



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

THIRD SESSION  
ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

NO. 30  
2017/2018

## ORDER PAPER

**THURSDAY MAY 10, 2018: 10:00 A.M.**

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1. The Consolidated Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards for the year ended September 30, 2014.

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

2. The Audited Financial Statements of the Union Estate Electricity Generation Company Limited for the year ended December 31, 2016.

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

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

**Questions for Written Answer will appear in Appendix I**

**Questions for Oral Answer**

**Question No. 220 to the Minister of Health****(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

As it relates to reports of the implementation of a sustained plan for organ transplants in Trinidad and Tobago via a partnership with Spain, can the Minister indicate:

- a) the value of Trinidad and Tobago's investment in this partnership;
- b) will expatriates from Spain be stationed in Trinidad and Tobago;
- c) will training be administered to local health officials; and
- d) what will be the procedure to procure organs from donors?

**Question No. 221 to the Minister of Public Utilities****(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

In light of increased complaints of insufficient water supply within the Oropouche West Constituency, can the Minister please provide the existing water distribution schedule for:

- a) the San Francique area;
- b) the Woodland area; and
- c) Syne Village?

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Motions:**

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate amendments to the Valuation of Land (Amendment) Bill, 2018 listed in Appendix II be now considered.

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

2. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 53(1)(a),(d),(e),(f) and (g) of the Children's Community Residences, Foster Care and Nurseries Act, Chap. 46:04 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") that the Authority may, with the approval of the Minister, make Regulations for, *inter alia*, –

- (a) the management of any community residence...;
- (d) the imposition of requirements as to the accommodation and equipment to be provided in residences, foster homes and nurseries;
- (e) the medical arrangements to be made for protecting the health of the children in Community Residences and foster homes;

- (f) the provision of information to the Authority by the Managers as to the facilities provided for the parents or guardians of children in Community Residences and foster homes, to visit and communicate with the children and where not provided to authorise the Authority to give directions as to the provision of such facilities; and
- (g) all such matters and things...for effectively carrying into operation the provisions of the Act:

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 53(2) of the Act that Regulations made under this section shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament:

**AND WHEREAS** the Children’s Community Residences (Children’s Homes) Regulations, 2018 were made by the Authority under section 53(1) of the Act on the 20th day of February, 2018 and approved by the Minister on the 5th day of March, 2018:

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Regulations:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Children’s Community Residences (Children’s Homes) Regulations, 2018 be approved.

**(By the Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister)**

3. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 53(1)(a),(d),(e),(f) and (g) of the Children’s Community Residences, Foster Care and Nurseries Act, Chap. 46:04 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Authority may, with the approval of the Minister, make Regulations for, *inter alia*, –

- (a) the management of any Community Residence...;
- (d) the imposition of requirements as to the accommodation and equipment to be provided in residences, foster homes and nurseries;
- (e) the medical arrangements to be made for protecting the health of the children in Community Residences and foster homes;
- (f) the provision of information to the Authority by the Managers as to the facilities provided for the parents or guardians of children in Community Residences and foster homes, to visit and communicate with the children and where not provided to authorise the Authority to give directions as to the provision of such facilities; and
- (g) all such matters and things...for effectively carrying into operation the provisions of the Act:

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 53(2) of the Act that Regulations made under this section shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament:

**AND WHEREAS** the Children’s Community Residences (Rehabilitation Centres) Regulations, 2018 were made by the Authority under section 53 of the Act on the 20th day of February, 2018 and approved by the Minister on the 5th day of March, 2018:

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Regulations:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Children’s Community Residences (Rehabilitation Centres) Regulations, 2018 be approved.

**(By the Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister)**

4. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House consider the findings and recommendations of the Thirty-Eighth, Thirty-Ninth and Fortieth Annual Reports of the Ombudsman.

**(By the Leader of the House)**

5. **The debate on the following Motion which was adjourned on Friday February 02, 2018 will be resumed:**

**WHEREAS** section 123 (3) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Chap. 1:01 (“the Act”) provides that the Police Service Commission shall submit to the President a list of the names of the persons nominated for appointment to the office of Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner of Police;

**AND WHEREAS** section 123 (4) of the Act provides that the President shall issue a Notification in respect of each person nominated under subsection (3) and the Notification shall be subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives;

**AND WHEREAS** the Police Service Commission has submitted to the President the name **Mr. Deodat Dulalchan** as the person nominated for appointment to the office of Commissioner of Police;

**AND WHEREAS** the President has on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018 issued a Notification in respect of the nomination;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the Notification:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Notification of the President of the nomination by the Police Service Commission of **Mr. Deodat Dulalchan** to the office of Commissioner of Police be approved.

