



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FOURTH SESSION  
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

NO. 22  
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## ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY MAY 24, 2024 AT 1:30 P.M.

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1. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Point Fortin Civic Centre for the year ended September 30, 2012.  
**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)**
2. The Annual Administrative Report of the University of Trinidad and Tobago for the period 2021/2022.  
**(By the Minister of Education)**
3. The Annual Administrative Report of the National Carnival Commission of Trinidad and Tobago (NCC) for the fiscal year 2019/2020.  
**(By the Minister of Sport and Community Development)**
4. The Annual Administrative Report of the Ministry of Trade and Industry for the year ended September 30, 2021.  
**(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)**
5. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of National Security to the Sixth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity 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 Rights to Education, Employment and Protection from Sexual Exploitation.  
**(By the Minister of National Security)**
6. The Ministerial Response of the Office of the Prime Minister, Gender and Child Affairs to the Eleventh Report of the Public Account Committee on the examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Children's Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (CAIT) for the financial years 2014-2018.  
**(By the Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister)**

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**Questions for Written Answer appear in the Appendix**

**Questions for Oral Answer**

**Question No. 70 to the Minister of Works and Transport:**

**(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

In light of the tragic death of Azizah Mohammed on April 08, 2024, will the Minister indicate the reason/s for the delay in installing cable barriers and/or guardrails along the Uriah Butler and Solomon Hochoy Highways?

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

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday April 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)**

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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**ORDER PAPER**

FRIDAY MAY 24, 2024

**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER****Question No. 69 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries****(By the Member for Naparima)**

Will the Minister provide in US dollars for fiscal years 2021, 2022 and 2023, the cost for the following:

- a) to import:
  - i. Premium gasoline;
  - ii. Super gasoline;
  - iii. Aviation fuel;
  - iv. Diesel;
  - v. Bitumen;
  - vi. Liquid Petroleum Gasoline (LPG); and
- b) the revenues generated through exports of petroleum products by Heritage Petroleum Company Limited?

**(Answer due by 20.05.2024)****Question No. 71 to the Prime Minister:****(By the Member for Couva South)**

Will the Prime Minister indicate the following in relation to the February 2024 oil spill in Tobago:

- a) the total costs incurred by the Government for the clean-up activities as at April 19, 2024;
- b) further to PMQ No. 1, raised in the House on April 19, 2024, what steps have been taken to locate the owner of the barge and the tugboat;
- c) on what dates were the attempts made to locate the owner(s) of the barge and tugboat; and
- d) what are the current economic and environmental impacts of the oil spill?

**(Answer due by 20.05.2024)****Question No. 72 to the Minister of Works and Transport:****(By the Member for St. Augustine)**

Will the Minister provide the following details regarding contracts issued to alleviate flooding in the communities of Bamboo #2, Bamboo #3, and Real Spring, Valsayn:

- a) the scope of works;
- b) the name of the contractors;
- c) the expected date of completion; and
- d) the percentage of works completed to date?

**(Answer due by 20.05.2024)**

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SITTING NO. 22  
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## FRIDAY MAY 24, 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. Considering the Prime Minister's emphasis on the importance of the AgriExpo in 2022 and its role in fostering regional collaboration for food security, will the Prime Minister provide insight into the reasons behind the postponement of the 2023 AgriExpo?  
**(Member for Couva North)**
2. Given that the Cabinet met and advised the Acting President to terminate the appointment of Retired Major Roger Best as the Director of the Strategic Services Agency (SSA) as well as several other employees, will the Prime Minister inform this House whether an extensive review and audit of all personnel, equipment and processes within the SSA has been completed?  
**(Member for Couva South)**
3. Given that Tobago has registered its tenth homicide for the year, will the Prime Minister inform this House whether the Central Government has undertaken an evaluation in collaboration with the THA, Ministry of Tourism, and other stakeholders, to assess the impact of crime on the tourism sector on the island?  
**(Member for Couva South)**
4. Will the Prime Minister advise if the recent extension of Mrs. Earla Haywood-Christopher in the Office of Commissioner of Police was based on her positive performance appraisal by the Police Service Commission (PSC)?  
**(Member for Couva South)**
5. Will the Prime Minister indicate when construction of the cricket academy funded by the Reliance Group of India will commence?  
**(By the Member for Couva South)**
6. Can the Prime Minister state what measurable performance criteria were used to inform Cabinet's decision to extend by one year Mrs. Erla Harewood Christopher's position as COP?  
**(By the Member for Naparima)**

7. Can the PM indicate whether the recent upheavals in the SSA has compromised the intelligence gathering capability of the TTPS resulting in current unacceptable levels of kidnappings, home invasions, and murders?

**(By the Member for Naparima)**

8. Can the Prime Minister state how many well-paying jobs our country can expect, and in what time frame, based on his recent travels to Ghana?

**(By the Member for Naparima)**

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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 Prime Minister**

Given the recent reports of sexual abuse at the Couva Children's Home and Crisis Nursery, will the Minister indicate when were these reports brought to the attention of the Ministry?

**(By the Member for Couva South)**

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