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PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

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1. The Consolidated Annual Audited Financial Statements of exporTT Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2015.

(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)

2. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the University of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2008.

(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)

3. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the University of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2009.

(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)

4. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the University 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 [Enterprises] Committee)

5. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the University 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 [Enterprises] Committee)

6. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the University 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 [Enterprises] Committee)
7. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Trinidad and Tobago Creative Industries Company Limited for the year ended September 30, 2014.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
8. The Audited Financial Statements of Evolving Tecknologies and Enterprise Development Company Limited for the year ended September 30, 2013.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
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(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 Trinidad and Tobago International Financial Centre Management Company Limited for the year ended September 30, 2016.
(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 Caroni (1975) Limited for the financial year ended June 30, 2016.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
12. The Annual Report of the Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2016.
(By the Minister of Finance)
13. The Annual Administrative Report of East Port of Spain Development Company Limited for the year 2013.
(By the Minister of Housing and Urban Development)
14. The Annual Administrative Report of East Port of Spain Development Company Limited for the year 2014.
(By the Minister of Housing and Urban Development)
15. The Administrative Report of the Ministry of Public Utilities for the year 2015.
(By the Minister of Public Utilities)
16. The Annual Administrative Report of the former Ministry of National Diversity and Social Integration for the fiscal year 2012/2013.
(By the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts)

17. The Annual Administrative Report of the former Ministry of National Diversity and Social Integration for the fiscal year 2013/2014.

(By the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts)

18. The Ministerial Response to the First Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity on the Support Programmes and Services for Children whose Parent or Guardian was the Perpetrator or Victim of a Violent Offence.

(By the Prime Minister)

19. The Thirty-Eighth Annual Report of the Ombudsman for the period January, 2015 to December, 2015.

(By the Deputy Speaker)

20. The Delegation Report of the 65th Westminster Seminar on Parliamentary Practice and Procedure held in London, United Kingdom from November 21 to 25, 2016.

(By the Member for Tobago West)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Written Answer appear in the Appendix

Question No. 11 to the Minister of Finance

(By the Member for Naparima)

Could the Minister provide:

- a) the quantum of consultancy fees paid to the International Monetary Fund from September 2015 to date;
- b) the consultancy services provided by the International Monetary Fund from September 2015 to date; and
- c) the current status of the consultancy services from the International Monetary Fund?

Question No. 22 to the Minister of Housing and Urban Development

(By the Member for Couva North)

With regard to the Housing Development Corporation, could the Minister state:

- a) the number of vandalized housing units;
- b) whether these vandalized housing units will be distributed; and
- c) the qualifying criteria to access a vandalized housing unit?

Question No. 23 to the Minister of Education

(By the Member for Tabaquite)

Could the Minister provide the proposed opening date for the ECCE Centre located at the compound of the Gasparillo Government Primary School?

Question No. 24 to the Minister of Education**(By the Member for Tabaquite)**

Could the Minister provide the proposed resumption date for works at the Poonah ECCE Centre?

Question No. 25 to the Minister of Works and Transport**(By the Member for Tabaquite)**

Could the Minister provide the proposed commencement date for roadway repairs works between La Vega and Brasso Junction?

Question No. 28 to the Minister of Sport**(By the Member for Naparima)**

Could the Minister provide the plans or policies being put in place to return the sporting brand of Trinidad and Tobago to a high standard?

Question No. 29 to the Minister of Finance**(By the Member for Naparima)**

Could the Minister state:

- a) the number of job losses from April 2016;
- b) the number of jobs created from September 2015; and
- c) the sectors most affected by job losses from April 2016?

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 Fire Service (Amendment) Bill, 2017.

(By the Minister of Finance)

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

AND WHEREAS the President has nominated **Mr. Martin Anthony George** to be appointed as a member of the Police Service Commission; and

AND WHEREAS the President has on the 24th day of November, 2016 made a Notification in respect of the nomination; and

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the Notification:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Notification of the nomination of **Mr. Martin Anthony George** be approved.

(By the Leader of the House)

2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House consider the findings and recommendations in the Thirty Eighth Annual Report of the Ombudsman.

