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Question No. 1 to the Minister of Education:
(By the Member for St. Ann's East)
In light of the Government's failure to provide laptops by the start of the school term in September 2025, could the Minister state:

a) the expected date of delivery of the 18,000 laptops;
b) the name of the company which was awarded the contract for the supply of 18,000 laptops;
c) the total cost of supplying the 18,000 laptops; and
d) the process used to select suppliers for the procurement of laptops?

Question No. 2 to the Minister of Education:
(By the Member for St. Ann's East)
Based on the Government's pledge to distribute all book grants before the delayed start of the school term on September 8, 2025, could the Minister please provide the following information:

a) how many applications for the 2025 book grants were received;
b) how many eligible applications were processed;
c) how many book grants were distributed;
d) how many applicants are still awaiting payments; and
e) when will payments be completed?

Question No. 3 to the Minister of Education:
(By the Member for St. Ann's East)
Based on the statement that 395 school repair projects were completed between June and August 2025, could the Minister state:

a) the total cost of the undertaking of the 395 projects;
b) whether the National Maintenance and Training Services (MTS) was the project manager for all of the projects;
c) the total funds remitted by the Ministry of Education to date for payment to contractors for completion of the projects;
d) the expected date by which the Ministry of Education will remit all funding to be paid to contractors for projects completed during this period;
e) the method of procurement used to engage companies for school repair works during that period;
f) the number of school repair projects that were outstanding as of June 2025;
g) the number of school repair projects that were not completed during the July/August 2025 period; and;
h) how many school repair projects currently ongoing as of September 2025?

Question No. 6 to the Minister of Homeland Security:
(By the Member for Arouca/Lopinot)
Can the Minister indicate the rationale for the TTPS rescinding its decision to honour its contract to Diamond Systems and Supplies Ltd for the procurement of 3,000 body cameras?

Question No. 7 to the Minister of Defence:
(By the Member for Arouca/Lopinot)
Can the Minister indicate the reason(s) the Commanding Officer of the Regiment was sent on immediate leave on August 9th, 2025 and to have the decision rescinded less than 24 hours after?

Question No. 8 to the Minister of Public Utilities:
(By the Member for Port of Spain South)
Can the Minister indicate approximately how many workers have been affected by the termination of the contractors with the Community-Based Environmental Protection and Enhancement Programme (CEPEP) as at 27th June 2025?

Question No. 9 to the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government:
(By the Member for Laventille West)
Can the Minister indicate how many workers at the Unemployment Relief Programme (URP) have been sent home and or/ terminated since 29th April 2025?

Question No. 10 to the Minister of Public Utilities:
(By the Member for Arouca/Lopinot)
With regard to contracts awarded by the Maintenance Training and Security Company Limited (MTS) from 29th April 2025 to present, could the Minister indicate the following:

a) how many contracts were awarded via the sole select process;
b) the total number of contracts awarded and the dollar value; and
c) the names of the entities, companies or individuals who were awarded contracts?

Question No. 12 to the Minister of Works and Transport:
(By the Member for Arima)
Can the Minister indicate when the road improvements works will be completed on Pinto Road (from the Eastern Main Road and Churchill Roosevelt Highway)?

Question No. 13 to the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries:
(By the Member for Arima)
Can the Minister indicate whether successful graduates of the Youth Agricultural Homestead Programme (YAHP) will receive their access to land and starter grants?

Question No. 14 to the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs:
(By the Member for Laventille West)
Can the Minister indicate what efforts are being made to ensure the requisite works on the Laventille Community Swimming Pool are carried out in a timely manner to be made available to the residents of Laventille?

Question No. 15 to the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs:
(By the Member for Diego Martin West)
Can the Minister indicate whether the Civilian Conservation Corps Programme has been/ will be terminated?

Question No. 16 to the Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training:
(By the Member for Malabar/Mausica)
Can the Minister indicate how many citizens were hired in the On-the-Job Trainee Programme from May 2025 to present?

Question No. 17 to the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs:
(By the Member for Diego Martin West)
Can the Minister indicate when the next intake of MiLAT students would be enrolled?

