ORDER PAPER
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 08, 2023 AT 1:30 P.M.

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PETITIONS

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1. The Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation (Vesting) (Amendment to the First Schedule) (No. 2) Order, 2023.
   (By the Minister of Housing and Urban Development)

2. The Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation (Vesting) (Amendment to the First Schedule) (No. 3) Order, 2023.
   (By the Minister of Housing and Urban Development)

3. The Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation (Vesting) (Amendment to the First Schedule) (No. 4) Order, 2023.
   (By the Minister of Housing and Urban Development)

   (By the Minister of Works and Transport)

5. The Revenue Authority (Extension of Period) Order, 2023.
   (By the Minister of Finance)

6. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended December 31, 2018.
   (By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
7. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended December 31, 2019.
   (By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)

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19. The Report of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago with respect to the Progress of the Proposals to Restructure CLICO, BAT and CIB for the quarter ended March 31, 2021.
   (By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)

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   (By the Minister of Finance)

   (By the Minister of Public Utilities)

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    (By the Minister of Finance)

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    (By the Minister of Finance)

33. The Annual Report of the Children’s Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2021.
    (By the Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister)

    (By the Minister of Public Administration)

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    (By the Minister of Digital Transformation)

    (By the Minister of Trade and Industry)
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   (By the Minister of Housing and Urban Development)

41. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Health to the Twelfth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an Examination into the Accessibility and Availability of Diagnostic Imaging Services at Public Health Institutions in Trinidad with Specific Reference to Regional Health Authorities under the Purview of the Ministry of Health.  
   (By the Minister of Health)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

   (By the Member for St. Augustine)

   (By the Member for Lopinot/Bon Air West)

   (By the Member for Arouca/Maloney)

PRIME MINISTER’S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Written Answers appear in the Appendix

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 184 to the Minister of Health:  
   (By the Member for Fyzabad)  
   Further to the response provided to House of Representatives Question No. 9 on November 04, 2022, will the Minister provide an update on the status of the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at the San Fernando General Hospital?

Question No. 185 to the Minister of Health:  
   (By the Member for Fyzabad)
Further to the response to the House of Representatives Question No. 58 on December 02, 2022, will the Minister state the number of COVID-19 patients being treated at:
   a) the Couva Hospital and Multi-Training Facility; and
   b) the Augustus Long Hospital?

**Question No. 189 to the Minister of Labour:**
*(By the Member for Couva South)*
Further to the response provided to a Prime Minister's Question on June 20, 2023 regarding the accident that occurred on the compound of NiQuan’s (GTL) plant on June 17, 2023, will the Minister inform this House whether the site of the accident has been preserved by the Occupational Safety and Health Agency (OSHA) in keeping with Section 47 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, Chap. 88:08?

**Question No. 190 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:**
*(By the Member for Couva South)*
In light of the recent tragic death of a worker at the NiQuan Plant on June 19, 2023, will the Minister indicate what actions are being taken by the Government to initiate an independent investigation into this fatal accident?

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

STATMENTS 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

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

1. **WHEREAS** by section 4 of the Economic Sanctions Act, Chap. 81:05 (“the Act”) the President may for the purpose of implementing a decision, resolution or recommendation by a regional or an international organisation of States or association of States, of which Trinidad and Tobago is a member, that calls on its members to take economic measures against a foreign State make an Order with respect to—

   (a) the restriction or prohibition of any of the activities referred to in section 5 in relation to a foreign State;

   (b) the seizing, freezing or sequestration in the manner set out in the Order any property situated in Trinidad and Tobago that is held by or on behalf of—

      (i) a foreign State;
(ii) any person in that foreign State; or

(iii) a national of that foreign State who does not ordinarily reside in
Trinidad and Tobago.

(c) the exclusion of any person, property, goods, technical data, services,
transactions, ships or aircraft or any class thereof from the application of
the Order:

AND WHEREAS there is grave concern about the extremely high levels of gang violence and
other criminal activities, including kidnappings, trafficking in persons and the smuggling of
migrants, and homicides, and sexual and gender-based violence including rape and sexual slavery,
as well as ongoing impunity for perpetrators, corruption and recruitment of children by gangs and
the implications of Haiti’s situation for the region;

AND WHEREAS the illicit trafficking and diversion of arms and related materiel of all types
contributes to undermining the rule of law and respect for human rights, and can impede the
provision of humanitarian assistance and have wide ranging negative humanitarian and
socioeconomic consequences;

AND WHEREAS the need to prohibit the transfer of small arms, light weapons and ammunition
to non-state actors engaged in or supporting gang violence, criminal activities, or human rights
abuses in Haiti, as well as to prevent their illicit trafficking and diversion;

AND WHEREAS the situation in Haiti continues to constitute a threat to international peace
and security in the region;

AND WHEREAS the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago is required, by virtue of its international
obligations to prevent and prohibit illicit financial flows, trafficking and diversion of arms and
related materials of all types, illicit transfer, destabilizing accumulation and misuse of small arms
and light weapons in all its aspects which pose threats to international peace and security, cause
significant loss of life and contribute to instability and insecurity in the region;

