



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SECOND SESSION  
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

NO. 11  
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## ORDER PAPER

MONDAY DECEMBER 13, 2021: 1:30 P.M.

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1. The Summary Courts (Appeals Against Fixed Penalty Notices Issued Under the Public Health Regulations) Rules, 2021.  
**(By the Attorney General)**
2. The Civil Proceedings (Amendment) Rules, 2021.  
**(By the Attorney General)**
3. The Audited Financial Statements of the Rural Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago 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)**
4. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of National Security to the Third Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee 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 Retires, Public Officers and Contracted Employees.  
**(By the Minister of National Security)**
5. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs to the First Report of the Joint Select Committee on Foreign Affairs on An Examination of the Foreign Policy of Trinidad and Tobago First Session (2020/2021), Twelfth Parliament.  
**(By the Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs)**

6. The Sessional Report of the First Session (2020/2021), Twelfth Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.  
(By the Deputy Speaker)

#### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

1. Second Report of the Joint Select Committee on Finance and Legal Affairs on an inquiry into the Status of Un-proclaimed Legislation (Part 1), The Planning and Facilitation of Development Act, 2014 and the Data Protection Act, Chapter 22:04, First Session (2020/2021), Twelfth Parliament.  
(By the Member for Lopinot/Bon Air West)

#### PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

#### URGENT QUESTIONS

#### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

#### Questions for Oral Answer

#### Question No. 25 to the Minister of Works and Transport: (By the Member for Couva South)

Will the Minister inform this House, given the number of potholes on the Southern Main Road between Roop's Junction to Savonetta Junction, California, when the said roadway will be repaired?

#### 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 make provisions of a financial nature and other related matters".  
(By the Minister of Finance)
2. The debate on the Second Reading of the following Bill which was in progress when 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)

3. 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)**
4. 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)**
5. A Bill entitled, “An Act to repeal the Foreign Labour Contracts Act, Chap. 88:11”.  
**(By the Minister of Labour)**
6. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Sexual Offences Act, Chap. 11:28 and for other related matters.”  
**(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)**

### **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 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 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 Baratavia/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)**

*Jacqui Sampson-Meiguel*  
*Clerk of the House*

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## MONDAY DECEMBER 13, 2021 1:30 P.M. NOTICE OF URGENT QUESTIONS

The under-mentioned Question which has been accepted by the Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 27 is hereby forwarded for the attention of the Minister concerned.

1. To the Minister of Health:

Will the Minister indicate the circumstances which allowed a passenger who tested positive for the Omicron variant of Covid-19, to board a flight in New York and arrive at Piarco International Airport?

(By the Member for Caroni East)

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## MONDAY DECEMBER 13, 2021 1:30 P.M. NOTICE OF PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

1. Given the recent announcement by ExxonMobil to relocate its supply chain services from Trinidad and Tobago (T&T) to Guyana, will the Prime Minister inform this House what employment and revenue implication, among others, would this move have on T&T?  
**(By the Member for Couva North)**
2. Will the Prime Minister give an update on the relocation of residents in Tobago to facilitate the construction of the terminal building at the ANR Robinson International airport?  
**(By the Member for Chaguanas East)**
3. Will the Prime Minister provide a status update on the proposed sale of the Petrotrin refinery?  
**(By the Member for Naparima)**
4. Will the Prime Minister provide the House with an update on the measures being adopted to address the issues of the security of tenure of nurses in the public health care system?  
**(By the Member for Naparima)**
5. Is the Prime Minister concerned that with almost similar climatic, demographic, and social characteristics as our CARICOM neighbors, Trinidad and Tobago has among the highest rates of COVID 19 deaths per capita in the world?  
**(By the Member for Naparima)**
6. Will the Prime Minister explain why the Office of the Prime Minister and UDeCoTT chose to conceal the memorial statue of national hero, Captain Arthur Cipriani in Port of Spain behind an ornamental structure?  
**(By the Member for Couva South)**
7. In light of the fact that as at last year, our food import bill stood at \$5.7 billion, or a 43% increase from what it was in 2015, will the Prime Minister state what has the Government done to arrest and address this worrying development, inclusive of new initiatives to deal with this alarming rise in the food import bill?  
**(By the Member for Couva South)**

8. Will the Prime Minister inform this House when the report conducted by the two private citizens who were hired by the Office of the Prime Minister to conduct an investigation into the granting of Firearms Users Licences by the Police Service will be laid in this Parliament?  
**(By the Member for Couva South)**
  
9. Will the Prime Minister inform this House of the total financial sum paid out by the State to settle the wages and salaries of the nineteen (19) contract officers who were formerly attached to the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service?  
**(By the Member for Couva South)**

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