



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIFTH SESSION  
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

NO. 10  
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### Questions for Oral Answer

#### Question No. 14 to the Minister of Sport and Community Development:

**(By the Member for Naparima)**

Further to the response provided to the House of Representatives to Question No. 12 on November 10, 2021, regarding the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, and the fact that Trinidad and Tobago did not medal in said games, will the Minister indicate the short medium and long terms plans that are being put in place to improve this country's performance in future Olympic games?

#### Question No. 17 to the Minister of Works and Transport:

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

Will the Minister inform this House when the Camden Roadway from Seville Junction to the Captain Watson lights, will be paved?

#### Question No. 21 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 state the improvements made by the HDC in addressing issues regarding the finalizing of deeds/leases to residents, including issues of boundary demarcations and infrastructure maintenance and the actions identified to be taken to prevent their recurrence in its future developments?

**Question No. 22 to the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries:****(By the Member for Mayaro)**

With regard to the Government's commitment to the *CARICOM* Agri-Food Systems Strategy to meet the regional goal of a 25% reduction in food imports by 2025, will the Minister provide the following:

- a) details of the specific actions taken, as at September 30, 2024, by the Government to meet this goal;
- b) whether Trinidad and Tobago has met the required deadline/s to submit the requisite reports to the *CARICOM* Secretariat detailing the progress made towards achieving this target;
- c) if the answer to b) is in the negative:
  - i. when will the required reports be submitted to the *CARICOM* Secretariat; and
  - ii. what steps will be taken by the Government to ensure timely compliance with future reporting obligations?

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Bills Second Reading:**

1. A Bill entitled, "An Act to make provisions of a financial nature and other related matters".  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**

**Motions:**

1. **WHEREAS** section 122(3) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Chap. 1:01 (the Act) provides that the President shall, after consultation with the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition nominate persons, who are qualified and experienced in the disciplines of law, finance, sociology or management, to be appointed as members of the Police Service Commission;

**AND WHEREAS** section 122(4) of the Act provides that the President shall issue a Notification in respect of each person nominated for appointment under subsection (3) and the Notification shall be subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives;

**AND WHEREAS** the President has issued a notification in respect of Dr. Wendell C. Wallace for appointment as a member of the Police Service Commission;

**AND WHEREAS** the President has on the 12th day of November, 2024 issued a Notification in respect of the nomination;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the Notification:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Notification of the President for the nomination of Dr. Wendell C. Wallace as a member of the Police Service Commission be approved.

**(By the Prime Minister)**

2. **WHEREAS** section 122(3) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Chap. 1:01 ('the Act') provides that the President shall, after consultation with the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition nominate persons, who are qualified and experienced in the disciplines of law, finance, sociology or management, to be appointed as members of the Police Service Commission;

**AND WHEREAS** section 122(4) of the Act provides that the President shall issue a Notification in respect of each person nominated for appointment under subsection (3) and the Notification shall be subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives;

**AND WHEREAS** the President has issued a notification in respect of Ms. Annika Fritz-Browne for appointment as a member of the Police Service Commission;

**AND WHEREAS** the President has on the 12th day of November, 2024 issued a Notification in respect of the nomination;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the Notification:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Notification of the President for the nomination of Ms. Annika Fritz-Browne as a member of the Police Service Commission be approved.

**(By the Prime Minister)**

3. **WHEREAS** section 122(3) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Chap. 1:01 ('the Act') provides that the President shall, after consultation with the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition nominate persons, who are qualified and experienced in the disciplines of law, finance, sociology or management, to be appointed as members of the Police Service Commission;

**AND WHEREAS** section 122(4) of the Act provides that the President shall issue a Notification in respect of each person nominated for appointment under subsection (3) and the Notification shall be subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives;

**AND WHEREAS** the President has issued a notification in respect of Ms. Ethel Hector-Berkeley for appointment as a member of the Police Service Commission;

**AND WHEREAS** the President has on the 12th day of November, 2024 issued a Notification in respect of the nomination;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the Notification:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Notification of the President for the nomination of Ms. Ethel Hector-Berkeley as a member of the Police Service Commission be approved.

