



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIFTH SESSION  
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

NO. 9  
2024/2025

## ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2024 AT 1:30 P.M.

PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

PETITIONS

PAPERS

1. The One Hundred and Thirteenth Report of the Salaries Review Commission of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the General Review of Salaries and other Terms and Conditions of Service of Offices within the purview of the Salaries Review Commission.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
2. The One Hundred and Twentieth Report of the Salaries Review Commission of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Review of the 117th Report with respect to the Review of Salaries and other Terms and Conditions of Service of Offices within the purview of the Salaries Review Commission.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
3. The One Hundred and Nineteenth Report of the Salaries Review Commission of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Determination of Salary and other terms and conditions of service for the Office of Deputy Director General –Enforcement, Enforcement Division, Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority, Ministry of Finance.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
4. The Report the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended December 31, 2020.  
**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)**

5. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2016.  
**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)**
6. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the National Lotteries Control Board for the year ended September 30, 2013.  
**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)**
7. 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, 2022.  
**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)**
8. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board for the year ended September 30, 2011.  
**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)**
9. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Statement of Recovery of Expenses of the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries for the year ended December 31, 2023.  
**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)**
10. The Audited Financial Statements of the National Maintenance Training and Securities Company Limited (MTS) for the financial year ended December 31, 2023.  
**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)**
11. The Administrative Report of the National Institute of Higher Education, (Research, Science and Technology) for the fiscal year 2019.  
**(By the Minister of Education)**
12. The Administrative Report of the National Energy Skills Centre for the fiscal year 2018-2019.  
**(By the Minister of Education)**
13. The Annual Report of the Teaching Service Commission for the year 2023.  
**(By the Minister of Education)**
14. The Annual Report of the Police Service Commission for the year 2023.  
**(By the Minister of National Security)**

15. The Defence (Pensions, Terminal and Other Grants) (Amendment) Regulations, 2024.  
**(By the Minister of National Security)**
16. The Annual Administrative Report of the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services for the fiscal year 2022.  
**(By the Minister of Social Development and Family Services)**
17. The Annual Administrative Report of ExportTT Limited for the year ended September 30, 2019.  
**(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)**
18. The Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards for the year ended September 30, 2022.  
**(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)**
19. The Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation (Vesting) (Amendment to the First Schedule) Order, 2024.  
**(By the Minister of Housing and Urban Development)**
20. The Ministerial Response of the Office of the Prime Minister, Gender and Child Affairs, on the Seventh Report of the Joint Select Committee on Social Services and Public Administration, Fourth Session (2023/2024) Twelfth Parliament on an Examination of the State of the Regulation and Administration of Public and Private Early Childhood Institutions in Trinidad and Tobago.  
**(By the Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister)**
21. The Delegation Report on the Official Visit of a Parliamentary Delegation to the National Assembly of the People's Power of Cuba from September 01 to 07, 2024.  
**(By the Member for Couva South)**

#### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

1. The Nineteenth Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on the examination of the Audited Accounts, Balance Sheet and other Financial Statements of the Urban Development Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (UDeCOTT) for the financial years 2016 to 2018, and follow-up on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Committee's First Report, Twelfth Parliament.  
**(By the Member for Mayaro)**
2. The Eighteenth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on an examination of the Reports of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of the National Agricultural Marketing and Development Corporation (NAMDEVCO) for the financial years 2014 to 2021 and follow-up on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Twenty-Third Report of the Public Accounts Committee, Eleventh Parliament.  
**(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

3. The Nineteenth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on an examination of the Reports of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of the Agricultural Development Bank (ADB) for the financial years 2014 to 2018, Twelfth Parliament.  
(By the Member for Oropouche West)

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

**Questions for Oral Answer**

**Question No. 1 to the Minister of Public Utilities:**

**(By the Member for Princes Town)**

What is the remuneration package offered to Mr. Keithroy Halliday, the Chief Executive Officer designate of the Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA)?

**Question No. 2 to the Minister of Public Utilities:**

**(By the Member for Princes Town)**

With regard to the State's debt to Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission (T&TEC), will the Minister advise to the following:

- a) the total sum owed; and
- b) the immediate steps that are being taken to recover this debt?

**Question No. 3 to the Minister of Public Utilities:**

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

Will the Minister indicate whether Cabinet has accepted the recommendations of the Regulated Industries Commission (RIC) to increase electricity rates to industrial and residential customers?

**Question No. 4 to the Minister of Labour:**

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

Given that Stork Technical Services Trinidad and Tobago Limited has taken a decision to shut down its operations, which will result in the loss of employment to 389 persons by December 2024, will the Minister inform the House whether the Ministry has been officially notified of his decision, in keeping with the Retrenchment and Severance Benefits Act?

**Question No. 5 to the Minister of Education:**

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

Will the Minister indicate whether there has been discussions between the Ministry and the Trinidad and Tobago Unified Teachers Association (TTUTA) to assess the impact and address the concerns of teachers and students about the excessive heat being experienced in classrooms?

**Question No. 6 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:**

**(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

As it relates to the purchase of the Pointe-a-Pierre Refinery, will the Minister indicate the following:

- a) the name/s of the entities that have submitted bids for the purchase of the refinery;
- b) the names of persons who comprise the Evaluation Committee appointed to review the submitted bids; and
- c) whether all of the bidders were granted equal access to the relevant information, site visits and data required to submit competitive bids?

**Question No. 7 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:****(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

Will the Minister state what action has been, as at September 01, 2024, by the Cabinet to ensure that all debts owed to the Trinidad and Tobago Upstream Downstream Energy Operations Company Limited by Niquan were recovered?

