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(By the Attorney General)
2. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Environmental Management Authority – Environmental Trust Fund for the year ended September 30, 2022.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
3. The Audited Financial Statements of the Development Finance Limited (DFL) for the financial year ended December 31, 2022.
(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 CLICO Investment Fund 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)
5. The Audited Financial Statements of CLICO Investment Fund for the financial year ended December 31, 2022.
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6. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Audit of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3 Target d- Contributing Towards a Strong and Resilient National Public Health System for the years 2016 to 2021.
(By the Minister of Finance)

7. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance to the Fifth Report of the Joint Select Committee on an inquiry into the implementation of a Regulatory Framework for the Development of Financial Technology (Fintech) and E-Payments.
(By the Minister of Finance)
8. The Response of the Office of the Prime Minister 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 in the Office of the Prime Minister)

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PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Written Answer will appear in the Appendix 1

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 169 to the Minister of Education:

(By the Member for Princes Town)

In light of the continued shift system at Princes Town Presbyterian No.1 School, will the Minister state whether the Ministry and the Presbyterian School Board have come to an agreement with respect to the reconstruction of the Princes Town #1 Primary School and if yes, provide the outcomes of this agreement?

Question No. 170 to the Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister:

(By the Member for Princes Town)

Further to the response provided to an Urgent Question on March 22, 2023, will the Minister provide an update on:

- a) the names of the Children's Homes that are not licensed; and
- b) the reasons proffered for these Children's Homes not being licensed as at March 31, 2023?

Question No. 178 to the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government:

(By the Member for Moruga/Tableland)

Further to the response to House of Representatives Question No. 92 on March 25, 2022, will the Minister provide an update on when paving and repair works will begin on Frederick Road, Hindustan in the Moruga/Tableland constituency?

Question No. 179 to the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government:

(By the Member for Moruga/Tableland)

Will the Minister provide an update on when paving and repair works will begin on the following roads:

- a) Lengua Road, Indian Walk, Moruga;
- b) Marac and La Lune, Moruga;
- c) Sixth Company, Indian Walk, Moruga;
- d) Realize Road, Princes Town;
- e) Douglas Trace, St Mary's Village, Moruga;
- f) Cunjal North Road, Moruga;
- g) Harper Trace, St. Mary's Village, Moruga;

- h) Warwell Road, Robert Villaage, Tableland;
- i) Glod Road, Tableland;
- j) Mc. Tooliah Road, Tableland;
- k) Knutt Pond Trace, Sixth Company, Moruga;
- l) Mc Nish Road, Hindustan, Princes Town;
- m) Loney Road, Indian Wak, Moruga;
- n) Third Company Road, Indian Walk, Moruga; and
- o) Sahadath Road, Princes Town?

Question No. 181 to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts:

(By the Member for Moruga/Tableland)

Will the Minister state whether all outstanding money was released to the National Carnival Commission (NCC) and if yes, state whether all the relevant Carnival bodies have been paid by the NCC?

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

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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

Motions:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate amendments to the Municipal Corporations (Extension of Terms of Office and Validation) Bill, 2023 listed in Appendix II be now considered.
(By the Attorney General)

Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Administration of Justice (Indictable Proceedings) Act, 2011 (Act No. 20 of 2011)."
(By the Attorney General)
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)

4. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Anti-Doping in Sports Act, Chap. 40:56 to bring in compliance, the non-conformities of the Act with the standards of the World Anti - Doping Code.”

(By the Minister of Sport and Community Development)

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 May 26, 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)

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ORDER PAPER**MONDAY JUNE 05, 2023****QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER****Question No. 161 to the Minister of Public Utilities****(By the Member for Princes Town)**

In light of the questions in the public domain regarding vacant senior positions at Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission (T&TEC), will the Minister state:

- a) the date interviews were first conducted for the position of Chief Human Resources Manager;
- b) whether the first round of interviews for the vacant positions were quashed and the reason;
- c) the names and designations of the persons on the interview panel; and
- d) the scores awarded to interviewees in the first round of interviews that were conducted on or before March 7, 2023?

