



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FOURTH SESSION  
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

NO. 11  
2023/2024

## ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY JANUARY 26, 2024 AT 1:30 P.M.

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1. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Land Settlement Agency for the year ended September 30, 2012.  
**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)**
2. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Land Settlement Agency for the year ended September 30, 2013.  
**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)**
3. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Racing Authority for the year ended July 31, 2013.  
**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)**
4. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Racing Authority for the year ended July 31, 2014.  
**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)**
5. The Response of the Personnel Department to the Tenth Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on the examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the National Maintenance Training and Security Company Limited (MTS) for the Financial Year 2018 and follow-up on the Implementation of the Recommendations contained in the Committee's Eleventh Report from the 11th Parliament.  
**(By the Minister of Public Administration)**

6. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries to the Sixteenth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an examination of Food Security in Trinidad and Tobago in alignment with Sustainable Development Goal 2: Zero Hunger.

**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

**Questions for Oral Answer**

**Question No. 28 to the Minister of Education:**

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

Further to the response provided to House of Representatives Question No. 23 on December 10, 2021, will the Minister provide an update on the status of all outstanding payments to the contractor and consultant with respect to the Sonny Ladoo Early Childhood Care and Education Centre?

**Question No. 29 to the Minister of Sport and Community Development:**

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

Further to the response provided to House of Representatives Question No.15 on November 25, 2022, will the Minister provide an update on the status of the Couva Community Swimming Pool?

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

1. **WHEREAS** it is the duty of the Government to provide safe, reliable, and compassionate healthcare services for all citizens;

**AND WHEREAS** the provision of human resources has not adequately met the demands for public health care resulting in patients being subjected to long waiting times and the postponement of clinic visits and surgeries;

**AND WHEREAS** healthcare professionals do not have access to modern information technology systems, lack access to suitable drugs, equipment, and facilities to deliver modern and advanced healthcare;

**AND WHEREAS** health care workers have endured physical and mental stress in the delivery of public healthcare services:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House call on Government to implement measures to immediately improve the delivery of healthcare services to the people of Trinidad and Tobago and to address mismanagement in the healthcare sector.

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

2. **WHEREAS** the Government has signalled that electricity and water rates are set to be increased;

**AND WHEREAS** citizens should have access to affordable public utilities given the rate of unemployment, increase in 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 in debt mainly by the State:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House call upon Government to settle its indebtedness to T&TEC and WASA and immediately halt increases to public utility rates.

**(By the Member for Princes Town)**

3. **WHEREAS** in accordance with the Education Act Chap. 39:01, the Government has the responsibility for managing the education system;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has overseen the deterioration of the educational sector and has failed to:

- a. maintain our school infrastructure;
- b. implement data driven measures to make the delivery of special education more equitable and accessible to the citizenry;
- c. optimize curriculum development to reflect our labour needs;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has limited access to technical vocational training and qualifications:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House condemn the Government for its failures and mismanagement of the education system;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this House call on the Government to immediately implement data driven measures to guarantee the successful future development of Trinidad and Tobago.

**(By the Member for Tabaquite)**

### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

1. **WHEREAS** section 123(1)(a) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (“the Constitution”) provides that the Police Service Commission shall have the power to appoint persons to hold or act in the office of Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Police;

**AND WHEREAS** section 123(3) of the Constitution provides that the Police Service Commission shall submit to the President a list of the names of the persons nominated for appointment to the office of Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner of Police;

**AND WHEREAS** section 123(4) of the Constitution provides that the President shall issue a Notification in respect of each person nominated under subsection (3) and the Notification shall be subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives;

**AND WHEREAS** the Police Service Commission has submitted to the President the name **Mr. Wendell Lucas** for appointment to the office of Deputy Commissioner of Police;

**AND WHEREAS** the President has on the 4th day of December, 2023 issued a Notification in respect of the nomination;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the Notification:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Notification of the President of the nomination by the Police Service Commission of **Mr. Wendell Lucas** to the office of Deputy Commissioner of Police be approved.

**(By the Prime Minister)**

2. **WHEREAS** section 123(1)(a) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (“the Constitution”) provides that the Police Service Commission shall have the power to appoint persons to hold or act in the office of Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Police;

**AND WHEREAS** section 123(3) of the Constitution provides that the Police Service Commission shall submit to the President a list of the names of the persons nominated for appointment to the office of Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner of Police;

**AND WHEREAS** section 123(4) of the Constitution provides that the President shall issue a Notification in respect of each person nominated under subsection (3) and the Notification shall be subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives;

**AND WHEREAS** the Police Service Commission has submitted to the President the name **Mr. Junior Benjamin** for appointment to the office of Deputy Commissioner of Police;

**AND WHEREAS** the President has on the 4th day of December, 2023 issued a Notification in respect of the nomination;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the Notification:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Notification of the President of the nomination by the Police Service Commission of **Mr. Junior Benjamin** to the office of Deputy Commissioner of Police be approved.