**(By the Leader of the House)**

6. **WHEREAS** section 123 (3) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Chap. 1:01 (“the Act”) provides that the Police Service Commission shall submit to the President a list of the names of the persons nominated for appointment to the office of Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner of Police;

**AND WHEREAS** section 123 (4) of the Act provides that the President shall issue a Notification in respect of each person nominated under subsection (3) and the Notification shall be subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives;

**AND WHEREAS** the Police Service Commission has submitted to the President the name **Mr. Deodat Dulalchan** as the person nominated for appointment to the office of Deputy Commissioner of Police;

**AND WHEREAS** the President has on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018 issued a Notification in respect of the nomination;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the Notification:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Notification of the President of the nomination by the Police Service Commission of **Mr. Deodat Dulalchan** to the office of Deputy Commissioner of Police be approved.

**(By the Leader of the House)**

7. **WHEREAS** section 123 (3) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Chap. 1:01 (“the Act”) provides that the Police Service Commission shall submit to the President a list of the names of the persons nominated for appointment to the office of Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner of Police;

**AND WHEREAS** section 123 (4) of the Act provides that the President shall issue a Notification in respect of each person nominated under subsection (3) and the Notification shall be subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives;

**AND WHEREAS** the Police Service Commission has submitted to the President the name **Mr. Harold Phillip** as the person nominated for appointment to the office of Deputy Commissioner of Police;

**AND WHEREAS** the President has on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018 issued a Notification in respect of the nomination;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the Notification:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Notification of the President of the nomination by the Police Service Commission of **Mr. Harold Phillip** to the office of Deputy Commissioner of Police be approved.

**(By the Leader of the House)**

### **Bills Second Reading:**

1. **The debate on the Second Reading of the following Bill which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday May 04, 2018 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, “An Act to make jurisdiction for criminal matters exercisable in a division of the High Court to be known as “the Criminal Division” and to make jurisdiction for criminal and traffic matters exercisable in a division of Summary Courts to be known as “the District Criminal and Traffic Courts” and to make provision for matters connected therewith”.

**(By the Attorney General)**

2. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Interpretation Act, Chap. 3:01, the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, Chap. 4:01, the Summary Courts Act, Chap. 4:20, the Bail Act, Chap. 4:60, Administration of Justice (Deoxyribonucleic Acid) Act, Chap. 5:34, the Legal Aid and Advice Act, Chap. 7:07, the Child Rehabilitation Centre Act, Chap. 13:05, the Indictable Offences (Preliminary Enquiry) Act, Chap. 12:01, the Children Act, Chap. 46:01, the Children’s Community Residences, Foster Care and Nurseries Act, Chap. 46:04, the Children’s Authority Act, Chap. 46:10, and the Family and Children Division Act, 2016”.

**(By the Attorney General)**

3. 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 Attorney General)**

### COMMITTEE BUSINESS

#### Motions:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the House adopt the Report of the Special Select Committee established to consider and report on the process followed in relation to the Notifications pursuant to section 123 of the Constitution.

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

### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

#### Motions:

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday April 27, 2018 will be resumed:**

**WHEREAS** since September 2015 the Government has squandered millions of taxpayer's dollars on the now collapsed sea-bridge;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has failed in its every attempt to remedy what is now seen as a disaster and an injustice to the travelling public via the sea-bridge;

**AND WHEREAS** the Minister of Works and Transport has utterly failed in discharging his responsibility to adequately manage this primary and vital mode of public transportation;

**AND WHEREAS** the actions, conduct and non-performance of the Minister of Works and Transport in this regard have been the subject of widespread adverse commentary and criticism;

**AND WHEREAS** the procurement and operations of the vessels on the sea bridge since 2015 have been marred by allegations of corruption and nepotism with accompanying stakeholder criticism and public uproar;

**AND WHEREAS** the Minister of Works and Transport has presided over the utilization of vessels with serious safety defects and by so doing risking the lives and health of the public:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House express its lack of confidence in the Minister of Works and Transport and call upon the Prime Minister to revoke the said Minister's appointment forthwith.

**(By the Member for Tabaquite)**

2. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday March 23, 2018 will be resumed:**

**WHEREAS** there has been a noticeable decline in the level of investment in Trinidad and Tobago;

**AND WHEREAS** there has also been a failure by the Government to create job opportunities;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House take note of the failure of the Government to present a viable plan to diversify the economy and to place Trinidad and Tobago on the path of sustainable growth.