(Answer due by 01.06.2023)**Question No. 162 to the Minister of Public Utilities****(By the Member for Princes Town)**

Will the Minister provide a detailed breakdown of the following:

- a) the amount owed by each State entity to the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission (T&TEC);
- b) the total debt repaid to T&TEC, by each State entity to date; and
- c) the measures that will be implemented by the authorities to avoid any future accumulation of debt to T&TEC by State entities?

(Answer due by 01.06.2023)**Question No. 173 to the Prime Minister****(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

With regard to the CARICOM Regional Symposium on Violence as a Public Health Issue – The Crime Challenge held on April 17 to 18, 2023, will the Prime Minister provide a breakdown of the costs incurred by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and/or any State Enterprise for the following:

- a) hotel accommodation, meals and related services at the Hyatt Regency or any other hotels for local and foreign delegates and support staff;
- b) all goods and services inclusive of entertainment associated with the opening and closing ceremonies;
- c) the reception for delegates at the end of the symposium inclusive of meals, beverages, entertainment and gifts;
- d) the amount spent on logistics such as transportation, rental of vehicles, drivers, inclusive of publicity, marketing and advertisement;
- e) the cost of all “live” and delayed media broadcasts on television, radio and social media; and
- f) any other related costs?

(Answer due by 01.06.2023)**Question No. 174 to the Minister of Education****(By the Member for Tabaquite)**

With regard to the Student Support Services Division (SSSD), will the Minister provide a detailed breakdown of the number of persons employed in the following units:

- a) Guidance and Counselling Unit;

- b) Social Work Unit;
- c) Special Education Unit; and
- d) Development Assessment Intervention Unit.

(Answer due by 03.06.2023)

Question No. 175 to the Minister of Education

(By the Member for Tabaquite)

Will the Minister provide a detailed breakdown of the number of students who have accessed the Student Support Services Division and for what service, for each school year during the period September 2015 to April 2023?

(Answer due by 03.06.2023)

Question No. 176 to the Minister of Education

(By the Member for Tabaquite)

Further to the response to the House of Representatives Question No.138 on the May 24, 2021 will the Minister provide an update on:

- a) the number of students who require special education provisions as at April 30, 2023;
- b) the number of teachers who provide special education needs as at April 30, 2023; and
- c) the number of special education aides that assist in the provision of special education?

(Answer due by 03.06.2023)

Question No. 177 to the Minister of Education

(By the Member for Tabaquite)

Will the Minister provide a detailed breakdown of:

- a) the number of Technical and Vocational Instructors/Teachers currently employed by the Ministry and its various arms; and
- b) the number of vacant positions for Technical and Vocational Instructors/Teachers as of April 30, 2023?

(Answer due by 03.06.2023)

APPENDIX II

List of Amendments made in the Senate at the Committee Stage
of the Municipal Corporations (Extension of Terms of Office and Validation) Bill, 2023 on Wednesday May
31, 2023

Clause	Amendment
5	Delete the words “and thereafter exercised the functions of Councillors and Aldermen up until the commencement of this Act,” .

Senate Secretariat
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MONDAY JUNE 05, 2023 1:30 P.M. NOTICE OF URGENT QUESTIONS

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 respect to the suspicious disappearance of a Galil assault rifle from the custody of the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force yesterday, will the Minister state what urgent steps have been taken to retrieve this deadly weapon now in unauthorised hands?

(By the Member for Oropouche East)

2. **To the Minister of National Security:**

In light of the recent serious allegations of sexual exploitation and assault by members of the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard at the Heliport Immigration Station in Chaguaramas involving a 21 year old female migrant, will the Minister indicate whether an investigation has been undertaken into this matter?

(By the Member for Oropouche East)

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