

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SECOND SESSION TWELFTH PARLIAMENT NO. 7 2021/2022

ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2021: 1:30 P.M.

PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

PETITIONS

PAPERS

- The Annual Administrative Report of the Evolving TecKnologies and Enterprise Development Company Limited (eTecK) for the year ended September 30, 2018. (By the Minister of Trade and Industry)
- The Administrative Report of the former Ministry of Tourism for fiscal 2019. (By the Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts)
- The Annual Report of the Public Service Commission for the year 2020. (By the Minister of Public Administration)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

 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 Underperformance of Schools in the Port-of Spain and Environs District with respect to Performance in Terminal Examinations, Second Session (2021/2022), Twelfth Parliament (By the Member for St. Ann's East)

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 4 to the Minister of Trade and Industry: (By the Member for Mayaro)

Will the Minister provide the total number of Small Businesses registered in Trinidad and Tobago?

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Question No. 5 to the Minister of Trade and Industry: (By the Member for Mayaro)

Will the Minister inform the House what is the approximate value of monthly losses incurred by small and medium enterprises as a result of the imposition of the curfew period?

<u>Question No. 7 to the Minister of Trade and Industry:</u> (By the Member for Mayaro)

Could the Minister indicate what specific measures are being taken by the Government to address increased international shipping and freight costs to the public?

Question No. 17 to the Minister of Works and Transport: (By the Member for Naparima)

In the light of the rapid deterioration of numerous roadways in the Naparima constituency, will the Minister state when the constituency can expect a comprehensive geotechnical survey of roadways to be conducted?

REQUEST'S 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 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

House of Representatives' Secretariat Red House Abercromby Street PORT OF SPAIN November 11, 2021



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FRIDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2021 1:30 P.M. NOTICE OF PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

- In light of the recent increase in Covid-19 cases, the acute shortage of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds and the emergence on the global market of the potentially lifesaving oral antiviral drug Molnupiravir, will the Prime Minister indicate what steps the Government is taking to procure this drug to aid in the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic? (By the Member for Fyzabad)
- Given the Prime Minister's statement that BP and Shell have indicated that they do not have a supply of Gas for Train One and a definitive decision will be made on the plant at the end of the first quarter in 2022, will the Prime Minister state the alternative supplies of gas that would be utilized to operate the plant until then? (By the Member for Pointe a Pierre)
- Will the Prime Minister indicate whether the selection of China Railways Construction Company Limited to construct the terminal building at the ANR Robinson International Airport was done by sole select or competitive bidding? (By the Member for Chaguanas East)
- 4. Will the Prime Minister indicate to the House whether his administration through the Ministry of Health and/ or Ministry of Foreign Affairs will be intervening to have significant doses of the new Covid -19 Anti -Viral drugs reserved from Merck and Pfizer for Trinidad and Tobago?

(By the Member for Caroni East)

5. Arising out of the critical deliberations at COP26, will the Prime Minister inform the House what specific policy decisions does the government intend to undertake to prepare this country for a net-zero Carbon Environment and what precisely will be the societal impact of same?

(By the Member for Mayaro)

6. Will the Prime Minister inform the House why there are only 52 Intensive Care Unit beds for a population of 1.4 million people when some \$5 billion have already been spent on the Covid-19 pandemic thus far?

(By the Member for Naparima)

- Will the Prime Minister provide this House with the names and positions of the Trinidad and Tobago delegation to the United Nations Conference on Climate Change, COP 26 which was recently held in Glasgow, Scotland? (By the Member for Couva South)
- 8. Will the Prime Minister inform this House if any financial compensation has been paid to the two private citizens who were employed by the Office of the Prime Minister to conduct an investigation into the granting of Firearms Users' Licenses by the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service?

(By the Member for Couva South)

 Will the Prime Minister inform this House of the financial and other associated costs incurred by the government thus far to terminate some 19 contract employees who were engaged and attached to the office of the former Commissioner of Police Gary Griffith? (By the Member for Couva South)

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