Question No. 18 to the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government:
(By the Member for Diego Martin Central)
With regard to the Unemployment Relief Programme, could the Minister indicate what is the criteria being used to:

a) terminate; and
b) hire or rehire monthly paid workers?

Question No. 22 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:
(By the Member for Port of Spain North/St. Ann's West)
With regard to the National Gas Company (NGC), could the Minister advise:

a) why its sponsorship of three steelbands, Couva Joylanders, La Brea Nightingales and Steel Xplosion was prematurely terminated; and
b) whether NGC intends to terminate its sponsorship of the NGC Tassa Group?

Question No. 23 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:
(By the Member for Port of Spain North/St. Ann's West)
With regard to Woodside Energy, could the Minister state whether:

a) the company has informed the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries that it is closing its operations in Trinidad and Tobago;
b) if the answer to a) is in the affirmative, provide the date of its closure; and
c) when was the Ministry informed of same?

Question No. 24 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:
(By the Member for Port of Spain North/St. Ann's West)
Can the Minister state whether:

a) the National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago (NGC) was successful against Super Industries Services Limited (SIS) in the Arbitration in relation to the Beetham Wastewater Plant construction, and if so, when was the decision handed down; and

b) the answer to (a) above is in the affirmative, would you inform the House what did the Arbitrator find was the amount of overpayment made to SIS by NGC?

Question No. 25 to the Minister of Culture and Community Development:
(By the Member for Diego Martin West)
Given the National Gas Company's withdrawal of support for Couva Joylanders, La Brea Nightingales and Steel Explosion, will the Minister confirm the transitional or immediate support measures being implemented to ensure the survival of these steelbands and their youth and community outreach programmes?

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled, "An Act to establish the offence of home invasion and, in that context, to provide that a person has no duty to retreat when acting in self-defence of defence of his property; to provide that a person may use defensive force, including deadly force, to protect himself, his property or another person in his dwelling house; and to provide for related matters".
   (By the Attorney General)

Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;

   AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may by resolution approve an Order made under section 5(1);

   AND WHEREAS the Land Acquisition (Requisition) Order, 2025 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 388 dated the 24th day of October, 2025;

   AND WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the said Order;

   BE IT RESOLVED that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) Order, 2025 be approved.
   (By the Attorney General)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** Trinidad and Tobago has ratified the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child which affirms the right of every child to an education in an environment that is safe, inclusive, and conducive to learning;

   AND WHEREAS the Government deployed armed police officers in fifty schools across Trinidad and Tobago as a measure to curb incidents of school violence;

   AND WHEREAS the said deployment has not been accompanied by public sensitisation to provide specific details of the role and authority of the armed police officers within schools, the selection and training processes used to adequately choose and prepare police officers for this role, the criteria by which schools were selected for the initiative, the implementation strategy, nor the initiative's key performance indicators;

   AND WHEREAS the initiative has not been linked with increased measures to address the root causes of school violence and transform student behaviour, such as psychosocial services, student counselling, family intervention programmes, restorative practitioners or other preventative initiatives;

   AND WHEREAS the sensitisation, training and involvement of teachers, school safety officials, school administrators, student support services officials and parents are essential components in creating a safe and disciplined school environment;

   BE IT RESOLVED that this House call on the Government to clearly outline the details of its policy on the use of armed police officers in schools, including the role and authority of the officers, and the criteria by which schools have been chosen; and to indicate the key performance indicators of the initiative, with associated timelines.
   (By the Member for St. Ann's East)

2. **WHEREAS** road safety is a matter of national concern and a critical component in safeguarding human life, reducing injury, and promoting responsible civic behaviour;

   AND WHEREAS the previous administration implemented a range of internationally recognised and commended road safety initiatives, legislative reforms, and enforcement measures which contributed to a significant reduction in road traffic fatalities across Trinidad and Tobago;

   AND WHEREAS the current Government has taken legislative and policy decisions which removed measures that had proven effective in saving lives;

