



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FOURTH SESSION
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ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY MARCH 01, 2024 AT 1:30 P.M.

PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

1. The Base Erosion and Profit Shifting Inclusive Framework (Country-by-Country) Reporting Bill, 2023.
(By the Minister of Finance)

PETITIONS

PAPERS

1. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Mayaro-Rio Claro Regional Corporation Chairman's Fund 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)
2. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2014.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
3. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation 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)
4. The Annual Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Civil Aviation Authority for the year 2022-2023.
(By the Minister of Works and Transport)

5. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Works and Transport to the Thirteenth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on an examination of the Reports of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Public Transport Service Corporation (PTSC) for Financial Years 2014 to 2018 and follow-up on the implementation of the recommendations made in the Eighth PAC Report, 11th Parliament, on an Examination of the Report of the Auditor General on a Special Audit of the PTSC.
(By the Minister of Works and Transport)
6. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance 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 Finance)
7. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services to the Tenth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on an examination of the concerns raised in the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the Financial Year 2021 with specific reference to the administering of government grants.
(By the Minister of Social Development and Family Services)
8. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts to the Tenth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on an examination of the concerns raised in the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year 2021 with specific reference to the administering of government grants.
(By the Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts)
9. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts to the Fifteenth Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on an examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Tourism Trinidad Limited for the Financial Years 2018-2020.
(By the Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

1. The Sixth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity, Fourth Session (2023/2024), Twelfth Parliament on a Follow-Up Inquiry into the Implementation of the Recommendations of the 18th Report, 11th Parliament on an Inquiry into the Treatment of Migrants with Specific Focus on the Right to Education, Employment and Protection from Sexual Exploitation.
(By the Member for Tobago West)
2. The Second Report of the Joint Select Committee on National Security, Fourth Session (2023/2024), Twelfth Parliament on an inquiry into the safety, security and protection of citizens with specific reference to the factors that contribute to the prevalence of illegal firearms and gun violence in Trinidad and Tobago.
(By the Member for Port of Spain South)

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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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. **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)

2. **The debate on the following 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)

3. **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)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **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)

2. **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)

3. **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. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago”.
(By the Attorney General)
2. **The debate on the Second Reading of the following Bill which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday February 16, 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 drugtesting 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 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)
4. 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)

5. 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 MARCH 01, 2024 1:30 P.M. NOTICE OF URGENT QUESTIONS

The under-mentioned Question which has been accepted by the Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 27 is hereby forwarded for the attention of the Minister concerned.

1. To the Minister of National Security

Will the Minister provide an update on the ongoing efforts of the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard and other rescue agencies on the search for the five Cedros fishermen missing at sea since Sunday February 25, 2024?

(By the Member for Oropouche East)

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