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PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

PETITIONS

PAPERS

1. The Value Added Tax (Bond-Payment Refund) (Amendment) Regulations, 2023.
(By the Minister of Finance)
2. The Audited Financial Statements of the East Port of Spain Development Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2018.
(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 the Estate Management and Business Development Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2013.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
4. The Audited Financial Statements of the Estate Management and Business Development Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2014.
(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 Estate Management and Business Development Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2015.
(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 Development Finance Limited (DFL) 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)

7. The Consolidated Audited Financial Statements of the Urban Development Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the financial year ended December 31, 2016.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
8. The Consolidated Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad Petroleum Holdings Limited for the financial year ended September 2019.
(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 CLICO Investment Fund for the financial year ended December 31, 2019.
(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 CLICO Investment Fund for the financial year ended December 31, 2020.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
11. The Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Solid Waste Management Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2019.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
12. The Audited Financial Statements of the Vehicle Management Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the year ended September 30, 2015.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
13. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Education to the Fifth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Social Services and Public Administration on an inquiry into the State's Capacity to provide support of Domestic Violence and Family Conflicts (with specific focus on the availability of support mechanisms during COVID-19 pandemic).
(By the Minister of Education)
14. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Planning and Development to the Fifth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Social Services and Public Administration on an inquiry into the State's Capacity to provide support for victims of Domestic Violence and Family Conflicts (with specific focus on the availability of support mechanisms during the COVID-19 pandemic).
(By the Minister of Planning and Development)
15. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services to the Fifth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Social Services and Public Administration on an inquiry into the State's Capacity to provide support for victims of Domestic Violence and Family Conflicts (with specific focus on the availability of support mechanisms during the COVID-19 pandemic).
(By the Minister of Social Development and Family Services)
16. The Response of the Office of the Prime Minister-Communications to the Fifth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Finance and Legal Affairs on an inquiry into the implementation of a Regulatory Framework for the Development of Financial Technology (Fintech) and E-Payments, Third Session (2022/2023), Twelfth Parliament.
(By the Prime Minister)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 163 to the Minister of Works and Transport:

(By the Member for Princes Town)

In light of the deteriorating landslips located at LP 118 to 121, 130 to 137 along Garth Road, Williamsville will the Minister indicate:

- a) the expected commencement date for rehabilitation works;
- b) the process that will be used to award the contracts;
- c) the specific timeframe for the award of these contracts; and
- d) the names of the successful contractors awarded the contract?

Question No. 164 to the Minister of Works and Transport:

(By the Member for Princes Town)

Further to the response provided to an Urgent Question on April 20, 2022 regarding the major landslip located along Robert Village Trace in Tableland, will the Minister provide an update on:

- a) whether the Ministry intends to assist with the rehabilitation works; and
- b) the expected date that rehabilitation works will commence?

Question No. 165 to the Minister of Works and Transport:

(By the Member for Princes Town)

In light of the development of landslides and shifting of land along LP 83 Brothers Road, Busy Corner, New Grant, will the Minister indicate:

- a) the expected commencement date for rehabilitation works;
- b) the process that will be used to award the contracts;
- c) the specific timeframe for the award of these contracts; and
- d) the names of the successful contractors awarded the contract?

Question No. 171 to the Minister of National Security:

(By the Member for Oropouche East)

In light of the findings revealed in "Brent Thomas Ruling" (CV2022-04567) in the High Court on April 25, 2023, will the Minister indicate whether he approved officers of the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force's participation in this operation which took place on foreign soil?

Question No. 172 to the Minister of Finance:

(By the Member for Oropouche East)

Will the Minister indicate the commercial basis of the decision by Caribbean Airlines Limited to resume flights to Caracas, Venezuela?

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

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

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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. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday April 28, 2023 will be resumed:**

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)
2. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Pentecostal Assemblies of the West Indies Incorporation Act, 1965."
(The Speaker will propose the question that the Bill be read a Second time)

3. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Trinidad and Tobago National Council on Alcoholism (Incorporation) Act, 1977.”
(The Speaker will propose the question that the Bill be read a Second time)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Bills Second Reading:

1. 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)
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 amend the Administration of Justice (Indictable Proceedings) Act, 2011 (Act No. 20 of 2011).”
(By the Attorney General)

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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