HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SECOND SESSION **NO. 16**
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT **2026/2027**

ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY OCTOBER 30, 2026 AT 1:30 P.M.

PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

PETITIONS

PAPERS

1. 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)

2. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Institute of Marine Affairs 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)

3. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Institute of Marine Affairs for the year ended September 30, 2017.
   (By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)

4. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Chaguanas Borough Corporation Mayor's Fund for the year ended September 30, 2023.
   (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 Chaguanas Borough Corporation Mayor's Fund 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)

6. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the San Fernando City Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2012.
   (By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)

7. The Annual Administrative Report of the College of Science, Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago for the fiscal year 2013/2014.
   (By the Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training)

8. The Annual Administrative Report of the College of Science, Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago for the fiscal year 2014/2015.
   (By the Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training)

9. The Annual Administrative Report of the College of Science, Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago for the fiscal year 2015/2016.
   (By the Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training)

10. The Annual Administrative Report of the College of Science, Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago for the fiscal year 2016/2017.
    (By the Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training)

11. The Annual Administrative Report of the College of Science, Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago for the fiscal year 2017/2018.
    (By the Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training)

12. The Annual Administrative Report of the College of Science, Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago for the fiscal year 2018/2019.
    (By the Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training)

13. The Annual Administrative Report of the College of Science, Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago for the fiscal year 2019/2020.
    (By the Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training)

14. The Annual Administrative Report of the College of Science, Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago for the fiscal year 2020/2021.
    (By the Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training)

15. The Administrative Report of the MIC Institute of Technology Limited for the period October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019.
    (By the Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training)

16. The Administrative Report of the MIC Institute of Technology Limited for the period October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025.
(By the Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training)

17. The Annual Report of the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus for the year 2018/2019.
(By the Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Written Answer appear in Appendix I

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 13 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:
(By the Member for Port of Spain North/St. Ann's West)
Would the Minister advise what costs have been incurred by the Government, for the period November 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026, in subsidizing each of the following fuels:

a) diesel;
b) super gasoline; and
c) premium gasoline?

Question No. 14 to the Minister of Culture and Community Development:
(By the Member for Diego Martin West)
In light of reports that approximately $9 million in Carnival 2026 prize money and allocations remain outstanding to stakeholders, can the Minister state when all outstanding sums owed to mas makers, bandleaders, pannists and other cultural practitioners will be paid?

Question No. 15 to the Minister of Health:
(By the Member for Diego Martin West)
With respect to reports of a critical shortage of basic medical testing supplies across health facilities under the North Central Regional Health Authority (NCHRA), as at September 1, 2026, can the Minister state:

a) whether there is current or partial shortage of urinalysis test strips at primary health centres and hospitals under the NCRHA; and
b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, what alternative diagnostic measures are being implemented to ensure that diabetic, prenatal, emergency and kidney-care patients requiring such testing are not clinically disadvantaged or forced to seek private testing?

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

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. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate Amendments to the Miscellaneous Provisions (Alcohol, Cannabis, Dangerous Drugs, Gambling and Tobacco) Bill, 2026 listed in Appendix II be now considered.
   (By the Attorney General)

2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate Amendments to the Municipal Corporations (Amendment) Bill, 2026 listed in Appendix III be now considered.
   (By the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government)

3. **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 20th day of October, 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. Anand Ramesar to act in the office of Deputy Commissioner of Police be approved**.**
   (By the Minister of Homeland Security)

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** State Enterprises and State-Controlled Institutions manage substantial public assets and resources on behalf of the people of Trinidad and Tobago;

   AND WHEREAS their effective management requires that Boards of Directors discharge their fiduciary responsibilities in accordance with the law;

   AND WHEREAS executive management should be suitably qualified, experienced and competent to effectively manage these State Enterprises and State Institutions and remain accountable to their respective Boards of Directors;

   AND WHEREAS recent reported developments within the State Enterprise / Institution Sector have raised public concerns regarding Board appointments, the conduct of executive management and inadequate separation of responsibilities among shareholders, Boards of Directors and executive management;