**(By the Member for Chaguanas East)**

3. **WHEREAS** climate change is a matter of global concern which threatens the wellbeing of the earth;

**AND WHEREAS** small island states and coastal states are especially susceptible to the impact of climate change;

**AND WHEREAS** the Caribbean region has recently experienced heavy rainfall and devastating hurricanes and Trinidad and Tobago experienced heavy rainfall that led to widespread flooding;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House agree that the Government develop a holistic national response to climate change inclusive of solutions to perennial flooding in Trinidad and Tobago.

**(By the Member for Caroni Central)**

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**APPENDIX I****ORDER PAPER THURSDAY MAY 10, 2018****QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER****Question No. 200 to the Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development****(By the Member for Couva South)**

Could the Minister provide this House with the full list of recommendations made by Price Waterhouse Coopers related to the future of the National Entrepreneurship Company Limited (NIDCO)?

**(Answer due by 08.05.2018)****Question No. 202 to the Minister of Tourism****(By the Member for Couva North)**

- A. Could the Minister indicate the destinations, purpose and cost of all official travel undertaken by the Minister for the period September 2015 to March 31, 2018 and by whom?
- B. Could the Minister state:
  - i. the names of the Ministry officials/tourism stakeholders who accompanied her to the Berlin Tourism Conference; and
  - ii. the cost of travel for each person?

**(Answer due by 08.05.2018)****Question No. 207 to the Minister of Health****(By the Member for Fyzabad)**

With respect to the Couva Children's Hospital, could the Minister provide:

- a) a list of all diagnostic imaging equipment currently housed at this facility together with the warranty expiration date for each item; and
- b) provide a list of all laboratory diagnostic equipment currently housed at this facility together with the warranty expiration date for each item?

**(Answer due by 08.05.2018)****Question No. 208 to the Minister of Health****(By the Member for Fyzabad)**

Could the Minister provide the following:

- a) a list of contracts awarded for infrastructural repair works at the San Fernando General Hospital from September 8, 2015 to date;
- b) the value of each contract; and
- c) a status update of each project?

**(Answer due by 08.05.2018)****Question No. 210 to the Attorney General****(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

Could the Attorney General state:

- a) the amount of money spent on legal fees including opinion and advice by the Estate Management Business Development (EMBD) and or the Government since December 2015 to date;



- b) the names of the legal firms and lawyers who provided the said legal services and advice at (a) above together with the amounts paid to each such person or entity since December 2015;
- c) the names of all consultants and/or firms procured to provide technical advice and professional services for all litigation involving the EMBD since December 2015;
- d) the breakdown of the quantum of monies paid to date to all law firms, lawyers, consultants, firms, technical advisors and professional service providers, local and foreign, associated with all litigation involving the EMBD since December 2015;
- e) the breakdown of the quantum of monies owing to all law firms, lawyers, consultants, firms, technical advisors and professional services providers, local and foreign, associated with all litigation involving the EMBD since December 2015?

**(Answer due by 08.05.2018)**

**Question No. 214 to the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government**

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

Could the Minister:

- a) list the names of all new CEPEP contractors selected from December 1, 2017 to date;
- b) the names of Directors of each company; and
- c) the constituency within which each contractor operates?

**(Answer due by 08.05.2018)**

**APPENDIX II****The Valuation of Land (Amendment) Bill, 2018**

List of Amendments made in the Senate at the Committee Stage of the Valuation of Land (Amendment) Bill, 2018 on Thursday April 26, 2018

Clause	Extent of the Amendment
5	<p>Delete subsection (5) and substitute with the following:</p> <p><b>“(5) The Minister may by Order, subject to negative resolution of Parliament, amend Schedule II.”</b></p>
6	<p>A. Delete proposed new section 7 and substitute with the following:</p> <p><b>“ 7. Where the owner of land in Trinidad and Tobago makes a return of land under section 6 and the Commissioner is of the opinion on the basis of that return that the land carries an annual rental value of less than eighteen thousand dollars, he shall record the annual rental value as eighteen thousand dollars.”</b></p> <p>B. Delete proposed new section 7A (1) and substitute with the following:</p> <p><b>“7A. (1) Where the Commissioner is of the view that more than fifty per cent of all land in Trinidad and Tobago has been valued and that the valuations should take effect, he shall notify the Minister in writing.”</b></p>
13	<p>A. Delete Clause 13 and substitute the following:</p> <p><b>“13. Section 21 of the Act is amended –</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>(a) by deleting the words “Tax Appeal Board” wherever they occur and substituting the words “Valuation Tribunal”; and</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>(b) by inserting after subsection (2), the following new subsection:</b></p> <p><b>“(3) Upon application by an owner or local authority for an extension of time to give Notice of Appeal under subsection (1), the Valuation Tribunal may extend the time prescribed to give notice of appeal on any terms and conditions as it thinks fit.”</b></p>

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A. In proposed section 25A, delete subsections (2) and (3) and substitute the following new subsections:

“ (2) **The Valuation Tribunal shall consist of-**

- (a) a Chairperson who shall be an attorney-at-law with at least ten years experience as an attorney-at-law; and
- (b) four other persons, appointed by the President, two of whom shall have qualifications and experience in the valuation of property.