**Question No. 8 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:****(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

Will the Minister advise whether Shell has made a final investment decision for the monetisation of the Dragon Gas Field?

**Question No. 10 to the Minister of National Security:****(By the Member for Naparima)**

Given that Kenya and Jamaica have agreed to send security support to assist fellow CARICOM state Haiti in dealing with gang violence, will the Minister provide the reason/s why Trinidad and Tobago will not be providing similar assistance to Haiti?

**Question No. 11 to the Minister of National Security:****(By the Member for Naparima)**

Will the Minister advise as to the policy of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) on the use of the body cameras by police officers while on duty?

**Question No. 13 to the Minister of National Security:****(By the Member for Naparima)**

Given the ongoing protest action in Venezuela which may result in an increased number of Venezuelan refugees/migrants arriving in T&T waters, will the Minister advise as to the state of readiness of the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard (TTCG) to effect an increase in our border/security patrols?

**Question No. 15 to the Minister of Education:****(By the Member for Tabaquite)**

With regard to the School Supplies and Book Grant, will the Minister provide the following as at September 16, 2024:

- a) the number of applications received;
- b) the number of applications approved;
- c) the number of grants disbursed; and
- d) the number of grants outstanding?

**Question No. 18 to the Minister of Housing and Urban Development:****(By the Member for Mayaro)**

Will the Minister indicate what immediate measures are being taken at the HDC Developments in Mora Heights and El Guanapo, Rio Claro, to address the following issues:

- a) flooding; and
- b) the inadequate drainage system?

**Question No. 19 to the Minister of Housing and Urban Development:****(By the Member for Mayaro)**

Will the Minister advise what, if any action is being taken by the HDC to address the infestation of bats at Mora Heights, Rio Claro?

**Question No. 20 to the Minister of Housing and Urban Development:****(By the Member for Mayaro)**

With respect to the Mora Heights and El Guanapo Developments in Rio Claro, will the Minister provide the following:

- a) details of the process, complete with timelines for the delivery of deeds to residents under the “Lease to Own” arrangement;
- b) a detailed timeline for the application and approval of the necessary regulatory and statutory requirements to facilitate the provision of deeds to residents;
- c) details of the actions being taken by the HDC to address the boundary demarcation issues being experienced by residents;
- d) the plans of the HDC to improve its communication and accountability with the residents awaiting deeds and infrastructure maintenance; and
- e) details of the conflict resolution mechanisms that are being utilised by the HDC to address dispute arising between residents as a consequence of uncertain boundary demarcations?

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

#### STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

1. The Miscellaneous Provisions [Proceeds of Crime, Anti-Terrorism, Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago, Securities, Insurance, Non-Profit Organisations, Civil Asset Recovery and Management and Unexplained Wealth and Miscellaneous Provisions (FATF Compliance)] Bill, 2024.

**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the next stage of the Bill be taken later in the proceedings)**

2. The Finance Bill, 2024.

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

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

#### PUBLIC BUSINESS

### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

#### **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. **WHEREAS** our nation's children continue to experience acts of bullying, as a result of violence, gang infiltration and extortion at schools;

**AND WHEREAS** many students have been the victims of bullying, resulting in an ongoing crisis that has been left unattended by the authorities;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has failed to properly implement plans and policies and engage qualified personnel to effectively address bullying in our nation's schools;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the House call on the Government to provide adequate support and resources for the protection of our nation's children against bullying in schools throughout Trinidad and Tobago.

**(By the Member for Princes Town)**

**Brian Caesar  
Clerk of the House**

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**ORDER PAPER****FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2024****QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER****Question No. 9 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries****(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

With regard to the official travel of the Minister to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela during the period April 2021 to July, 2024, will the Minister provide a breakdown of the following:

- a) the number of occasions on which the Minister has travelled to that country;
- b) the official agenda of each meeting held;
- c) a list of all the officials in attendance at each meeting; and
- d) the cost of travel, accommodation and other expenses to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the Minister's attendance at each meeting?

**(Answer due by 22.10.2024)****Question No. 12 to the Minister of National Security:****(By the Member for Naparima)**

Will the Minister provide the following as it relates to fire stations in Trinidad and Tobago:

- a) the list of basic firefighting equipment necessary for each fire station to function effectively;
- b) a list of the fire stations that have the requisite basic equipment;
- c) a list of the fire stations that do not possess these basic equipment; and
- d) the timeframe when all fire stations will be adequately equipped to function effectively?

**(Answer due by 22.10.2024)****Question No. 16 to the Minister of Education:****(By the Member for Tabaquite)**

With regard to school repairs conducted during the period July to August 2024, will the Minister provide the following:

- a) the sum allocated;
- b) the sum spent; and
- c) the list of schools repairs with the monies referred to at (b)?

**(Answer due by 22.10.2024)**

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## FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15, 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 Works and Transport:**

Given the importance of having well-functioning ports at Port of Spain and Scarborough and the call by the various Chambers for an immediate resolution to the current industrial impasse, will the Minister advise as to the immediate measures being taken to address this issue?

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

2. **To the Minister of Public Utilities:**

In light of reports that several communities across the country experienced power outages over the last twenty-four hours, will the Minister indicate what were the reason/s for the outages?

**(By the Member for Princes Town)**

3. **To the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government:**

With regard to the hundreds of residents in south Trinidad who are still awaiting assistance after severe flooding, with many reporting substantial financial losses, will the Minister state what steps are being taken to expedite aid to affected families?

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

4. **To the Minister of Education:**

In light of yesterday's closure of the St. George's College, Barataria, due to sewer problems, will the Minister state when will the school be reopened?

**(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)**

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