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Question No. 46 to the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs:
(By the Member for Couva South)
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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)

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, 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)

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)
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 22, 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. 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)

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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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 inform this House of the financial cost incurred by the Central Government, the Tobago House of Assembly, and state enterprises as it relates to the management and clean-up of the oil spill of February, 2024 in Tobago?
   (Member for Couva South)

2. Will the Prime Minister specifically state what infrastructural development has been done to date to explore and produce natural gas from the Dragon Field?
   (Member for Pointe-a- Pierre)

3. Will the Prime Minister inform this House whether the extensive review and audit of all personnel, equipment, and processes within the Strategic Services Agency (SSA) which were being carried out by retired Brigadier General Anthony Phillip Spencer have been completed?
   (Member for Couva South)

4. Will the Prime Minister update this House on the support being provided to the Committee for the Repatriation of Nationals from overseas?
   (Member for Chaguanas West)

5. Will the Prime Minister state whether any progress has been made in addressing crime since the Regional Crime Symposium at the Hyatt Regency held in April 2023?
   (Member for Chaguanas West)

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