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1. The Immigration (ICC Men’s T20 Cricket World Cup 2024) (Mutual Recognition of Visas) Regulations, 2024.  
   (By the Minister of National Security)

2. The Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Persons With Disability Parking Permit) Regulations, 2024  
   (By the Minister of Works and Transport)

3. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government to the Thirteenth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an examination of the Management and Operations of the Housing Development Corporation (HDC) including the restructuring of the HDC into three distinct State Enterprises.  
   (By the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government)

4. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of National Security to the First Report of the Joint Select Committee on National Security on an inquiry into the Criminal Justice System of Trinidad and Tobago to determine the strategies to achieve greater efficiency and effectiveness.  
   (By the Minister of National Security)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

PRIME MINISTER’S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Questions for Oral Answer

*Question No. 47 to the Minister of Sport and Community Development:
(By the Member for Fyzabad)
With respect to the Siparia Community Swimming Pool, will the Minister state:
a) when will this facility be reopened to the public;
b) how long has the pool been closed to the public; and
c) has there been a cost to the taxpayer during the closure of the pool?

*Question No. 50 to the Prime Minister:
(By the Member for Naparima)
Will the Prime Minister indicate whether the Government intends to act on the recommendations of the Report of the Commission of Enquiry into the events surrounding the attempted coup on July 27, 1990, and in particular, the recommendation which suggested that compensation be given to those who were held hostage, traumatised and injured during the attempted coup?

Question No. 51 to the Minister of National Security:
(By the Member for Naparima)
Will the Minister provide an update on the investigation surrounding the February 2022 shooting of the Venezuelan child by the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard, while on board a vessel in Trinidad and Tobago waters?

Question No. 52 to the Minister of National Security:
(By the Member for Naparima)
Will the Minister advise as to the number of Damen offshore patrol vessels that are fully operational as at April 02, 2024?

Question No. 53 to the Minister of National Security:
(By the Member for Naparima)
Given that the issue with the purchase of the twenty (20) wooden ladders for the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service arose in March 2022, will the Minister indicate why an internal investigation into the purchase of the ladders at a cost of $1million was not conducted prior to March 2024?

Question No. 55 to the Minister of Works and Transport:
(By the Member for Princes Town)
Further to questions raised in this House on April 20, 2022 and May 26, 2023 regarding a major landslip adjacent to the compound of the Robert Village Hindu School, will the Minister indicate:
a) if the Ministry intends to assist the Princes Town Regional Corporation with the road rehabilitation works; and
b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, when will these works begin and what is the expected duration of the rehabilitation?

Question No. 56 to the Minister of Works and Transport:
(By the Member for Princes Town)
In light of the numerous landslips along St. Julien Road, Princes Town, will the Minister indicate the following:
a) if the geotechnical work that was promised by the Minister since October 2020 has been completed;
b) whether any contracts for rehabilitation works have been awarded;
c) if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative, the names of the successful contractors; and
d) when will the rehabilitation works begin?

* Question No. 47 was deferred for two (2) weeks on April 12, 2024.
* Question No. 50 was deferred for two (2) weeks on April 12, 2024.
Question No. 57 to the Minister of Works and Transport:
(By the Member for Princes Town)
In light of the deteriorated road conditions along Sisters Road, Hardbargain from the Triveni Mandir to Isaac Junction, will the Minister indicate:
   a) when will rehabilitation works begin;
   b) who are the contractors selected for these projects; and
   c) what was the process used in awarding these contracts?

Question No. 62 to the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government:
(By the Member for Couva South)
Will the Minister inform this House if office clerks attached to the offices of Local Government Councillors within the fourteen (14) Municipal Corporations, are being paid wages consistent with the Minimum Wages (Amendment) Order 2023?

Question No. 63 to the Minister of Health:
(By the Member for Couva South)
Given reports of alleged sexual misconduct by a senior employee of the Ministry of Health on a junior member of staff, will the Minister inform this House if an investigation is being conducted into this allegation?

Question No. 64 to the Minister of Health:
(By the Member for Couva South)
Given that a nurse was seriously injured in a vehicular accident on March 16, 2024 whilst engaged in the ambulance transfer of a patient from the Port of Spain General Hospital to the St. James Medical Complex, will the Minister inform this House if nursing personnel are permitted under the Emergency Ambulance Services and Emergency Medical Personnel Act to be part of the response teams of ambulances?

Question No. 65 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:
(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)
Given the recent statement by the CEO of Woodside Energy, that the company is seeking “improved fiscal terms” to develop the Calypso Gas project, will the Minister advise if the Government is considering revisiting the project with Woodside Energy?

Question No. 66 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:
(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)
Given reports of possible wind-up petitions against Niquan Energy Trinidad Limited, will the Minister advise on the Government’s efforts to recover the monies owed by Niquan Energy to state company Trinidad and Tobago Upstream Downstream Energy Operations Company Limited (TTUDEOCL)?

Question No. 67 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:
(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)
Based on the recent granting and publication of a license by the Venezuelan Government to Shell and the National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago (NGC) for the monetisation of the Dragon Gas Field, will the Minister indicate:
   a) what specific payments will the NGC be required to make to the Venezuelan Government before gas is produced, as required by the license; and
   b) when will these payments be made?

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

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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. 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)

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. 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)

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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April 23, 2024
FRIDAY APRIL 26, 2024 1:30 P.M.
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**
   In light of the reports that Fire Officers at the Fire Service Headquarters (HQ), POS have had to use the ‘appliance bay’ for resting purposes, can the Minister indicate when will the dormitory at HQ be repaired?
   (Member for Oropouche East)

2. **To the Minister of Health**
   In light of reports that eighteen (18) babies died as a result of contracting a bacterial infection at the NICU, POSGH, will the Minister indicate whether the families have been receiving counselling and other assistance from the State?
   (Member for Princes Town)

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