



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SECOND SESSION  
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

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## ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY MARCH 04, 2022 AT 1:30 P.M.

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1. 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, 2015.  
**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)**
2. 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, 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 Chaguanas Borough Corporation Mayor's Fund 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, 2018.  
**(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, 2019.  
**(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 Chaguanas Borough Corporation Mayor's Fund 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)**
7. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Public Transportation Service Corporation 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)**
8. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance to the First Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Follow-up of 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 NLCB for the years 2008 – 2012.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
9. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Education to the First Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity on an inquiry into the Right to Equal Access to Education with specific focus on the Underachievement of Schools in the Port-of-Spain and Environs District with respect to Performance in Terminal Examinations.  
**(By the Minister of Education)**
10. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Digital Transformation to 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 Minister of Digital Transformation)**
11. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Digital Transformation to 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 Minister of Digital Transformation)**

12. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Digital Transformation to the First Report of the Joint Select Committee on Social Services and Public Administration on an inquiry into the effects of the hybrid learning system on student performance in government and government-assisted schools during the revised COVID-19 restrictions.

**(By the Minister of Digital Transformation)**

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PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

**Questions for Oral Answer****Question No. 74 to the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government****(By the Member for Naparima)**

In light of the worsening condition of the landslips along Sahai Trace, Princes Town, will the Minister provide a timeframe within which funding will be provided to the Princes Town Regional Corporation to address said issue?

**Question No. 75 to the Minister of Social Development and Family Services****(By the Member for Chaguanas East)**

Will the Minister inform the House of the total number of uncollected cheques for Phase 1 of the COVID-19 Income Support Grant project?

**Question No. 78 to the Minister of Works and Transport****(By the Member for Caroni East)**

Will the Minister inform the House when remedial work will commence on the following:

- a) Madras Road in Cunupia; and
- b) Chin Chin Road in Cunupia?

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

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**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**Bills Second Reading:**

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act to repeal the Foreign Labour Contracts Act, Chap. 88:11.”  
**(By the Minister of Labour)**
2. A Bill entitled, “An Act to provide for the establishment of the National Academy for the Performing Arts and for the management and control thereof and for related matters.”  
**(By the Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts)**
3. A Bill entitled, “An Act to provide for the establishment of the Southern Academy for the Performing Arts and for the management and control thereof and for related matters.”  
**(By the Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts)**
4. **The debate on the Second Reading of the following Bill which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday February 18, 2022 will be resumed:**  
A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Judicial and Legal Service Act, Chap. 6:01, the Prison Service Act, Chap. 13:02, the Defence Act, Chap. 14:01, the Police Service Act, Chap. 15:01, the Civil Service Act, Chap. 23:01, the Fire Service Act, Chap. 35:50 and the Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago Act, Chap. 72:01 to provide a regulatory framework for polygraph and drug testing and biometric identification for members of the Protective Services and certain offices in the Judicial and Legal Service and the Civil Service and for other related matters.”  
**(By the Minister of National Security)**
5. **The debate on the Second Reading of the following Bill which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday February 04, 2022 will be resumed:**  
A Bill entitled, “An Act to combat corruption and other wrongdoings by encouraging and facilitating disclosures of improper conduct in the public and private sector, to protect persons making those disclosures from detrimental action, to regulate the receiving, investigating or otherwise dealing with disclosures of improper conduct and to provide for other matters connected therewith.”  
**(By the Prime Minister)**
6. 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 of Rural Development and Local Government)**

7. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Sexual Offences Act, Chap. 11:28 and for other related matters.”

**(By the Attorney General)**

8. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Interpretation Act, Chap. 3:01, the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, Chap. 4:01, the Offences Against the Person Act, Chap. 11:08, the Criminal Procedure Act, Chap. 12:02 and for other related matters.”

**(By the Attorney General)**

9. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Proceeds of Crime Act, Chap. 11:27, the Anti-terrorism Act, Chap. 12:07, the Securities Act, Chap. 83:02, the Insurance Act, Chap. 84:01 and the Miscellaneous Provisions (FATF Compliance) Act, No. 25 of 2020.”

**(By the Attorney General)**

**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)**

**Motions:**

1. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 4(3) of the Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Act, Chap.25:50 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that as soon as may be after the Elections and Boundaries Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) has submitted a report under section 4(1)(a) of the Act, the Minister shall lay before the House of Representatives for its approval the draft of an Order by the President for giving effect, whether with or without modifications, to the recommendations contained in the report;

**AND WHEREAS** the Commission has submitted a report to the Minister in accordance with the provisions of section 4(1)(a) of the Act;

**AND WHEREAS** the draft of an Order entitled “the Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Order, 2021” giving effect to the recommendations of the Commission was laid before the House of Representatives on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the draft of the “Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Order, 2021” be approved.

**(By the Prime Minister)**

**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. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday February 25, 2022 will be resumed:**

**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 take note of the increasing and unacceptable levels of disparity in equitable 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 call on the Government to take all immediate and necessary steps to provide equitable access to all students.  
(By the Member for Tabaquite)

2. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday December 10, 2021 will be resumed:**

**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 condemn the Government for its neglect of the economy and failure to generate sustainable economic growth and development.

**(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

3. **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)**

4. **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)**

5. **WHEREAS** the Government has been unable to effectively prevent a surge in criminal activity resulting in rapid increases in murders, robberies and home invasions;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has failed to set and operationalise a forceful and functional crime reduction plan with SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and time bound) goals to curb the growing murder rate;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has consistently ignored and, through their incompetence, added to the fundamental causes of crime, while focusing on punitive measures instead of preventative measures;

**AND WHEREAS** the failure to effectively address crime has created social, political, economic and cultural crises of immeasurable proportions:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House reprimand this Government for its failure to effectively prevent the surge in criminal activity in our country.

**(By the Member for Naparima)**

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*Clerk of the House (Ag.)*

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*February 28, 2022*





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## FRIDAY MARCH 4, 2022 1:30 P.M. NOTICE OF URGENT QUESTIONS

The under-mentioned Questions which have been accepted by the Deputy Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 27 are hereby forwarded for the attention of the Ministers concerned.

1. **To Minister of Energy and Energy Industries**

Will the Minister indicate what urgent steps have been taken by Paria Fuel Trading Company to prevent any reoccurrence of the tragedy of Friday 25, February 2022?

**(By the Member for Pointe a Pierre)**

2. **To Minister of Energy and Energy Industries**

Based on preliminary reports, will the Minister advise this House what transpired on February 25, 2022, at #36 Sealine riser on Berth #6, which led to the death of four divers?

**(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

3. **To Minister of Energy and Energy Industries**

Will the Minister advise what steps have been taken by Paria Fuel Trading Company to assist the families of the four divers who died following the incident on February 25, 2022?

**(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

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