(By the Leader of the House)

Committee Stage:

1. **The Committee Stage of the following Bill which was in progress when the House adjourned on Monday December 12, 2016, will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, “An Act to repeal the Tax Information Exchange Agreements Act and replace it with a new Tax Information Exchange Agreements Act which would make provision for the implementation of agreements between Trinidad and Tobago and other States providing for the exchange of information for the purposes of taxation, to validate the sharing of personal information held by the Board of Inland Revenue or financial institutions and for related purposes.”

(By the Minister of Finance)

Bills Second Reading:

1. **The debate on the Second Reading of the following Bill which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday November 18, 2016, will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, “An Act to provide for the regulation and control of gaming and betting and matters related thereto”.

(By the Minister of Finance)

2. A Bill entitled, “An Act to repeal and replace the Insurance Act, Chap. 84:01; to reform the law relating to insurance companies; to regulate insurance businesses and privately administered pension fund plans and for other related purposes.”

(By the Minister of Finance)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday December 02, 2016 will be resumed:**

WHEREAS the Government has unilaterally reduced its allocation to education and training;

AND WHEREAS the sustainability of tertiary education in both the public and private sectors are under threat;

AND WHEREAS these decisions have denied most-in-need citizens the opportunity to pursue high education, training and the opportunity to secure better jobs and an improved quality of life;

AND WHEREAS the country's competitiveness will be undermined by these decisions;

AND WHEREAS these decisions will ultimately lead to higher cost, compromised quality, as well as further job losses;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House collectively condemn the Government for such short-sighted and brutal measures against large sections of the population;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House call on the Government to immediately reverse these measures which can have a deleterious effect on the future development of Trinidad and Tobago.

(By the Member for Chaguanas East)

2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House take note of the rising levels of unemployment, growing poverty and deteriorating living standards through the imposition of a wage restraint/freeze policy on the working people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House condemn the Government for its failure to deal with the current unemployment challenges and to present a clear and cogent economic plan to guide the country through these challenges.

(By the Member for Couva South)

3. **WHEREAS** there has been an increase in the number of persons who suffer with obesity in our nation as a result of the sugar consumption in their diet;

AND WHEREAS obesity as a result of increased sugar intake is the cause of several chronic and non-communicable diseases, such as diabetes, pulmonary hypertension, high blood pressure;

AND WHEREAS obesity negatively affects the productivity of our nation due to the inability of persons affected by chronic diseases to perform their functions at full capacity;

AND WHEREAS the persons affected by obesity and related afflictions place an additional burden on the regional health authorities;

AND WHEREAS there are no legislative or regulatory measures to govern the food and beverage industry in relation to the addition of sugar to products;

AND WHEREAS the World Health Organization has classified obesity as a result of sugar consumption as a global epidemic;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House discuss the issue of obesity as a matter of national health importance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House propose solutions for implementation that will lead to the better health and welfare of our citizens.

(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)

4. **WHEREAS** the growing prison population has a collateral effect on the families and children of persons incarcerated;

AND WHEREAS children under the age of eighteen have been found to suffer psychological strain and instability as a result of a parent being imprisoned;

AND WHEREAS children under the age of eighteen are dependent upon their parents for guidance and support;

AND WHEREAS interactions between children under the age of eighteen and their parents while incarcerated can preserve and strengthen family connections;

AND WHEREAS research has shown interaction between children under the age of eighteen and their incarcerated parents can yield positive societal benefits and assists in the promotion of healthy child development;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government initiate a system of supervised weekly visits between children under the age of eighteen and their incarcerated parents, at a secure location inside the prison.

(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Question No. 8 to the Minister of Housing and Urban Development

(By the Member for Oropouche East)

Could the Minister provide the names and application dates for the sixty-two (62) recipients of Housing Development Corporation housing units distributed on September 10, 2016 in San Fernando?

(Answer due by 26.11.2016)

Question No. 12 to the Minister of Finance

(By the Member for Naparima)

Could the Minister state the steps taken to ensure that the interests of depositors and the country are protected from increased service fees of local banks?

(Answer due by 24.12.2016)

Question No. 13 to the Minister of Public Utilities

(By the Member for Chaguanas West)

Could the Minister provide the payment details to contractors of the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission during the period October 2015 to December 1, 2016 including the:

- a) contractor name;
- b) total amount paid;
- c) payment date; and
- d) services provided?

