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**Question No. 33 to the Minister of Works and Transport:**
(By the Member for Tabaquite)
Will the Minister provide an update on repairs to the following roads:
   a) Gran Couva Main Road; and
   b) Cameron Road, Gran Couva.

**Question No. 34 to the Minister of Finance:**
(By the Member for Couva South)
Will the Minister inform this House which entity/entities conducted a forensic analysis of NIBTT’s confidential and personal data following the cyber-attack of December 26, 2023?

**Question No. 35 to the Minister of National Security:**
(By the Member for Couva South)
Having regard to the mechanical failure of the hydraulic platform/sky lift, during a fire fighting operation on Observatory Street, Port of Spain, in January 2024, will the Minister advise as to the following:
   a) Whether an investigation has been launched into the mechanical failure of the hydraulic platform/sky lift; and
b) If the answer to (a.) is in the affirmative, when will the investigation be completed?

Question No. 36 to the Minister of Works and Transport:
(By the Member for Caroni East)
Will the Minister inform this House of the schedule for maintenance works of watercourses during the dry season, in the following areas:
   a) Las Lomas;
   b) El Carmen;
   c) St. Helena;
   d) Kelly Village; and
   e) Warrenville?

Question No. 37 to the Minister of National Security:
(By the Member for Caroni East)
Given reports of “protection money” being demanded from business owners, by criminal elements in Kelly Village, will the Minister state what measures, if any, will be implemented to address this situation?

Question No. 38 to the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries:
(By the Member for Caroni East)
Given that the community pond at Depot Road, Longdenville, is used for the “Agricultural Water Supply Project”, will the Minister advise as to a timeline for the dredging of the pond?

Question No. 40 to the Minister of Finance:
(By the Member for Naparima)
For the quarter ending December 31 2023, will the Minister provide the following information:
   a) the value of the total external debt (in USD) of the Central Government;
   b) the value of the total external debt (in USD) of State Enterprises and other State Agencies; and
   c) the debt to GDP ratio.

Question No. 41 to the Minister of Finance:
(By the Member for Naparima)
As regard the interest on external debt for fiscal year 2022/2023, will the Minister advise of:
   a) the value of interest paid on the external debt for fiscal year 2022/23; and
   b) the percentage per dollar of revenue earned by the Government that goes towards the repayment of interest on this debt.

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

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS
GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Motions:

1. 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)

2. 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)

3. 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 Friday February 16, 2024 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 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 healthcare 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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March 11, 2024
FRIDAY MARCH 15, 2024 1:30 P.M.
NOTICE OF URGENT QUESTION

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

1. **To the Minister of Social Development and Family Services**
   Will the Minister update this House on the measures taken to assist the children, if any, of the Mathura family, after the discovery of the body of Hannah Mathura on the compound of their family home at Valsayn?
   *(By the Member for Chaguanas East)*

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