



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIFTH SESSION  
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

NO. 13  
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## ORDER PAPER

MONDAY JANUARY 13, 2025 AT 1:30 P.M.

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1. Statement of the President pursuant to section 9(1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, setting out the specific grounds on which the decision to declare the existence of a State of Public Emergency was based.  
**(By the Speaker of the House)**
2. The Value Added Tax (Amendment to Schedule 2) (No.2) Order, 2024.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
3. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Port of Spain Corporation 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)**
4. The Audited Financial Statements of Trinidad and Tobago Tourism Business Development Limited for the year ended December 31, 2022.  
**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)**
5. The Audited Financial Statements of Trinidad and Tobago Tourism Business Development Limited for the year ended December 31, 2023.  
**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)**
6. The Audited Financial Statements of the University of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2022.  
**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)**

7. The Audited Financial Statements of the University of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year ended September 30, 2023.  
**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)**
8. The Administrative Report of National Enterprises Limited for the year ended September 30, 2023.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
9. The Annual Report on the Exercise of the Functions and Powers of the Ministry of Health for the fiscal year 2021.  
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**(By the Minister of Health)**
11. The Annual Report on the Exercise of the Functions and Powers of the Ministry of Health for the fiscal year 2023.  
**(By the Minister of Health)**
12. The Annual Report of the Environmental Management Authority for the year 2023.  
**(By the Minister of Planning and Development)**
13. The Annual Report of the Ministry of Public Administration and Digital Transformation for the fiscal year 2020.  
**(By the Minister of Public Administration)**
14. The Administrative Report of the National Schools Dietary Services Limited for the fiscal year 2021/2022.  
**(By the Minister of Education)**
15. The Annual Administrative Report of East Port of Spain Development Company Limited for the year 2022 - 2023.  
**(By the Minister of Housing and Urban Development)**
16. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries to the Sixteenth Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on an Examination of the Audited Accounts, Balance Sheet and other Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago National Petroleum Marketing Company Limited and its Subsidiaries (NP) for the financial years 2018 and 2019 and follow up on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Committee's Sixteenth Report, Eleventh Parliament.  
**(By the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries)**
17. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance to the Sixteenth Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on an Examination of the Audited Accounts, Balance Sheet and other Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago National Petroleum Marketing Company Limited and its Subsidiaries (NP) for the financial years 2018 and 2019

and follow up on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Committee's Sixteenth Report, Eleventh Parliament.

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

18. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Trade and Industry to the Seventeenth Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on an Examination of the Audited Accounts, Balance Sheet and other Financial Statements of the National Export Facilitation Organization of Trinidad and Tobago (exporTT) for the financial years 2017 and 2018 and follow-up on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Committee's Twenty-Eighth Report, Eleventh Parliament.

**(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)**

#### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

1. The Third Report of the Joint Select Committee on Foreign Affairs on an inquiry into 'Deepening Existing Ties and Facilitating New Linkages between the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and the Co-operative Republic of Guyana,' Twelfth Parliament.

**(By the Member for San Fernando East)**

#### PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

#### URGENT QUESTIONS

#### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

**Questions for Oral Answer**

**Question No. 31 to the Minister of Works and Transport:**

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

When will Calcutta No. 1 Road from the Calcutta Tunnel to Kurban Junction, be paved and rehabilitated with the supporting drainage infrastructure?

**Question No. 32 to the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government:**

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

When will Calcutta Settlement Road #2 from the Freeport Police Station to Teelucksingh Junction, be paved and rehabilitated with the supporting drainage infrastructure?

**Question No. 33 to the Minister of Works and Transport:**

**(By the Member for Fyzabad)**

Will the Minister indicate when reconstruction works will commence on the collapsed bridge at St. John's Branch Trace, Avocat?

**Question No. 34 to the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government:**

**(By the Member for Fyzabad)**

Will the Minister indicate when rehabilitation works will begin on the landslip at the Shore of Peace Cremation Site?

**Question No. 35 to the Minister of Works and Transport:**

**(By the Member for Fyzabad)**

Will the Minister indicate when the Mon Desir-Delhi Road, from Seeram Junction to Sparrow Junction, be resurfaced?

**Question No. 36 to the Minister of National Security:****(By the Member for Couva South)**

Will the Minister inform this House whether there is a formal policy between the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) and the National Maintenance Training and Security Company Limited (MTS) to assist in the fight against crime?

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

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Motions:**

1. **WHEREAS** it is enacted by section 8(1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago that the President may from time to time make a Proclamation declaring that a state of public emergency exists;

**AND WHEREAS** the President has by Proclamation made on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024, declared that a state of public emergency exists in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago;

**AND WHEREAS** it is enacted by section 9(1) of the Constitution that within three days of the making of the Proclamation, the President shall deliver to the Speaker for presentation to the House of Representatives a statement setting out the specific grounds on which the decision to declare the existence of a state of public emergency was based, and a date shall be fixed for a debate on this statement as soon as practicable but in any event not later than fifteen days from the date of the Proclamation;

**AND WHEREAS** on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2024, the President delivered to the Speaker for presentation to the House of Representatives a statement setting out the specific grounds on which the decision to declare the existence of a state of public emergency was based:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the House take note of the Statement by the President under section 9(1) of the Constitution setting out the specific grounds on which the decision to declare the existence of a state of public emergency was based.

**(By the Prime Minister)**

2. **WHEREAS** it is enacted by section 8(1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago that the President may from time to time make a Proclamation declaring that a state of public emergency exists;

**AND WHEREAS** the President has by Proclamation made on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024, declared that a state of public emergency exists in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago;

**AND WHEREAS** it is enacted by section 9(2) of the Constitution that a Proclamation made by the President for the purposes of and in accordance with section 8 shall, unless previously revoked, remain in force for fifteen days;

**AND WHEREAS** it is enacted by section 10(1) of the Constitution that before its expiration the Proclamation may be extended from time to time by resolution supported by a simple majority vote of the House of Representatives, so however that no extension exceeds three months and the extensions do not in the aggregate exceed six months;

**AND WHEREAS** it is necessary and expedient that the Proclamation made by the President on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024 declaring that a state of public emergency exists in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, should be extended for a further period, not exceeding three months:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Proclamation made by the President on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024 declaring that a state of public emergency exists in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago be extended for a further period of three months.

**(By the Prime Minister)**

3. **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)**

#### **Bills Second Reading:**

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Senior Citizens’ Pension Act, Chap. 32:02 and the Public Assistance Act, Chap. 32:03”.

**(By the Minister of Social Development and Family Services)**

#### **PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS**

##### **Motions:**

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday November 22, 2024 will be resumed:**

**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  
Clerk of the House**

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***January 06, 2025***

ORDER PAPERMONDAY JANUARY 13, 2025QUESTIONS 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)**



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## MONDAY JANUARY 13, 2025, AT 1:30 P.M. NOTICE OF URGENT QUESTIONS

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 Minister of National Security:**

In light of serious concerns raised by the Prison Officers Association (POA) on the suitability of the Carrera Convict Prison and the Remand Prison in Golden Grove as designated detention centres pursuant to the Emergency Powers Regulations, will the Minister indicate what urgent works have been undertaken to repair and refurbish the named detention centres?

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

*Brian Caesar*  
*Clerk of the House*

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