



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FOURTH SESSION
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

NO. 24
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ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY JUNE 14, 2024 AT 1:30 P.M.

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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

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1. The Annual Report of First Citizens Group Financial Holdings Limited and its Subsidiaries for the financial year ended September 30, 2023.
(By the Minister of Finance)
2. The Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Review Board) Regulations, 2024.
(By the Minister of Finance)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

1. The Eighth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Finance and Legal Affairs, Third Session (2022/2023), Twelfth Parliament, on an Inquiry into the State's strategy for implementing unproclaimed legislation passed by Parliament during the last 20 years (Part II) with specific focus on the Electronic Transactions Act, Chapter 22:05.
(By the Member for Diego Martin Central)
2. The Ninth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Finance and Legal Affairs, Third Session (2022/2023), Twelfth Parliament, on an Inquiry into the State's strategy for implementing unproclaimed legislation passed by Parliament during the last 20 years (Part II) with specific focus on the Dog Control Act, Chapter 67:56.
(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 76 to the Minister of Works and Transport:

(By the Member for Couva North)

Will the Minister state what are the Ministry's plans to alleviate the traffic congestion in the vicinity of the Chase Village Triangle along the Southern Main Road, Chase Village?

Question No. 77 to the Minister of Works and Transport:

(By the Member for Couva North)

When will construction commence on the permanent bridge to replace the Bailey Bridge at Roopsingh Road, Carapichaima?

Question No. 78 to the Minister of Education:

(By the Member for Couva North)

With regard to the Waterloo ECCE Centre, will the Minister indicate the following:

- a) the outstanding works to be completed; and
- b) the estimated cost for its completion?

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

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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 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 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)

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 provide for the designation of the Steelpan as the National Musical Instrument of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and for related matters”.

(By the Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts)

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 May 24, 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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FRIDAY JUNE 14, 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. Erla 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 TTIPS 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)

9. Will the Prime Minister indicate whether the report of Acting Director of the Strategic Services Agency (SSA) Brigadier General Anthony Phillips-Spencer into allegations of serious wrongdoing on the part of former Officers and staff, has been completed?
(Member for Oropouche East)

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* Questions 1- 8 were deferred at the 22nd Sitting of the House of Representatives held on May 24, 2024.