(3) **The Chairperson of the Valuation Tribunal shall be appointed by the President on the advice of the Judicial and Legal Services Commission established under the Judicial and Legal Service Act.**

(4) **At any meeting of the Valuation Tribunal, a quorum is constituted if at least three members are present.”,**

B. In proposed section 25A, renumber subsection (4) as subsection (5).

C. Delete proposed section 25B and substitute the following new section:

<p><b>Suspension or removal of a member of the Valuation Tribunal</b></p>	<p><b>25B. (1) The President, in his discretion, may suspend the Chairperson of the Valuation Tribunal from office on the ground of misbehaviour or physical or mental incapacity or for cause.</b></p> <p>(2) The President may suspend a member of the Valuation Tribunal, other than the Chairperson, from office on the ground of misbehaviour or physical or mental incapacity or for cause.</p> <p>(3) Where the Chairperson of the Valuation Tribunal becomes bankrupt, applies to take the benefit of any law for the relief of bankrupt or insolvent debtors, compounds with his creditors or makes an assignment of his remuneration for their benefit, he shall be removed by the President acting in his own discretion.</p> <p>(4) Where a member of the Valuation Tribunal, other than the Chairperson becomes bankrupt, applies to take the benefit of any law for the relief of bankrupt or insolvent debtors, compounds with his creditors or makes an assignment of his remuneration for their benefit, the President shall remove him from office.</p>
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## THURSDAY MAY 10, 2018 10:00 A.M. NOTICE OF PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

The under-mentioned Questions which have been accepted by the Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 26 are hereby forwarded for the attention of the Prime Minister.

1. Could the Prime Minister indicate the benefits accrued to Trinidad and Tobago from the work of United States based lobbyist Arthur 'Art' Collins from October 2015 to date?  
**(By the Member for Oropouche East)**
2. Could the Prime Minister state when the findings of the report by former Ambassador Christopher Thomas on Dominica's request for a waiver of contributions to Organization of American States will make public and the action(s) he proposes to take regarding the report?  
**(By the Member for Naparima)**
3. Could the Prime Minister inform this House of the most recent estimated date of arrival of the MV Galleons Passage to Trinidad and Tobago?  
**(By the Member for Couva South)**
4. Could the Prime Minister state who is the current President or acting President of Petrotrin?  
**(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**
5. Could the Prime Minister provide an update on the planned divestment of shares of Trinidad Generation Unlimited?  
**(By the Member for Oropouche East)**
6. Could the Prime Minister provide an update on the creation of a National Investment Fund announced in March 2018, through which shares in a number of companies would be offered to the public?  
**(By the Member for Oropouche East)**
7. Based on the Prime Minister's recent statement on the Couva Children and Adult Hospital, could the Prime Minister state the terms of engagement with InterHealth Canada?  
**(By the Member for Chaguanas East)**

8. Subsequent to any arrangement between the Government, the University of the West Indies and InterHealth Canada, could the Prime Minister indicate whether the public would be paying for services at the existing Couva Children and Adult Hospital?  
**(By the Member for Chaguanas East)**
9. Could the Prime Minister state why the Government has discontinued construction of seventy (70) schools at varying levels of completion as at September 2015, despite financial allocations in each of the subsequent financial budgetary statements of the Infrastructure Development Fund (IDF) projects?  
**(By the Member for Chaguanas East)**
10. In relation to a press release issued by the Office of the Prime Minister, indicating the possibility of purchasing a cargo vessel from Australia, could the Prime Minister indicate the estimated budget for this acquisition?  
**(By the Member for Oropouche West)**
11. Given that the Trinidad and Tobago International Financial Centre is an important plank in the Government's diversification strategy, could the Prime Minister state what is being done to address the decline of Trinidad and Tobago as a recognized International Finance Centre?  
**(By the Member for Chaguanas East)**
12. Based on recent newspaper reports of Government's intention to embark on a \$9 Billion Housing Programme, could the Prime Minister state the source of such funding?  
**(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

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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 Works and Transport:**  
**(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

In light of reports indicating that the MV Galleons Passage is currently moored in Mexico due to a faulty water pump, could the Minister indicate when the vessel will be repaired and allowed to continue its journey to Trinidad and Tobago?

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