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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 provide for the Country-by-Country Reporting (CBCR) by Multinational entities relative to the Base Erosion and Profit Shifting Inclusive Framework and to provide for matters related thereto.

(By the Minister of Finance)

2. 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)

3. **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 CivilService 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)

4. 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)

5. 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)

6. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago”.

(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 following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday March 01, 2024 will be resumed:**

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)

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WEDNESDAY MARCH 06, 2024 AT 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. Will the Prime Minister confirm whether the “threat to national security”, that led to the swift removal of the Head of the Strategic Services Agency (SSA) by the Cabinet, originated from information and or advice from the TTPS?
(Member for Oropouche East)
2. Will the Prime Minister indicate whether any of the critical surveillance and intelligence gathering work of the SSA have been suspended by the recent removal of the Head of the SSA?
(Member for Oropouche East)
3. Will the Prime Minister provide the House with the cost to taxpayers for hosting and broadcasting on all media, the Prime Minister's Conversations held on Tuesday 5th March 2024?
(Member for Oropouche East)
4. Given the Prime Minister's public indication that he is willing to meet the families of the four divers of the Paria tragedy, will the Prime Minister state whether he has reached out to these families with the intent of holding said meeting?
(Member for Couva South)
5. Given that five fishermen recently went missing, is the Prime Minister satisfied that the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard is fulfilling its mandate of providing border security and search and rescue services through the conduct of maritime security patrols?
(Member for Naparima)
6. With regard to the oil spill off the coast of Tobago on February 7, 2024, will the Prime Minister update the House on all measures to trace the missing tug and identify the owners of the Gulfstream barge?
(Member for Oropouche East)

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

1. **To the Minister of Education**

Given reports that yesterday, several primary schools in the south-eastern district received bomb threats, will the Minister provide an update on the status of the investigation?

(By the Member for Mayaro)

2. **To the Minister of Public Utilities**

In light of parts of South and Central Trinidad having been without a pipe borne supply of water for over six weeks in some instances, will the Minister of Public Utilities indicate what urgent steps are being taken to render assistance to affected citizens?

(By the Member for Princes Town)

3. **To the Minister of Public Utilities**

In light of the water challenges in several parts of the country owing to depleted capacity at the nation's reservoirs and dams, will the Minister indicate whether DESALCOTT has been mandated to increase production to bring immediate relief to citizens?

(By the Member for Princes Town)

4. **To the Minister of Education**

In light of the recent bomb scare at 49 schools, is the Ministry considering any changes to the safety protocol to empower principals to make critical decisions?

(By the Member for Tabaquite)

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