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ORDER PAPER

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2026 AT 10:30 A.M.

PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

PETITIONS

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1. The Notification of Her Excellency, the President in respect of the nomination of Mr. Junior Benjamin, Deputy Commissioner of Police for appointment to act in the Office of Commissioner of Police
(By the Minister of Homeland Security)
2. The Notification of Her Excellency, the President in respect of the nomination of Mr. Anand Ramesar, Assistant Commissioner of Police for appointment to act in the Office of Deputy Commissioner of Police
(By the Minister of Homeland Security)
3. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Police Complaints Authority for the year ended September 30, 2024.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
4. The Consolidated Financial Statements of Caribbean Airlines Limited (CAL) for the year ended December 31, 2017.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
5. The Consolidated Financial Statements of Caribbean Airlines Limited (CAL) for the year ended December 31, 2018.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)

6. The Consolidated Financial Statements of Caribbean Airlines Limited (CAL) for the year ended December 31, 2019.

(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

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 Homeland Security:**

(By the Member for Arouca/Lopinot)

In relation to the recent acquisition of fifty-one (51) electric vehicles by the TTPS, can the Minister indicate:

- a) the name of the company that was contracted by the TTPS for the purchase of the vehicles; and
- b) the procurement process used by the TTPS, whether sole select, selective or open tender process?

***Question No. 10 to the Minister of Homeland Security:**

(By the Member for Arouca/Lopinot)

Relative to the police shooting death of Shivanth Jogie at Old Train Line, Corinth, can the Minister indicate whether the police officer involved in the shooting was equipped with:

- a) body cameras;
- b) tasers;
- c) pepper spray; and/or
- d) batons?

***Question No. 11 to the Minister of Homeland Security:**

(By the Member for Arouca/Lopinot)

With respect to the police shootings of home invasion suspects in Central Trinidad, can the Minister state whether Police Officers involved in the shooting were equipped with:

- a) body cameras;
- b) tasers;
- c) pepper spray; and/or
- d) batons?

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

* Question Nos. 1, 10 and 11 were deferred for two (2) weeks on Friday September 11, 2026.

1. The Miscellaneous Provisions (Alcohol, Cannabis, Dangerous Drugs, Gambling and Tobacco) Bill, 2026.

(By the Attorney General who will move that the next stage of the Bill be taken later in the proceedings)

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Act, Chap. 25:50”.

(By the Attorney General)

2. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Protection of New Plant Varieties Act, Chap. 82:75”.

(By the Minister of Land and Legal Affairs)

Motions

1. **WHEREAS** section 123(1)(a) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (“the Constitution”) provides that the Police Service Commission shall have the power to appoint persons to hold or act in the office of Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Police;

AND WHEREAS section 123(3) of the Constitution provides that the Police Service Commission shall submit to the President a list of the names of the persons nominated for appointment to the office of Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner of Police;

AND WHEREAS section 123(4) of the Constitution provides that the President shall issue a Notification in respect of each person nominated under subsection (3) and the Notification shall be subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives;

AND WHEREAS the Police Service Commission has submitted to the President the name **Mr. Junior Benjamin**, Deputy Commissioner of Police, as the person nominated to act in the office of Commissioner of Police;

AND WHEREAS the President has on the 23rd day of September, 2026 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 of the nomination by the Police Service Commission of Mr. Junior Benjamin to act in the office of Commissioner of Police be approved.

(By the Minister of Homeland Security)

2. **WHEREAS** section 123(1)(a) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (“the Constitution”) provides that the Police Service Commission shall have the power to appoint persons to hold or act in the office of Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Police;

AND WHEREAS section 123(3) of the Constitution provides that the Police Service Commission shall submit to the President a list of the names of the persons nominated for appointment to the office of Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner of Police;

AND WHEREAS section 123(4) of the Constitution provides that the President shall issue a Notification in respect of each person nominated under subsection (3) and the Notification shall be subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives;

AND WHEREAS the Police Service Commission has submitted to the President the name **Mr. Anand Ramesar**, Assistant Commissioner of Police, as the person nominated to act in the office of Deputy Commissioner of Police;

AND WHEREAS the President has on the 23rd day of September, 2025 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 of the nomination by the Police Service Commission of Mr. Anand Ramesar to act in the office of Deputy Commissioner of Police be approved.

