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ORDER PAPER

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2021: 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 Retired Justice of Appeal Judith Jones, for appointment as a Member of the Police Service Commission.
(By the Speaker of the House)
2. The Notification of Her Excellency, the President in respect of the nomination of Ms. Maxine Attong, for appointment as a Member of the Police Service Commission.
(By the Speaker of the House)
3. The Notification of Her Excellency, the President in respect of the nomination of Mr. Ian Kevin Ramdhanie, for appointment as a Member of the Police Service Commission.
(By the Speaker of the House)
4. The Notification of Her Excellency, the President in respect of the nomination of Ms. Maxine King, for appointment as a Member of the Police Service Commission.
(By the Speaker of the House)
5. The Notification of Her Excellency, the President in respect of the nomination of Mr. Rajiv Persad, for appointment as a Member of the Police Service Commission.
(By the Speaker of the House)
6. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of National Enterprises Limited for the financial year ended March 31, 2021.
(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 Tourism Trinidad Limited for the year ended September 30, 2020.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
8. The Consolidated Financial Statements of the National Flour Mills Limited for the year ended December 31, 2020.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
9. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad Nitrogen Company Limited for the financial year ended December 31, 2020.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
10. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Point Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation Limited for the financial year ended December 31, 2020.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
11. The Audited Financial Statements of the National Schools Dietary Services Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2020.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
12. 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, 2020.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
13. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Statement of Recovery of Expenses of the Ministry of Energy and Energy Affairs for the year ended December 31, 2020.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
14. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2010.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
15. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2011.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public

Accounts Committee)

16. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago 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)

17. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance to the Follow-up Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on the Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Export-Import Bank of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (EXIMBANK) for the financial years 2012 to 2017.

(By the Minister of Finance)

18. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance to the Second Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on the Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Vehicle Management Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (VMCOTI) for the financial years 2013 to 2014.

(By the Minister of Finance)

19. The Report on the Sixth Withdrawal in the amount of US\$100,000,000. from the Trinidad and Tobago Heritage and Stabilisation Fund in accordance with Section 15A(3) of the Heritage and Stabilisation Fund Act, Chapter 70:09, as amended for the period July 2021.

(By the Minister of Finance)

20. The Annual Administrative Report of the InvesTT Limited for the year ended September 30, 2019.

(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)

21. The Annual Administrative Report of the National Flour Mills Limited for the year ended December 31, 2019.

(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)

22. The Annual Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards for the year ended September 30, 2018.

(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)

23. The Annual Report of the Environmental Management Authority for the year 2017.

(By the Minister of Planning and Development)

24. The Annual Administrative Report of the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services for the fiscal year 2020.

(By the Minister of Social Development and Family Services)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

1. The First Report of the Public Accounts Committee on an examination of the Follow-up on the Implementation of the Recommendations made in the Twenty-Fifth Report of the Public

Accounts Committee on an examination of the Audited Financial Statements and Internal Controls of the National Lotteries Control Board (NLCB) for the years 2008 to 2012.

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

2. The Second Report of the Public Accounts Committee on an examination of the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the Financial Year 2020.

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

3. The Third Report of the Public Accounts Committee on an examination of the Follow-up on the implementation of the recommendations made in the Twenty-Second Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the Financial Years 2010 to 2016.

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

4. The First Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee - A summary of inquiries undertaken during the Eleventh Parliament for the period 2015-2020.

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

5. The Second Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an examination of the efficiency of the delivery of services to the public by the Regional Health Authorities and a follow-up on the implementation of the recommendations presented in the Welch Report.

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

6. The Third Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an examination of the Follow-up on the implementation of the recommendations of the Twenty-Fourth Report of the PAAC on the examination into the Processing of the payment of Pensions and Gratuities of Retired Public Officers and Contracted Employees.

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

7. The Interim Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an examination of the response of Public Authorities to the COVID-19 pandemic in Trinidad and Tobago.

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Written Answer will appear in the Appendix

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 1 to the Minister of Finance:

(By the Member for Mayaro)

In light of the worsening economic and financial challenges facing most businesses in Trinidad and Tobago, will the Minister inform the House what specific measures will be implemented to assist these entities in navigating the so-called "new normal"?

Question No. 2 to the Minister of Finance:**(By the Member for Mayaro)**

Will the Minister inform the House what measures will be taken to rectify the growing foreign exchange shortage, in time for the upcoming peak commercial periods?

Question No. 3 to the Minister of Health:**(By the Member for Mayaro)**

Will the Minister inform the House whether the Government intends to take measures to procure pharmaceutical products from India to reduce the cost of pharmaceuticals to the consumer?

Question No. 13 to the Prime Minister:**(By the Member for Naparima)**

Given that an employee of the Children's Authority was recently charged with one count of serious indecency against a teenager, will the Prime Minister inform the House of the systems put in place by the Authority to ensure the recruitment of suitably qualified and competent personnel?