**(By the Prime Minister)**

4. **WHEREAS** section 122(3) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Chap. 1:01 ('the Act') provides that the President shall, after consultation with the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition nominate persons, who are qualified and experienced in the disciplines of law, finance, sociology or management, to be appointed as members of the Police Service Commission;

**AND WHEREAS** section 122(4) of the Act provides that the President shall issue a Notification in respect of each person nominated for appointment under subsection (3) and the Notification shall be subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives;

**AND WHEREAS** the President has issued a notification in respect of Mr. Roger Babooram for appointment as a member of the Police Service Commission;

**AND WHEREAS** the President has on the 12th day of November, 2024 issued a Notification in respect of the nomination;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the Notification:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Notification of the President for the nomination of Mr. Roger Babooram as a member of the Police Service Commission be approved.

**(By the Prime Minister)**

5. **WHEREAS** section 122(3) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Chap. 1:01 (the Act) provides that the President shall, after consultation with the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition nominate persons, who are qualified and experienced in the disciplines of law, finance, sociology or management, to be appointed as members of the Police Service Commission;

**AND WHEREAS** section 122(4) of the Act provides that the President shall issue a Notification in respect of each person nominated for appointment under subsection (3) and the Notification shall be subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives;

**AND WHEREAS** the President has issued a notification in respect of Mr. Ian Kevin Ramdhanie for appointment as a member of the Police Service Commission;

**AND WHEREAS** the President has on the 12th day of November, 2024 issued a Notification in respect of the nomination;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the Notification:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Notification of the President for the nomination of Mr. Ian Kevin Ramdhanie as a member of the Police Service Commission be approved.

**(By the Prime Minister)**

6. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the House approve 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)**

**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)**

2. **WHEREAS** the Government has presided over the institutional collapse of key state agencies that have failed to effectively manage, support and evaluate the execution of state projects, thereby resulting in the debilitation of major infrastructural works and constructions projects in Trinidad and Tobago;

**AND WHEREAS** this lack of proper monitoring, evaluating and executing has led to allegations of corruption and nepotism coupled with stakeholder criticism and public dissatisfaction;

**AND WHEREAS** citizens have continued to experience inconvenience due to the Government's failure to conduct routine maintenance and rehabilitation works on major infrastructural projects throughout the country;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House condemns the Government on its mismanagement and lack of proper oversight on infrastructural works on major projects;

**AND BE IT FURHTER RESOLVED** that this House calls on the Government to address these critical issues that have affected citizens and the completion of infrastructural works over the years.

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

**Brian Caesar  
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## MONDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2024 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. Given that this House was advised on April 26, 2024, that the Attorney General is preparing the Government's response to the Report of the Commission of Enquiry on the attempted 1990 Coup, will the Prime Minister provide an update on the status of said response?  
**(By the Member for Naparima)**
2. Will the Prime Minister indicate whether a final report of an audit of personnel, equipment and processes at the Strategic Services Agency (SSA) has been completed and submitted to the Government by acting Head of the SSA Brigadier General Anthony Phillips Spencer?  
**(Member for Oropouche East)**
3. Given the recent signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Government and the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to establish a vetted unit for the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS), will the Prime Minister inform this House on the proposed composition of the said unit and whether stakeholder consultations have taken place?  
**(Member for Couva South)**
4. Given that the Minister of Finance celebrated a court order issued in relation to the "arrest" of the tugboat Solo Creed in Angola, will the Prime Minister inform this House whether the Government has been able to ascertain the owners and or persons associated with the vessel?  
**(Member for Couva South)**
5. Given the query by British Law Lord, Lady Simler, will the Prime Minister advise whether the Minister of Finance will be investigated for his role in the failure to provide relevant access to documentation preventing the Auditor General from conducting the required audit of the national accounts of Trinidad and Tobago?  
**(Member for Oropouche West)**
6. Given the ongoing foreign exchange shortage in Trinidad and Tobago, which has been affecting micro, small and medium sized businesses, will the Prime Minister indicate what urgent measures the Government plans to implement to address the severe restrictions on access to foreign currency?  
**(Member for Couva North)**

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## MONDAY NOVEMBER 18, 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 Minister concerned.

1. **To the Minister of Works and Transport:**

Given the rainfall, yellow level warnings from the Meteorological Office and consequential continuous flooding on the Southern Main Road from Issac Junction to Savonetta Junction, which has negatively impacted business operations in the said area, will the Minister inform this House of the measures being pursued to alleviate this problem?

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

2. **To the Minister of Works and Transport:**

Having regard to yesterday's extensive flooding in El Socorro and Barataria, will the Minister indicate what immediate steps are being taken to mitigate the flooding?

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

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