



QUESTION NOTICE PAPER
OF THE
HONOURABLE JAMAICA HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2011

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011

29.

*** Mr. Hylton to ask the Prime Minister on the 1st day of February, 2011:**

- 1.** Will the Prime Minister state whether or not he is satisfied with the level of preparedness by the state institutions as well as the private sector for the implementation of the historic Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA)?
- 2.** If the answer to Part 1 is in the affirmative, will the Prime Minister state clearly the basis on which he arrives at this conclusion?
- 3.** If the answer to Part 1 is in the negative, will the Prime Minister state the measures and strategies to be implemented in order to assist the Jamaican private sector, in particular the Micro Small Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to take advantage of the possible benefits under the EPA?
- 4.** Will the Prime Minister state specifically whether an assessment of the likely impact on the Jamaican productive sector was completed prior to or since the signing of the EPA in 2008?
- 5.** Will the Prime Minister state the results of the impact assessment for both the manufacturing and agricultural sectors, as well as the services sector of the Jamaican economy?
- 6.** Will the Prime Minister state whether the other CARICOM partners are in as good as or a better position than Jamaica to meet their obligations under the (EPA)?
- 7.** Is the Prime Minister aware of any efforts by CARIFORUM countries to seek an extension, from the European Union, of the moratorium on the phased implementation of the EPA?

8. If the answer to Part 7 is in the affirmative, will the Government support such an effort by CARIFORUM countries to attempt to extend the moratorium?
9. If the answer to Part 7 is in the negative, will the Prime Minister state the reason(s) for the Government's decision?
10. Will the Prime Minister state what measures, if any, the Government is prepared to take in light of the following developments subsequent to the signing of the EPA in 2008:
 - a. The continuing refusal by other African Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) regions to sign an EPA; and
 - b. The negative effects of the global recession and the decision of European countries to stimulate their economies through significant subsidies to various sectors and firms.

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2011

30.

*** Dr. Rhodd to ask the Minister of Water and Housing on the 8th day of February, 2011:**

Will the Minister please state –

1. When the work will recommence on the Port Antonio Water Drainage and Sewage Project?
2. What are the new cost implications, having discontinued the original plan and work?
3. Whether or not the European Union (EU) will continue to be the funding partner of the Government of Jamaica (GOJ)?
4. If the answer to Part 3 is in the affirmative, what will be the contributions of the GOJ and the EU, respectively?
5. If the answer to Part 4 is in the negative, who will be the new funding partner of the GOJ and what financial contribution will be required of both the GOJ and the new partner?
6. Whether or not the Minister is aware that the discontinuation in the implementation of the project is delaying the development plan of Port Antonio and the surrounding communities?
7. If the answer to Part 6 is in the affirmative, whether or not this will be given priority in the next financial year?

31.

*** Dr. Rhodd to ask the Minister of Transport and Works on the 8th day of February, 2011:**

Will the Minister please state –

1. Whether or not he is aware of the deplorable state of the main road between Brandon Hill in Saint Andrew, and Gray's Inn in Saint Mary, popularly known as the Junction Road?
2. If the answer to Part 1 is in the affirmative, what plans are being made to construct or reconstruct retaining walls, the absence of which threaten the integrity of this major corridor, as well as the stability of some bridges along this corridor?
3. If the answer to Part 1 is in the negative, when will the Minister visit this corridor in order to apprise himself of the sorry state of this main road?
4. Whether or not an investigation was done or is being done, following an accident in December, involving a bus carrying several passengers, which careened off the road at Brandon Hill and fell into a ravine?
5. If the answer to Part 4 is in the affirmative, when will the findings be made available?
6. If the answer to Part 4 is in the negative, whether or not he is considering requesting such an investigation?
7. Whether or not this main corridor is slated for reconstruction under the Jamaica Infrastructure Development Programme and, if the answer is in the affirmative, what is the time-table for carrying out this work?
8. If the answer to Part 7 is in the negative, what programme is being designed to address the reconstructions and improvement of this major corridor?

33.

