sector mandate.

*(By the Member for Fyzabad)*

2. 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)*

3. **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)

4. 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)

5. WHEREAS the Regulated Industries Commission has signaled its intention to increase public utility rates on the advice and justification from the Government;

AND WHEREAS citizens should have access to affordable public utilities in light of prolonged unemployment, increasing crime and high food prices;

AND WHEREAS the State has a responsibility to ensure citizens of Trinidad and Tobago have a reliable and affordable supply of electricity and water;

AND WHEREAS both the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission (T&TEC) and the Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) are owed billions of dollars, mainly by the State:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House call on the Government to settle the outstanding debts to T&TEC and WASA and halt attempts to increase public utility rates immediately.

(By the Member for Princes Town)
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)

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