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FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2024 AT 1:30 P.M.

PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

PETITIONS

PAPERS

1. The Notification of Her Excellency, the President, in respect of the nomination of Mr. Curt Simon, for appointment to act in the Office of Deputy Commissioner of Police.
   (By the Speaker of the House)

2. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Children’s Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2020.
   (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, 2015.
   (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, 2016.
   (By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)

   (By the Minister of Finance)
   *(By the Minister of Finance)*

7. The Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Postal Corporation (TTPOST) for the fiscal year 2014 to 2015.  
   *(By the Minister of Public Utilities)*

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10. The Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Postal Corporation (TTPOST) for the fiscal year 2017 to 2018.  
    *(By the Minister of Public Utilities)*

    *(By the Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts)*

    *(By the Minister of Planning and Development)*

    *(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)*

    *(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)*

    *(By the Minister of Education)*

    *(By the Minister of Education)*

    *(By the Minister of Health)*
   (By the Minister of Health)

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   (By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)

23. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries to the Tenth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Local Authorities, Service Commissions and Statutory Authorities (including the THA) on an inquiry into the Efficiency and Effectiveness of the Pesticide and Toxic Chemicals Inspectorate.
   (By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)

   (By the Minister of Works and Transport)

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26. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance to the Fifteenth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on a follow-up inquiry on the maintenance of community swimming pools by the Ministry of Sport and Community Development.
   (By the Minister of Finance)
27. The Response of the Auditor General to the Eleventh Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Children’s Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (CATT) for the financial years 2014-2018.

(By the Minister of Finance)


(By the Minister of Finance)


(By the Minister of Finance)

30. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance to the Twelfth Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on the examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the National Infrastructure Development Company Limited (NIDCO) for the financial years ended September 30, 2015 to 2017 and follow up on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Committee’s Omnibus Report, First Session, 11th Parliament and Second Report of the Joint Select Committee on State Enterprises on an inquiry into the operations of NIDCO including its compulsory land acquisition in relation to major projects.

(By the Minister of Finance)


(By the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government)


(By the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government)


(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)
34. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Health 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 Health)

35. The Response of the Office of the Prime Minister 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 in the Office of the Prime Minister)

(By the Minister of Planning and Development)

37. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Sport and Community Development to the Fifteenth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on a follow-up inquiry on the maintenance of Community Swimming Pools by the Ministry of Sport and Community Development.  
(By the Minister of Sport and Community Development)

38. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Sport and Community Development to the Eleventh Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on the examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Sports Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (SporTT) for the Financial years 2019 to 2020 and follow-up on the implementation of the recommendations in the Committee’s Second Report from the 11th Parliament, Third Session (2022/2023), Twelfth Parliament.  
(By the Minister of Sport and Community Development)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

PRIME MINISTER’S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 30 to the Minister of Education:  
(By the Member for Fyzabad)  
Further to the response provided to House of Representatives Question No.85 on February 03, 2023, will the Minister provide an update on the construction of the Siparia East Secondary School?
Question No. 31 to the Minister of Education:
(By the Member for Fyzabad)
Further to the response provided to House of Representatives Question No. 60 on November 20, 2020, will the Minister provide an update on the construction of the D’Abadie Avenue ECCE Centre in Avocat?

Question No. 32 to the Minister of Works and Transport:
(By the Member for Fyzabad)
Will the Minister provide an update on the link road from the Mon Desir Interchange to Pepper Village of the Solomon Hochoy Highway Extension to Point Fortin Project?

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

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

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** 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. Curt Simon, Superintendent of Police, acting as Assistant Commissioner of Police, as a person nominated to act in the office of Deputy Commissioner of Police;

   AND **WHEREAS** the President has on the 2nd day of February, 2024 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. Curt Simon to act in 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. 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)

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 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)
4. **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)*

5. **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)*

6. **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)*

7. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 3(1) of the Development Loans Act that the Government is authorised, for the purpose of —
   (a) financing general development in Trinidad and Tobago;
   (b) repayment of borrowings effected for such general development; or
   (c) repayment of borrowings effected for general development —
      (i) by a statutory authority within the meaning of the Statutory Authorities Act;
(ii) by an enterprise that is controlled by or on behalf of the State; or
(iii) by the University of the West Indies,

from time to time to borrow money externally or internally in a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate sixty-five thousand million dollars in the currency of Trinidad and Tobago;

AND WHEREAS it is also provided in the said section 3(1), that thereafter such sum in such currency may from time to time be specified by resolution passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary for the Government to borrow further sums of money for the purposes stated in the said section:

BE IT RESOLVED that for the purposes stated in the said section, the Government is hereby authorised to borrow money externally or internally in a further sum or in further sums not exceeding in the aggregate ten thousand million dollars in the currency of Trinidad and Tobago. (By the Minister of Finance)

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 Finance)

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)

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Motions:

1. The debate on the motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday January 26, 2024 will be resumed:

   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)

Brian Caesar
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February 12, 2024
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:**
   As it relates to the recent catastrophic oil spill in Tobago, will the Minister inform this house what is the present status of the sunken vessel and whether it has been capped off from leaking oil into our territorial waters?
   *(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)*

2. **To the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:**
   Given the catastrophic oil spill in Tobago linked to the overturned oil tanker "Gulfstream", will the Minister inform this House whether the Government has been able to track the origin of the vessel?
   *(Member for Couva South)*

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