AND WHEREAS the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago is a member of the United Nations;

AND WHEREAS the United Nations Security Council has issued Resolution 2653(2022)
requiring members of the United Nations to impose economic sanctions against entities and
individuals listed pursuant to United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 2653(2022)
concerning the Republic of Haiti;

AND WHEREAS by virtue of its membership to the United Nations, the Republic of Trinidad
and Tobago is required to implement UNSCR 2653(2022), issued by the United Nations Security
Council concerning the Republic of Haiti;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to take measures to ensure compliance with our international
obligations;

AND WHEREAS the President signed the Economic Sanctions (Implementation of United
June, 2023 and was published as Legal Notice No. 168 of 2023 on 12th June, 2023;
AND WHEREAS the President, in accordance with section 4(4) of the Economic Sanctions Act, Chap. 81:05, did cause to be delivered on the 13th day of June, 2023 to the Speaker for presentation to the House of Representatives a statement setting out the specific grounds on which the decision to make the Order was based;

AND WHEREAS the Statement of Her Excellency the President, was debated in the House of Representatives on the 20th of June, 2023 and approved and published as Legal Notice No. 193 of 2023;

AND WHEREAS section 4(3) of the Act provides that subject to section 4(5), an Order made under section 4(1) shall, unless previously revoked, remain in force for three months;

AND WHEREAS section 4(5) of the Act provides that before the expiration of an Order made under section 4(3), the Order may be extended, either indefinitely or for a specified period, by a resolution supported by a simple majority vote of the House of Representatives;

AND WHEREAS UNSCR 2653(2022) remains in effect, and it is essential to ensure that Trinidad and Tobago’s obligations are encapsulated in law and compliance is maintained pursuant to the mandates therein and the requisite Sanctions Regime;

AND WHEREAS the continued implementation of UNSCR 2653(2022) is critical in furtherance to the restoration of peace, security, and stability for the Republic of Haiti;

AND WHEREAS it has become necessary to extend the life of the Order, until such time as it is revoked:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Order shall remain in force until such time as it is revoked.  
(By the Attorney General)

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)
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 adjourned on Friday June 23, 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)
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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

*Question No. 147 to the Minister of Communications
(By the Member for Oropouche West)
Will the Minister provide a breakdown of all broadcast aired by Trinidad and Tobago Television (TTT) for the People’s National Movement (PNM) per year during the period 2015 to 2023, detailing the following:
   a) the number of broadcast;
   b) the number of hours of each broadcast;
   c) the cost of each broadcast;
   d) the value of payments received by TTT per broadcast; and
   e) the name of the person or organisation who paid for each broadcast?

(Answer due by 26.04.2023)

*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. 186 to the Prime Minister
(By the Member for Oropouche East)
Will the Prime Minister state:
   a) the names of all officials including staff and security who accompanied the Prime Minister on his recent trip to Barbados during the period May 5 to 8, 2023;
   b) the cost of the overseas travel inclusive of hotel accommodation, meals, ground transport for the Prime Minister and any other officials listed at (a); and
   c) any other related costs incurred by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago?

(Answer due by 22.07.2023)

* Question No. 147 was deferred for two (2) weeks on April 26, 2023, May 10, 2023, May 24, 2023 and June 20, 2023.
* Question No. 162 was deferred for two (2) weeks on June 05, 2023 and June 20, 2023.
**Question No. 187 to the Prime Minister**  
(By the Member for Oropouche East)

Will the Prime Minister state:

a) the names of the Ministers, all officials including staff and security who accompanied the Prime Minister on his recent trip or participated in meeting, functions and events along with the Prime Minister to Washington DC, United States of America during the period May 11 to 17, 2023;

b) the cost of the overseas travel inclusive of hotel accommodation, meals, ground transport for the Prime Minister and any other officials listed at (a); and

c) any other related costs incurred by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago?

(Answer due by 22.07.2023)

**Question No. 188 to the Minister of Works and Transport**  
(By the Member for Naparima)

Will the Minister inform the House when remedial works will commence at Rees Road and any other roads in Barrackpore?

(Answer due by 22.07.2023)
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 08, 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 Attorney General:**
   Given the recent reports of citizens being unable to obtain copies of their Birth Certificates, causing significant hindrances to hundreds from undertaking key activities, will the Attorney General state whether this service has fully resumed at all regional locations throughout Trinidad and Tobago?
   *(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)*

2. **To the Minister of Works and Transport:**
   Given that it has been more than two weeks that the Cabo Star has been non-functional on the domestic Seabridge, will the Minister inform this House when this vessel will return to the Seabridge to continue the inter-island transportation of goods and services?
   *(By the Member for Couva South)*

3. **To the Minister of Education:**
   Given the collapsing infrastructure at the Gasparillo Secondary School, will the Minister provide a status update on the urgent repairs required?
   *(By the Member for Tabaquite)*

4. **To the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:**
   Based on the recent media reports, will the Minister confirm whether Paria Fuel Trading Company Limited and Heritage Petroleum Company Limited have taken any form of legal action against the Chairman or any member of the Commission of Enquiry into the Paria tragedy for alleged bias?
   *(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)*

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