*** Mr. Paulwell to ask the Prime Minister on the 8th day of February, 2011:**

1. With reference to Ministry Paper No. 2/2011 at item 7, will the Prime Minister indicate all the functions of the Steering Committee for the (Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) project?
2. Will the Prime Minister indicate what the project milestones are that were referred to in the said Ministry Paper?
3. Will the Prime Minister table a copy of the report submitted to the Government by consultants who recently reviewed the LNG project?
4. Will the Prime Minister indicate if the country received a commitment for the supply of natural gas from any source?

5. If the answer to Part 4 is in the affirmative, will the Prime Minister provide details?

6. If the answer to Part 4 is in the negative, will the Prime Minister provide an update on the process to secure a reliable supply of natural gas?

34.

*** Ms. Hanna to ask the Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture on the 8th day of February, 2011:**

1. Will the Minister list all contracts issued by the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture on and above J\$250,000 from September 2007 to the present?

35.

*** Dr. McNeil to ask the Prime Minister on the 8th day of February, 2011:**

1. Could the Prime Minister indicate the terms of reference given to the negotiating team for the sale of the Sandals Whitehouse Hotel?

2. Could the Prime Minister give an accounting of the financial contribution (in cash or kind/other asset) by specific shareholders (in ANDCO) to the development and construction of the Sandals Whitehouse project?

3. Could the Prime Minister indicate if any contribution in kind/asset was provided, what was the value placed on this input?

4. Could the Prime Minister indicate what matters were referred to the arbitrator and what were his rulings?

5. Could the Prime Minister indicate if the Government intend to settle all outstanding disputes and claims prior to completion of the proposed sale?

6. Could the Prime Minister indicate if an assessment of the replacement value of the hotel has been done?

7. If the answer to Part 6 is in the affirmative, what is this valuation?

8. Could the Prime Minister indicate if the proposed sale is completed, what will be the remaining debt to be carried by the Government and its entities?

9. Could the Prime Minister indicate what will be the interest rate(s) payable on this debt?

10. Could the Prime Minister indicate what the rationale is for providing the proposed purchaser with a vendor's mortgage, given the ample availability of funds in the banking system?

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2011

36.

*** Mr. Clarke to ask the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries on the 15th day of February, 2011:**

- 1.** Would the Minister indicate the amount of sugar produced by the Government-owned sugar estates for the 2008-2009 sugar crop?
- 2.** Would the Minister indicate the original estimate for the Government-owned sugar estates?
- 3.** Would the Minister indicate what amount of sugar was committed to be sold to the Italian firm Eridania?
- 4.** Would the Minister state if the commitment to Eridania was met?
- 5.** Would the Minister state the price paid by Eridania for sugar bought?
- 6.** Would the Minister state the cost per pound for producing sugar by the Government-owned sugar estates for the last crop?
- 7.** Would the Minister state the price for sugar sold on the local market?
- 8.** Would the Minister state the price for sugar sold to the United States of America for the last crop and the agreed price for this crop?
- 9.** Would the Minister state the price of sugar on the world market for the last crop and the current rate?
- 10.** Would the Minister state how much sugar is committed to Tate and Lyle for this crop and at what price?
- 11.** Would the Minister state what the estimated production will be on the Government-owned estates and the production cost?

37.

*** Mr. Jackson to ask the Minister of Transport and Works on the 15th day of February, 2011:**

- 1.** Has the programme and schedule of road repairs under the Government's Jamaica Infrastructure Development Programme for the parish of St. Catherine and other parishes changed?
- 2.** If the answer is in the affirmative, can the Minister state what these changes are for St. Catherine and South St. Catherine in particular?
- 3.** Can the Minister say whether the projected US\$60 million budgeted for the 2010/2011 Fiscal Year is on target for completion with the period?

4. Can the Minister confirm whether the required revenue flows to support the repayment obligations under financing agreement with The China Export and Import Bank are in place?
5. Can the Minister state the current and projected revenue streams, and the corresponding amounts to be expended over the duration of the programme and the financing?