

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY DECEMBER 10, 2021: 1:30 P.M.

PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

PETITIONS

PAPERS

- The One Hundred and Eleventh Report of the Salaries Review Commission of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. (By the Minister of Public Administration)
- The One Hundred and Twelfth Report of the Salaries Review Commission of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. (By the Minister of Public Administration)
- The Commissioner of Police and Deputy Commissioner of Police (Selection Process) (No. 2) Order, 2021.
 (By the Minister of National Security)
- 4. The Commissioner of Police and Deputy Commissioner of Police (Selection Process) (No. 2) (Amendment) Order, 2021.
 (By the Minister of National Security)
- The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance to the First Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on the examination of Audited Financial Statements of the Urban Development Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (UDeCOTT) for the financial years 2014 and 2015.

(By the Minister of Finance)

 The Second Report of the Joint Select Committee on Land and Physical Infrastructure on an inquiry into the management of the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission (T&TEC) and related Recommendations. (By the Member for D'Abadie/O'Meara)

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Written Answer will appear in the Appendix

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 20 to the Minister of Health:

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

With respect to Covid-19 vaccines in Trinidad and Tobago, will the Minister indicate the following:

- a. the total number of vaccine doses of each type/brand that are still available to date?
- b. the expiration date for each type/brand of vaccine?

Question No. 22 to the Minister of Sport and Community Development:

(By the Member for Couva South)

Will the Minister provide this House with the number of applications for Emergency Relief Grants which were received by the National Commission for Self Help as a result of the inclement weather experienced on Friday 3rd September, 2021?

Question No. 23 to the Minister of Education: (By the Member for Couva South)

Will the Minister inform this House when the Sonny Ladoo Early Childhood Care and Education Centre would be formally opened to facilitate its first intake of students?

Question No. 24 to the Minister of Public Utilities:

(By the Member for Couva South)

Will the Minister inform this House, when will the lights be commissioned on the Beaucarro Recreation Ground?

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

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** the Government has consistently presented Budgets which are unrelated to the demonstrated needs of Trinidad and Tobago;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to present a sustainable and viable plan to address job creation, investment or foreign exchange generation;

AND WHEREAS the cost of living continues to escalate, lowering the standard of living and quality of life of a significant segment of the population;

AND WHEREAS the Government continues to fund its wastage and corruption by engaging in increased domestic and foreign debt while depleting state resources:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House condemns the Government for its neglect of the economy and failure to generate sustainable economic growth and development. **(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

2. **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)

3. **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)

4. **WHEREAS** it is the responsibility of the Government to provide equal and equitable opportunities for all citizens to access quality education;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to address the existing inequities in accessing education exacerbated by the shift to virtual learning;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to provide safe learning spaces following its sudden decision to institute in-person classes for some students;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to meet the varied requirements of teachers leaving many ill-equipped to execute quality online instruction;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to effectively manage resources to facilitate adequate funding to the GATE program, government sponsored scholarships and bursaries, school feeding programme, special education access and other school related services;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House takes note of the increasing and unacceptable levels of disparity in inequitable access to education and the failure of the Ministry of Education to deliver on its essential mandate;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House calls on the Government to take all immediate and necessary steps to provide equitable access to all students. (By the Member for Tabaquite)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Bills Second Reading:

1. <u>The debate on the Second Reading of the following Bill which was in progress when</u> the House was adjourned on Wednesday November 24, 2021 will be resumed:

A Bill entitled, "An Act to establish the Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority and for related matters". **(By the Minister of Finance)**

- A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Municipal Corporations Act, Chap. 25:04 to establish the Borough of Diego Martin and the Borough of Siparia and to make consequential amendments to the Representation of the People Act, Chap. 2:01, the Interpretation Act, Chap. 3:01, the Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Act, Chap. 25:50, the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Regulations, Chap. 48:50, the Central Tenders Board Act, Chap. 71:91 and other written laws". (By the Minister or Rural Development and Local Government)
- A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Summary Courts Act, Chap. 4:20 to remove the requirement of consent for joinder of complaints in summary judicial matters". (By the Attorney General)
- A Bill entitled, "An Act to repeal the Foreign Labour Contracts Act, Chap. 88:11". (By the Minister of Labour)

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)

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December 6, 2021

APPENDIX

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

<u>Question No. 19 to the Minister of Education:</u> (By the Member for Tabaquite)

- a) Will the Minister inform the House of the number of MiFi devices distributed to date?
- b) Will the Minister provide a detailed breakdown of the geographical locations of the recipients of the MiFi devices?

<u>Question No. 21 to the Minister of Health</u>: (By the Member for Fyzabad)

With respect to deaths attributed to Covid-19, for the period February 2021 to the present date, will the Minister, without compromising patient confidentiality, provide the following information for each death:

- a) date of death;
- b) age, gender and any comorbidity;
- c) location where patient died;
- d) in cases where death occurred in a hospital, whether the person died in HDU, ICU or on the ward;
- e) duration of illness prior to death; and
- f) vaccination status of each patient who died?