



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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## ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY APRIL 28, 2023 AT 1:30 P.M.

PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

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1. The Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the First Citizens Depository Services Limited for the year ended September 30, 2022.  
**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)**
2. The Audited Financial Statements of the National Enterprises Limited for the period April 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022.  
**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)**
3. The Audited Financial Statements of MIC Institute of Technology Limited for the year ended September 30, 2020.  
**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)**
4. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Trinidad Nitrogen Company Limited for the year ended December 31, 2021.  
**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)**
5. The Audited Financial Statements of the National Maintenance Training and Security Company Limited for the financial year ended December 31, 2021.  
**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)**
6. The Audited Financial Statements of the National Entrepreneurship Development Company 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 Audited Financial Statements of the National Entrepreneurship Development Company Limited for the year ended September 30, 2019.  
**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)**
8. The Audited Financial Statements of the National Entrepreneurship Development Company Limited for the year ended September 30, 2020.  
**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)**
9. The Audited Financial Statements of the National Schools Dietary Services Limited for the year ended September 30, 2021.  
**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)**
10. The Audited Financial Statements of the National Schools Dietary Services Limited for the year ended September 30, 2022.  
**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)**

#### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

1. The Ninth Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee, Third Session, Twelfth Parliament on an examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the National Commission for Self Help Limited (NCSHL) for the Financial Year 2016 and follow-up on the Implementation of the Recommendations in the Fourteenth Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee from the Eleventh Parliament.  
**(By the Member for Mayaro)**

#### PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

#### URGENT QUESTIONS

#### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

#### **Question for Written Answer will appear in Appendix**

#### **Questions for Oral Answer**

#### **\*Question No. 135 to the Attorney General:**

**(By the Member for Couva South)**

Further to the response provided to a Prime Minister's Question on February 03, 2023, will the Attorney General inform this House of the terms and conditions that were agreed upon to employ the services of the Retired Justices Rolston Nelson, SC and Mr. Justice Stanley John (Retired) to assist in the investigation of the missing Vindra Naipaul-Coolman's case file?

#### **\*Question No. 136 to the Minister of Works and Transport:**

**(By the Member for Couva South)**

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\*In accordance with S.O. 29(10), Question Nos. 135, 136, 140, 141 and 142 remained unanswered on April 26, 2023 and were postponed to the next sitting.

Further to the response provided to House of Representatives Question No. 13 on November 04, 2022, will the Minister state when rehabilitation works along Factory Road, Brechin Castle and the Camden Base Road in Couva will commence?

**\*Question No. 140 to the Minister of Works and Transport:**

**(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

Given the Minister's statement as reported in the Trinidad and Tobago Newsday on May 24, 2020 that "*in March 2020, Trinidad and Tobago received US \$495,000 (TT\$3.37million) nonrepayable grant by Corporacion Andina de Fomento (CAF) Development Bank to be used for the creation of a Flood Management Master Plan to address the nation's perennial challenges with drainage and flooding*", will the Minister provide an update on the status of the Flood Management Master Plan?

**\*Question No. 141 to the Minister of Works and Transport:**

**(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

Will the Minister advise when the cleaning, dredging and repair works of the Coromata River banks along Suchit Trace, Penal will resume?

**\*Question No. 142 to the Minister of Works and Transport:**

**(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

Will the Minister advise when the cleaning, dredging and repair works of the banks of the Black Water river will commence?

**Question No. 143 to the Prime Minister:**

**(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

With respect to the investigation into allegations that "senior government officials" were involved in human trafficking according to a published 2020 US Trafficking in Persons Report, will the Prime Minister state when will the report be laid in this House?

**Question No. 144 to the Minister of National Security:**

**(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

With regard to the Firearms Amendment Act, 2021 which was assented to on July 6, 2021 and the increasing number of reports of crimes against women, will the Minister state when will pepper spray be available to members of the public, especially women to use against their attackers?

**Question No. 145 to the Minister of Public Utilities:**

**(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

Will the Minister advise when residents in the constituency of Oropouche West will receive a 24/7 water supply?

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

1. The Pentecostal Assemblies of the West Indies (Incorporation) (Amendment) Bill, 2023.  
**(The Speaker will put the question that the Bill be read a First time\*)**

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\* Pursuant to Standing Order 75(5)(c).

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE AND MOVED BY A MINISTER

PUBLIC BUSINESS

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

1. **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)**

2. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday March 24, 2023 will be resumed:**

**WHEREAS** it is the responsibility of the Government to ensure the well-being of its citizens by facilitating a decent standard of living and quality of life;

**AND WHEREAS** the impending increase in utility rates and the imminent imposition of property taxes will further escalate cost of living and the inflation rate;

**AND WHEREAS** the consistent increases in fuel prices have further negatively impacted the cost of living;

**AND WHEREAS** this Government has failed to take proactive measures to cushion the economic fallouts brought about by the escalating prices of essential goods and services;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House call on the Government to outline its short, medium and long term strategies to systematically reduce the escalating and uncontrollable increase in the price of essential goods and services accessed by the population of Trinidad and Tobago:

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this House call on the Government to take the necessary urgent action to immediately remedy the negative effects upon those living below the poverty line.

**(By the Member for Chaguanas East)**

3. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday February 24, 2023 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)**

**4. 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)**

**5. 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)**

6. **WHEREAS** the Regulated Industries Commission has signalled 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)**

**Bills Second Reading:**

1. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Trinidad and Tobago Netball Association (Incorporation) Act, 1979."

**(The Speaker will propose the question that the Bill be read a Second time)**

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**Bills Second Reading:**

1. **The debate on the Second Reading of the following Bill which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday April 21, 2023 will be resumed:**

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 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 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)**

**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)**

*Jacqui Sampson-Meiguel*  
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*April 27, 2023*

ORDER PAPERFRIDAY APRIL 28, 2023QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Question No. 104 to the Minister of National Security  
(By the Member for Oropouche West)

For the period October 2015 to November 2022, will the Minister provide:

- a) the number of individuals who applied for Firearm User's Licences per year;
- b) the status of each application;
- c) the number of Firearm User's Licences that were approved per year;
- d) the number of Firearm User's Licences that were rejected per year; and
- e) the number of requests for Firearm User's Licences that are pending approval?

(Answer due by 04.04.2023)





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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 National Security:**

With regards to the abominable spate of bomb threats issued to schools across the nation hours ago which has led to widespread panic, inconvenience and the early dismissal of thousands of students; will the Minister update this House on the response of the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service and the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service inclusive of the Cybercrime Unit?

**(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

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

With respect to the spate of bomb threats that were made to schools across the nation and the invasion by gunmen hours ago at the Belmont Secondary School, will the Minister inform the House what urgent resources have been deployed to treat with the emotional and psychological effects sustained by traumatised staff, students and parents?

**(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

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

In light of the threat of criminal activity at schools nationwide, including the use of firearms and explosives, will the Minister indicate what urgent measures are being put in place today and in the coming days to ensure the safety of staff and students?

**(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

4. **To the Minister of Housing and Urban Development:**

Given the resumption of the rainy season and the visible leaks in the South Chamber, will the Minister indicate the date the House of Representatives will return to the North Chamber of the Red House?

**(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

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