



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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1. The Defence (Rates of Pay and Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations, 2023.
(By the Minister of National Security)
2. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Public Administration 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 Public Administration)
3. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Planning and Development to the Seventh Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on the examination into the implementation of the Public Sector Investment Programme (PSIP) for fiscal year 2021.
(By the Minister of Planning and Development)
4. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries to the Eighth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on an examination of the Report of the Auditor General of the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year 2021.
(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)

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URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Question for Written Answer will appear in the Appendix

Questions for Oral Answer**Question No. 86 to the Minister of Finance:****(By the Member for Naparima)**

Will the Minister state why Trinidad and Tobago is still listed as a “non-cooperative jurisdiction for tax purposes”, despite the Opposition’s support of all four pieces of legislation which sought to remove Trinidad and Tobago off the EU blacklist?

Question No. 87 to the Minister of Labour:**(By the Member for Naparima)**

Given reports of discontent by top trade unions in the public sector over the Government's four percent wage increase offer, will the Minister state whether the Government will reconsider this offer?

Question No. 88 to the Minister of National Security:**(By the Member for Naparima)**

Will the Minister state whether the Government has held meetings with reputed gang leaders to broker a pact by offering lucrative contracts?

Question No. 91 to the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government:**(By the Member for Mayaro)**

Will the Minister advise what urgent action has been taken to rebuild the Point Radix Access Road (Ortoire) and to facilitate access to critical telecommunications infrastructure?

Question No. 92 to the Minister of Trade and Industry:**(By the Member for Mayaro)**

Will the Minister state who are the 12 early-bird tenants that InvesTT was able to secure at e-Teck’s Phoenix Park Industrial Estate, prior to its completion?

Question No. 93 to the Minister of Health:**(By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)**

Will the Minister indicate when will the Couva Hospital and Multi-training facility be available to receive patients who are not diagnosed with COVID-19?

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

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1. The Trinidad and Tobago Netball Association (Incorporation) (Amendment) Bill, 2023.
(The Speaker will put the question that the Bill be read a First time)

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 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)
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 Minister of Prime Minister)

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 January 27, 2023 will be resumed:**

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 Baratania/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)

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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

*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)

*Question No. 79 was deferred for two (2) weeks on January 23, 2023.



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The under-mentioned 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 Education:**

Will the Minister indicate whether unconfirmed reports of foot and mouth disease at several schools in the South Eastern district are valid?

(By the Member for Princes Town)

2. **To Minister of Works and Transport:**

Given that the Galleons Passage has been dry docked to undergo its annual Class Recertification and its importance to the inter-island ferry, will the Minister inform this House when it will be returned to service the sea bridge?

(By the Member for Couva South)

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

Will the Minister indicate what urgent steps will be taken to address the current unbearable and terribly inconvenient process for obtaining routine services from the Licensing Division of his Ministry?

(By the Member for Oropouche East)

4. **To the Minister of Education:**

Will the Minister inform this House when the Couva West Secondary School which was recently closed for repairs will be reopened in preparation for upcoming examinations?

(By the Member for Couva South)

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