   AND WHEREAS these decisions have coincided with an increase in serious road accidents and road traffic fatalities in Trinidad and Tobago;

   AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to present a comprehensive, modernised, and well-resourced national road safety strategy, supported by public education, effective enforcement, and international best practices;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House take note of the increase in road traffic fatalities across Trinidad and Tobago;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House call on the Government to urgently establish and implement an adequate, evidence-based national road safety system, consistent with international best practice, to suppress the increase in road traffic fatalities and protect the lives of citizens.
(By the Member for Arouca/Lopinot)

3. **WHEREAS** the conduct of the foreign relations of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago is vested in the Executive and must be exercised in accordance with the Constitution, the United Nations Charter, and the principles of peaceful settlement of disputes, respect for sovereignty, non-intervention, and prudent diplomacy;

   AND WHEREAS Trinidad and Tobago's national interests—including citizen safety, regional security, trade, aviation, fisheries, and energy cooperation—are directly affected by relations with the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela;

   AND WHEREAS recent developments have given rise to an impasse between Trinidad and Tobago and Venezuela, risking adverse consequences for our economy, national security, and international standing;

   AND WHEREAS public statements attributed to the Prime Minister regarding these developments have been viewed as inflammatory, and injurious to the reputation and interests of Trinidad and Tobago, generating public concern and diplomatic unease;

   AND WHEREAS CARICOM has long advanced a collective approach to external relations, particularly security challenges, to ensure the region remains a zone of peace, which may be interpreted to be at variance with the Prime Minister's statements;

   AND WHEREAS Trinidad and Tobago's foreign policy must be coherent, measured, and aligned with the long-standing traditions of Caribbean diplomacy and international law:

   BE IT RESOLVED that this House condemn the inflammatory statements of the Prime Minister which have isolated Trinidad and Tobago and harmed its standing and interest.

   AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House call upon the Government to reaffirm Trinidad and Tobago's commitment to CARICOM and to the upholding of international law.
   (By the Member for Arima)

4. **WHEREAS** it is the responsibility of the Government to safeguard the well-being of citizens and to promote conditions that enable a decent standard of living;

   AND WHEREAS recent reports of mass terminations and non-renewal of contracts across public bodies, state agencies and local government entities have resulted in a perceived marked increase in unemployment in several vulnerable and at risk communities;

AND WHEREAS press reports indicate that these developments have disproportionately affected single mothers, female-headed households, youth, the elderly, and persons with disabilities, thereby intensifying food insecurity, school absenteeism, mental-health strain, and the risk of exploitation and social exclusion;

AND WHEREAS increased unemployment and reduced community engagement correlate with heightened risks to public safety and social stability, and may adversely affect local commerce, micro-enterprise sustainability, and prospects for inclusive growth;

AND WHEREAS sound public administration requires transparent decision-making, fairness in employment practices, and appropriate measures to cushion socio-economic shocks on vulnerable groups;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House take note of the socio-economic impact of increased unemployment in communities—arising from mass terminations and non-renewal of contracts—and of the resulting breakdown in community and social life:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this government urgently respond to this developing socio-economic crisis by immediately providing adequate and meaningful social relief measures.
(By the Member for Laventille West)

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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. Can the Prime Minister confirm whether UDeCOTT awarded contracts for the Invaders Bay and San Fernando Waterfront Projects to International Project Initiatives Limited, Consultancy Services?
   (By the Member for Arouca/Lopinot)

2. Would the Prime Minister advise whether after her meeting with high level executives from Nutrien last week, will Nutrien be restarting their plants in Trinidad and Tobago this year?
   (By the Member for Port of Spain North/St.Ann's West)

3. Would the Prime Minister advise whether Shell has received confirmation within the past 30 days from the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela that it may continue to proceed with plans to explore gas from the Manatee side of the Loran Manatee Gas Field in a de-unitized manner as per the Hydrocarbon Agreement between the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and the Government of Venezuela which agreed to de-unitized development dated 2019?
   (By the Member for Port of Spain North/St.Ann's West)

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