(By the Minister of Homeland Security)

3. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 76(1) of the Gambling (Gaming and Betting) Act, 2021 (Act No. 8 of 2021) (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that a person commits an offence if he does anything in Trinidad and Tobago or uses remote gambling equipment situated in Trinidad and Tobago for the purpose of inviting or enabling a person in a prohibited territory to participate in remote gambling:

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 76(2) of the Act that the Minister may by Order, subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament, amend section 76 of the Act for the purposes of permitting remote gambling:

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Finance has, on the 15th day of September, 2026, made the Gambling (Gaming and Betting) (Remote Gambling) Order, 2026:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Gambling (Gaming and Betting) (Remote Gambling) Order, 2026 now be affirmed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Gambling (Gaming and Betting) (Remote Gambling) Order, 2026 be approved.

(By the Minister of Finance)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago is a democratic country subscribing to free and fair general elections in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago;

AND WHEREAS it is widely perceived that the outcome of general elections has been directly affected by the sums of money spent by political parties on their elections campaigns;

AND WHEREAS the financing of election campaigns is a matter that is governed by the Representation of the People Act, Chap 2:01 which has proved to be outdated and ineffective in regulating the realities of the modern day elections and election campaigns;

AND WHEREAS in order to ensure transparency, accountability and fair elections in Trinidad and Tobago it is submitted that there needs to be modern legislation and regulations that specifically govern the donation of money to political parties and their campaign expenditure;

AND WHEREAS there have been previous attempts to achieve campaign finance reform which have not come to fruition;

AND WHEREAS if financing of political campaigns and more specifically, donations made to political parties whether directly and/ or indirectly, are not required to be declared and recorded it has the potential to permit third parties to clandestinely influence and compromise Governments' decision making;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House agree to ensure that elections are free from undue and unfair influence in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago there should be a reform of campaign finance legislation and such reform include, inter alia, the declaring and recording of donors to political parties and their campaign expenditure;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House further agrees to forthwith establish a Joint Select Committee of the Parliament to examine all of the previous work done on campaign finance reform and to report to the House within six months with proposed draft legislation.

(By the Member for Port of Spain North/St. Ann's West)

2. **WHEREAS** access to a reliable supply of potable water is essential to public health, sanitation, economic activity and the general welfare of the people of Trinidad and Tobago;

AND WHEREAS communities throughout the country have experienced prolonged and repeated disruption in their water supply, affecting households, schools, businesses and healthcare facilities;

AND WHEREAS concerns have arisen regarding the adequacy of water distribution, infrastructure maintenance, contingency arrangements, and communication with affected communities;

AND WHEREAS prolonged water disruptions place significant hardship on citizens, particularly vulnerable persons, including the elderly and persons with disabilities;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House call upon the Government to outline the measures being implemented to address the disruption of water supply in Trinidad and Tobago.

(By the Member for Arouca/Lopinot)

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September 28, 2026

APPENDIX

ORDER PAPER
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2026
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Question No. 2 to the Minister of Homeland Security:*(By the Member for Arouca/Lopinot)**

Can the Minister state the following:

- a) which State agency was used by the TTPS for the procurement of mobile units for the TTPS;
- b) did the Cabinet grant approval for that State agency to be used;
- c) what procurement process was used for the purchase of the police mobile units;
- d) what is the total contract cost for the purchase of the units;
- e) name of the contractor that supplied the Police mobile units?
- f) did the state agency follow procurement requirements for the publication of the contract; and
- g) award and standstill period prior to the award and execution of the contract?

(Answer due by 24.07.2026)***Question No. 8 to the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs:****(By the Member for Diego Martin West)**

In light of recent reports that a group of dedicated young national athletes including Kylee Young, Shameka Hoyte, Kafele Desormeaux, Christian Nelson, and Zion Lucas were forced to withdraw from the Pan American Games in Mexico due to the non-approval of critical funding, could the Minister advise:

- a) the specific reasons why the funding applications for these athletes were denied or not processed in time to meet the respective competition deadlines;
- b) what immediate steps are being taken to reform the Elite Athlete Assistance Programme or the Sport Company of Trinidad and Tobago (SPORTT) grants process to ensure that athletes who have met all international qualifying standards are not denied representation due to internal funding delays; and
- c) whether the Ministry will provide a formal apology and a commitment of future developmental support to these athletes to compensate for the significant psychological and professional setback caused by this oversight?

(Answer due by 24.07.2026)

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