AND WHEREAS reports of conflicts of interest may undermine public confidence, in State Enterprises and State-Controlled Institutions;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House express its concern over the governance of State Enterprises and State-Controlled Institutions;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government take appropriate measures to strengthen transparency, accountability, competence, institutional independence, adherence to established principles of corporate governance and to ensure that appointments and decisions concerning these institutions protect the public interest.
(By the Member for Arouca/Lopinot)

Brian B. Caesar
Clerk of the House

House of Representatives' Secretariat
The Red House
Abercromby Street
PORT OF SPAIN
October 26, 2026

APPENDIX I

ORDER PAPER
FRIDAY OCTOBER 30, 2026
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Question No. 12 to the Attorney General:
(By the Member for Port of Spain North/St. Ann's West)
Can the Minister provide the names of each Attorney including English Barristers retained by any arm of the State, including, but not limited to the Commissioner of Police, Trinidad and Tobago Police Service, Minister or the Ministry of Homeland Security, the Attorney General and any other that may have been involved, to:

a) advise and/ or appear in any litigation related to the arrest and issuance of Preventive Detention Orders issued by the Minister of Homeland Security on June 27, 2026, in the names of Dominic Hadeed and Genevieve Hadeed and for each Attorney and/ or Barrister; and
b) provide the amount of fees requisitioned to date with the particulars for each?

(Answer due by 08.10.2026)

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APPENDIX II

THE MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS (ALCOHOL, CANNABIS, DANGEROUS DRUGS, GAMBLING AND TOBACCO) BILL, 2026

List of Senate Amendments made during the Committee Stage of the above-mentioned Bill at a Sitting held on October 06, 2026 and ending on October 07, 2026.

First Column Clause	Second Column Extent of Amendment
3*(a)*	In paragraph (v), in the proposed subsection (2BB), after the words "(2)*(f)*" insert the words "or (2)*(g)*".
9	**A.** Delete subclause *(c)*. **B.** Renumber subclauses *(d)* to *(g)* as subclauses *(c)* to *(f)*. **C.** In the renumbered subclause *(c)* – (a) at the end of paragraph (ii), delete the word "and"; (b) renumber paragraph (iii) as paragraph (iv); (c) insert after paragraph (ii) the following new paragraph: "(iii) by inserting after subsection (1) the following new subsections: "(1A) A person dispensing cannabis in accordance with subsection (1) shall, before completing the dispensation, require the person requesting the cannabis to produce a valid form of national photo identification establishing that the person has attained twenty-five years of age. (1B) If the person requesting cannabis fails to produce a valid form of national photo identification upon request, the person dispensing shall immediately refuse to complete the dispensation."; and".

Senate Secretariat

October 7, 2026

APPENDIX III

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026

List of Amendments made in the Senate during the Committee Stage of the above-named Bill on Tuesday October 13, 2026.

First Column Clause	Second Column Extent of Amendments
10	In paragraph (c), in the proposed – (a) subsection (1C), delete the words "The Mayor", and substitute the words "Notwithstanding section 62(2), the Mayor"; and (b) subsection (1D), delete the words "If the", and substitute the words "Notwithstanding section 62(3), if the".
11	In paragraph (c), in the description of "WEST", at lines 21 and 22, delete the words "proceeding in a generally northerly direction along the said river".
12	A. In paragraph (b), in the description of "SOUTH AND WEST", (a) at line 12, after the words "western corner" insert the words "of the lands of Alexis Bernard"; and (b) at lines 22 and 23, delete the words "north eastern corner of" and substitute the words "northern boundary of the". B. In paragraph (c), in the description of "NORTH", at line 18, after the words "Mahadeoh;" insert the words "thence southwards along the western boundary of the said lands to the northern boundary of a proposed Forest Reserve;".

Senate Secretariat

October 13, 2026