**(By the Prime Minister)**

3. **WHEREAS** section 123(1)(a) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (“the Constitution”) provides that the Police Service Commission shall have the power to appoint persons to hold or act in the office of Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Police;

**AND WHEREAS** section 123(3) of the Constitution provides that the Police Service Commission shall submit to the President a list of the names of the persons nominated for appointment to the office of Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner of Police;

**AND WHEREAS** section 123(4) of the Constitution provides that the President shall issue a Notification in respect of each person nominated under subsection (3) and the Notification shall be subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives;

**AND WHEREAS** the Police Service Commission has submitted to the President the name **Ms. Natasha George**, as the person nominated for appointment to the office of Deputy Commissioner of Police;

**AND WHEREAS** the President has on the 4th day of December, 2023 issued a Notification in respect of the nomination;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the Notification:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Notification of the President of the nomination by the Police Service Commission of **Ms. Natasha George**, to the office of Deputy Commissioner of Police be approved.

**(By the Prime Minister)**

4. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 9 of the Beekeeping and Bee Products Act, Chap. 67:53 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Minister may make Regulations, *inter alia*, restricting and regulating the importation or exportation of bees, bee products and bee supplies into or out of Trinidad and Tobago;

**AND WHEREAS** it is also provided by section 9 of the Act that Regulations made under that section shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

**AND WHEREAS** the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries has on the 24th day of November, 2023 made the Beekeeping and Bee Products (Amendment) Regulations, 2023;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient that the Beekeeping and Bee Products (Amendment) Regulations, 2023 now be affirmed:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Beekeeping and Bee Products (Amendment) Regulations, 2023 be approved.

**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**

5. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House consider the findings and recommendations of the Forty-Fifth Annual Report of the Ombudsman.

**(By the Leader of the House)**

**Bills Second Reading:**

1. **The debate on the Second Reading of the following Bill which was in progress when the House adjourned on Wednesday November 01, 2023 will be resumed:**  
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)**
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 Supreme Court of Judicature Act, Chap. 4:01 and the Criminal Procedure Act, Chap. 12:02 in relation to the place and time for sittings of a court and to provide for related matters”.  
**(By the Attorney General)**
4. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Registrar General’s Act, Chap. 19:03, the Companies Act, Chap. 81:01, the Registration of Business Names Act, Chap. 82:85, and the Non-Profit Organisations Act, No.7 of 2019”.  
**(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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## FRIDAY JANUARY 26, 2024 1:30 P.M. NOTICE OF PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

The under-mentioned Questions which have been accepted by the Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 26 are hereby forwarded for the attention of the Prime Minister.

1. Given that the Final Report of the Commission of Enquiry into the Paria Tragedy recommended that compensation be given to the families of the victims who were involved in this fatality without accepting liability, will the Prime Minister state if the Government has considered offering compensation either through Paria or other avenues to the affected families on behalf of the state?  
**(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**
2. Will the Prime Minister state the amount spent in legal fees by State owned Paria for the just concluded Commission of Enquiry with the specific amount paid to Gilbert Peterson and Jason Motto?  
**(By the Member for Oropouche East)**
3. Given that an advisory committee was created by the Government in March 2023 to facilitate the repatriation of our nationals detained in Syria, will the Prime Minister inform this House as to how many citizens have been repatriated since the establishment of the said Committee?  
**(By the Member for Couva South)**
4. In light of the recent disposal of the entire fifty-six plus per cent of CLICO's shares in MHIL to Consolidated Energy Ltd for the sum of \$2.4b, will the Prime Minister provide the House with the name of company which conducted the valuation?  
**(By the Member for Oropouche East)**
5. Will the Prime Minister inform this House if the Cabinet has accepted the recommendations of the Regulated Industries Commission (RIC) to the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission (T&TEC) to increase the residential rates of its customers between fifteen (15%) to sixty-four (64%) percent, commercial customers between thirty-seven (37%) percent to fifty-one (51%) percent and industrial customers between fifty-eight (58%) to seventy-two (72%)?  
**(By the Member for Couva South)**
6. In light of the upcoming World Cup Qualifiers which begin in June and the manifest disadvantage being suffered by potential players willing to represent this country owing to the outdated under 20 years Grandparent rule, will the Prime Minister inform this House whether

urgent action will be taken to amend the relevant laws to facilitate interested players qualify for the upcoming World Cup?

**(By the Member for Caroni Central)**

7. Will Prime Minister indicate the exact purpose of his upcoming visit to the United States from Sunday January 28 2024?

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

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## FRIDAY JANUARY 26, 2024 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 Education**

In light of reports that the Enterprise Government Primary School was shut down early on 25th January as a result of a parent and two children testing positive for Leprosy, could the Minister inform the House what urgent measures are being taken in schools to detect and deal with future possible cases of leprosy?

**(Member for Tabaquite)**

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

Can the Minister indicate what arrangements are in place in the event of a threatened mass “sick out” by Police officers over the delay in receiving back pay, which can hinder the national carnival celebrations 2024?

**(Member for Oropouche East)**

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