(Answer due by 31.12.2016)

Question No. 14 to the Minister of Public Utilities

(By the Member for Chaguanas West)

Could the Minister provide the payment details to contractors of the Trinidad and Tobago Postal Corporation during the period October 2015 to December 1, 2016 including the:

- a) contractor name;
- b) total amount paid;
- c) payment date; and
- d) services provided?

(Answer due by 31.12.2016)

Question No. 15 to the Minister of Public Utilities**(By the Member for Chaguanas West)**

Could the Minister provide the payment details to contractors of the Water and Sewerage Authority during the period October 2015 to December 1, 2016 including the:

- a) contractor name;
- b) total amount paid;
- c) payment date; and
- d) services provided?

(Answer due by 31.12.2016)**Question No. 16 to the Minister of Public Utilities****(By the Member for Chaguanas West)**

Could the Minister provide the payment details to contractors of the Telecommunication Services of Trinidad and Tobago during the period October 2015 to December 1, 2016 including the:

- a) contractor name;
- b) total amount paid;
- c) payment date; and
- d) services provided?

(Answer due by 31.12.2016)**Question No. 17 to the Minister of Public Utilities****(By the Member for Chaguanas West)**

Could the Minister provide the payment details to contractors of the Solid Waste Management Company Limited during the period October 2015 to December 1, 2016 including the:

- a) contractor name;
- b) total amount paid;
- c) payment date; and
- d) services provided?

(Answer due by 31.12.2016)**Question No. 18 to the Minister of Finance****(By the Member for Chaguanas West)**

Could the Minister provide the contract details for infrastructural works by the National Insurance Property Development Company Limited for the period October 2015 to date, including the:

- a) company name;
- b) initial estimated project cost;
- c) final or revised estimated project cost;
- d) scope of works;
- e) selection method for the contractor;
- f) project status; and
- g) total amount paid to date.

(Answer due by 31.12.2016)

Question No. 19 to the Minister of Works and Transport**(By the Member for Chaguanas West)**

Could the Minister provide the contract details for infrastructural works by the Programme for Upgrading Roads Efficiency Unit for the period October 2015 to date, including the:

- a) company name;
- b) initial estimated project cost;
- c) final or revised estimated project cost;
- d) scope of works;
- e) selection method for the contractor;
- f) project status; and
- g) total amount paid to date.

(Answer due by 31.12.2016)**Question No. 20 to the Minister of Housing and Urban Development****(By the Member for Chaguanas West)**

Could the Minister provide the contract details for infrastructural works by the Housing Development Corporation for the period October 2015 to date, including the:

- a) company name;
- b) initial estimated project cost;
- c) final or revised estimated project cost;
- d) scope of works;
- e) selection method for the contractor;
- f) project status; and
- g) total amount paid to date.

(Answer due by 31.12.2016)**Question No. 21 to the Minister of Housing and Urban Development****(By the Member for Chaguanas West)**

Could the Minister provide the contract details for infrastructural works by the Urban Development Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the period October 2015 to date, including the:

- a) company name;
- b) initial estimated project cost;
- c) final or revised estimated project cost;
- d) scope of works;
- e) selection method for the contractor;
- f) project status; and
- g) total amount paid to date.

(Answer due by 31.12.2016)



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NOTICE OF URGENT QUESTIONS

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

1. **To the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries**
(By the Member for Caroni East)

Could the Minister provide the contingencies measures in place to ensure the population and aviation industry receive a steady supply of fuel should the Oilfield Workers Trade Union embark on strike action on Monday January 9, 2017?

2. **To the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries**
(By the Member for Fyzabad)

In light of reports that the residents of approximately twenty five (25) households at Massahood Junction, San Francique are facing demolition by Petrotrin, could the Minister state what is being done to avert this impending crisis?

3. **To the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries**
(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)

In light of impending strike action at Petrotrin, and its dire consequences for the country, could the Minister provide the reasons for the inexplicable absence of the President of Petrotrin at urgent talks convened by the Minister of Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development last evening?

4. **To the Minister of Social Development and Family Services**
(By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)

Could the Minister state what is being done to assist the 15 residents of Nelson Street, Port of Spain, who lost their apartments and possessions following a fire on the morning of New Year's Day 2017?

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