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Question No. 26 to the Minister of National Security: (By the Member for Couva South)

With respect to the investigation into the granting of Firearm Users' Licenses by the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service, will the Minister indicate when will the report be laid in this House?

Question No. 27 to the Minister of National Security: (By the Member for Couva South)

In light of the termination of nineteen (19) contracted employees from the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service, will the Minister state the financial costs incurred by the Government thus far?

Question No. 28 to the Minister of National Security: (By the Member for St. Augustine)

Given the series of robberies and murders within the St. Augustine community, will the Minister state what has been done to protect this community within the last 6 months?

Question No. 29 to the Minister of Works and Transport:
(By the Member for St. Augustine)

Will the Minister state when the Dry River Trace Bridge on Orange Grove Road, St. Augustine South will be repaired?

Question No. 30 to the Minister of Works and Transport:
(By the Member for St. Augustine)

Will the Minister state when the Bassie Street Bridge over the Blackman Ravine in Spring Village will be repaired?

Question No. 31 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:
(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)

Will the Minister state:

- a. the amount of gas that has been supplied to Train 1 from NGC for the period January 1, 2021 to December 1 2021; and
- b. the amount of liquefied natural gas that has been produced by Train 1 for the period January 1, 2021 to December 1, 2021?

Question No. 32 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:
(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)

- a. Will the Minister confirm the accuracy of the newspaper report of November 11, 2021 that BP, Shell and Summer Soca, all investors of Train 1 have indicated that they will not be funding the shared cost to operate Train 1 for the rest of the year?
- b. If the report is accurate, will NGC be funding the entire shared cost for the remainder of 2021?

Question No. 33 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:
(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)

Will the Minister confirm the accuracy of the statement contained in the newspaper report of November 11, 2021, that all other shareholders with the exception of NGC have voted to declare Atlantic Train 1 closed and that blinds have been installed on the plant?

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MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE AND MOVED BY A MINISTER

PUBLIC BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 63 of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Minister, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, may make Regulations to give effect to the provisions of the Act;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 63(3), that Regulations made under the Act shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Finance, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, caused the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Record of Procurement Proceedings) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 to be prepared;

AND WHEREAS the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Record of Procurement Proceedings) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 were laid in the House of Representatives on the 13th day of December, 2021;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Record of Procurement Proceedings) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 now be affirmed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Record of Procurement Proceedings) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 be approved.

(By the Minister of Finance)

2. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 63 of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Minister, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, may make Regulations to give effect to the provisions of the Act;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 63(3), that Regulations made under the Act shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Finance, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, caused the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Challenge Proceedings) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 to be prepared;

AND WHEREAS the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Challenge Proceedings) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 were laid in the House of Representatives on the 13th day of December, 2021;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Challenge Proceedings) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 now be affirmed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Challenge Proceedings) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 be approved.

(By the Minister of Finance)

3. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 63 of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Minister, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, may make Regulations to give effect to the provisions of the Act;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 63(3), that Regulations made under the Act shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Finance, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, caused the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Ineligibility Proceedings) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 to be prepared;

AND WHEREAS the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Ineligibility Proceedings) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 were laid in the House of Representatives on the 13th day of December, 2021;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Ineligibility Proceedings) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 now be affirmed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Ineligibility Proceedings) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 be approved.

(By the Minister of Finance)

4. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 63 of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Minister, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, may make Regulations to give effect to the provisions of the Act;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 63(3), that Regulations made under the Act shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Finance, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, caused the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Retention and Disposal of Personal Property) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 to be prepared;

AND WHEREAS the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Retention and Disposal of Personal Property) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 were laid in the House of Representatives on the 13th day of December, 2021;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Retention and Disposal of Personal Property) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 now be affirmed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Retention and Disposal of Personal Property) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 be approved.

(By the Minister of Finance)

5. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 63 of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Minister, on the

recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, may make Regulations to give effect to the provisions of the Act;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 63(3), that Regulations made under the Act shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Finance, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, caused the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Miscellaneous) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 to be prepared;

AND WHEREAS the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Miscellaneous) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 were laid in the House of Representatives on the 13th day of December, 2021;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Miscellaneous) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 now be affirmed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Miscellaneous) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 be approved.

(By the Minister of Finance)

6. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 63 of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Minister, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, may make Regulations to give effect to the provisions of the Act;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 63(3), that Regulations made under the Act shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Finance, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, caused the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Evaluation) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 to be prepared;

AND WHEREAS the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Evaluation) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 were laid in the House of Representatives on the 13th day of December, 2021;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Evaluation) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 now be affirmed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Evaluation) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 be approved.

(By the Minister of Finance)

7. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 63 of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Minister, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, may make Regulations to give effect to the provisions of the Act;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 63(3), that Regulations made under the Act shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Finance, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, caused the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Participation in Procurement) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 to be prepared;

AND WHEREAS the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Participation in Procurement) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 were laid in the House of Representatives on the 13th day of December, 2021;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Participation in Procurement) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 now be affirmed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Participation in Procurement) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 be approved.

(By the Minister of Finance)

8. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 63 of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Minister, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, may make Regulations to give effect to the provisions of the Act;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 63(3), that Regulations made under the Act shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Finance, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, caused the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Pre-Qualification and Pre-Selection) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 to be prepared;

AND WHEREAS the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Pre-Qualification and Pre-Selection) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 were laid in the House of Representatives on the 13th day of December, 2021;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Pre-Qualification and Pre-Selection) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 now be affirmed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Pre-Qualification and Pre-Selection) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 be approved.

(By the Minister of Finance)

9. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 63 of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Minister, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, may make Regulations to give effect to the provisions of the Act;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 63(3), that Regulations made under the Act shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Finance, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, caused the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Procurement Methods and Procedures) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 to be prepared;

AND WHEREAS the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Procurement Methods and Procedures) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 were laid in the House of Representatives on the 13th day of December, 2021;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Procurement Methods and Procedures) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 now be affirmed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Procurement Methods and Procedures) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 be approved.

(By the Minister of Finance)

10. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 63 of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Minister, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, may make Regulations to give effect to the provisions of the Act;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 63(3), that Regulations made under the Act shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Finance, on the recommendation of the Office of Procurement Regulation, caused the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Procurement of Consultants) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 to be prepared;

AND WHEREAS the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Procurement of Consultants) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 were laid in the House of Representatives on the 13th day of December, 2021;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Procurement of Consultants) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 now be affirmed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Procurement of Consultants) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021 be approved.

(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 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)
2. 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)

3. 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)
4. A Bill entitled, “An Act to repeal the Foreign Labour Contracts Act, Chap. 88:11”.
(By the Minister of Labour)
5. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Sexual Offences Act, Chap. 11:28 and for other related matters.”
(By the Attorney General)
6. A Bill entitled, “An Act to provide for the designation, development, operation and management of Special Economic Zones, the establishment of the Special Economic Zones Authority, the repeal of the Free Zones Act, Chap. 81:07, the regulation of Special Economic Zones and matters related thereto”.
(By the Attorney General)
7. 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)
8. 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)

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 Barataria/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)

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