Question No. 14 to the Minister of Planning and Development:**(By the Member for Naparima)**

Given this country's ratification of the Paris Agreement in February 2018, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 15% in several key sectors, will the Minister indicate what specific measures will be taken to achieve this commitment by 2030?

Question No. 15 to the Minister of Planning and Development:**(By the Member for Naparima)**

Given that this country has become the second largest emitter of CO₂ per capita worldwide, will the Minister indicate what specific measures will be taken to increase awareness among our citizens to address this burning issue?

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

1. The Miscellaneous Provisions (Establishment of the Borough of Diego Martin and Borough of Siparia) Bill, 2021.
(By the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government)
2. The Summary Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2021.
(By the Attorney General)

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

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 notifications in respect of the nomination of the following persons for appointment as members of the Police Service Commission:

- (i) **Retired Justice of Appeal Judith Jones;**
- (ii) **Ms. Maxine Attong;**
- (iii) **Mr. Ian Kevin Ramdhanie;**
- (iv) **Ms. Maxine King; and**
- (v) **Mr. Rajiv Persad;**

AND WHEREAS the said Notifications were laid in the House of Representatives on Wednesday November 10, 2021;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the Notifications:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Notifications for the nomination of:

- (i) **Retired Justice of Appeal Judith Jones;**
- (ii) **Ms. Maxine Attong;**
- (iii) **Mr. Ian Kevin Ramdhanie;**
- (iv) **Ms. Maxine King; and**
- (v) **Mr. Rajiv Persad**

as members of the Police Service Commission be approved.

(By the Prime Minister)

Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled, "An Act to establish the Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority and for related matters".

(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 Planning and Development)

COMMITTEE BUSINESS**Motions:**

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House adopt the Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Miscellaneous Provisions (Local Government Reform) Bill, 2020.

(By the Member for Arouca/Maloney)

2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House adopt the Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Cannabis Control Bill, 2020.

(By the Member for San Fernando West)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**Motions:**

1. **WHEREAS** the House of Representatives, is the elected House of Parliament, where lawfully elected Members are entitled to the Constitutionally entrenched right to freedom of speech;

AND WHEREAS the Standing Orders are not intended to diminish, restrict or violate the rights, privileges and immunities of the House;

AND WHEREAS the Speaker must discharge her functions in an unbiased and impartial manner; free from political influence and in no manner to prevent or protect the Government from criticism;

AND WHEREAS the Speaker's lack of understanding of and/or disregard for her role as an impartial presiding officer, the application of, and at times, indifference to, the Standing Orders has impeded her judgment to perform her role free from bias and thereby unequivocally brought the Office of Speaker into disrepute;

AND WHEREAS the Speaker has oppressed and continues to oppress the voice and opinions of hundreds of thousands of constituents of the Members of the Opposition:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House express a lack of confidence in the Speaker.

(By the Member for Couva South)

2. **WHEREAS** section 76(2) of the Constitution provides that the Attorney General is responsible for the administration of legal affairs in Trinidad and Tobago and civil proceedings for and against the State;

AND WHEREAS the Attorney General has shown his lack of knowledge, bias, incompetence and legal ineptitude to manage the administration of legal affairs in Trinidad and Tobago and civil proceedings for and against the State;

AND WHEREAS the Attorney General having failed to properly execute his constitutional duties;

AND WHEREAS the conduct of the Attorney General has brought his office into odium and disrepute:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House express its loss of confidence in the Attorney General.

(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)

Jacqui Sampson-Meiguel
Clerk of the House

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November 03, 2021

APPENDIX**ORDER PAPER-WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2021****QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER****Question No. 6 to the Minister of National Security:**
(By the Member for Mayaro)

Could the Minister indicate what concrete steps have been taken to improve the Disaster Response Management Capacity in Trinidad and Tobago?

Question No. 8 to the Minister of Trade and Industry:
(By the Member for Mayaro)

Could the Minister explain the initiatives by the Government to increase the participation in e-commerce by Small, Micro and Medium Enterprises (SMMEs) in Trinidad and Tobago?

Question No. 12 to the Minister of Sport and Community Development:
(By the Member for Naparima)

Will the Minister state what specific measures are being implemented to support our athletes to improve this country's performance at the 2024 Paris Olympics?

Question No. 16 to the Minister of Labour:
(By the Member for Naparima)

In light of a recently published International Labour Organisation (ILO) report, which stated that the Latin American and Caribbean region is set to be characterised by high unemployment and informal occupations, will the Minister state what specific measures will be effected to promote sustainable job opportunities?

Question No. 18 to the Minister of Finance:
(By the Member for Naparima)

Will the Minister list all State positions held, and the remuneration packages associated with each position for the following persons:

1. Noel Garcia – for the years 2018 to present;
2. Gerry Brooks - for the years 2018 to present;
3. Newman George - for the years 2018 to present; and
4. Kerwyn Garcia – for the years 2020 to present?