

[Eighth Parliament - First Session]

No. 195.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, September 07, 2017 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

387/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(6)

- (a) Will he state
 - the institutions which submitted tenders when tenders were called for the purchase of the canvas shoes required for the physical training of the Army in the year 2015;
 - (ii) separately the values of tenders offered by the aforesaid institutions;
 - (iii) the institution which obtained the tender; and
 - (iv) the reasons for awarding the tender to the aforesaid institution?
- (b) Will he inform this House-
 - (i) of the names and designations of the officers of the Tender Board of the Ministry of Defence relevant to purchase of these shoes which took place in the year 2015;
 - (ii) for how long these officers have been serving in the Tender Board;
 - (iii) of the names and designations of the officers of the Army Tender Board relevant to purchase of these shoes which took place in the year 2015; and
 - (iv) for how long these officers have been serving in the Tender Board?
- (c) Will he also inform this House-
 - whether action will be taken by the government to remove the officers who continuously serve in the Tender Boards of the Ministry of Defence and the Army; and
 - (ii) if so, on which date?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

952/'16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that
 - (i) the Postmen too have requested for motor bicycles under the scheme of providing motor bicycles to public servants at concessionary rates; and
 - (ii) that they have not yet issued with motor bicycles?
- (b) Will he inform this House
 - (i) whether arrangements will be made to provide motor bicycles to these persons on concessionary rates; and
 - (ii) If so, the date it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1101/'16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of houses built by National Housing Development Authority up to now after 08.01.2015;
 - (ii) number of such houses in each district separately;
 - (iii) the amount of money granted as housing loans when building the houses; and
 - (iv) the amount of housing loans provided as per each district separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House-
 - (i) the number of beneficiary houses built by the Authority up to now after 08.01.2015;
 - (ii) number of such houses in each district separately;
 - (iii) the total amount of money allocated for that purpose; and
 - (iv) the amount, in district wise separately?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) the number of house villages built by the authority up to now after 08.01.2015;
 - (ii) such villages, in each district separately;
 - (iii) the total amount of money allocated for it; and
 - (iv) the amount, in district-wise separately?
- (d) If not, why?

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of bus terminals in the Badulla district which were developed from 2010 up to now on the allocations of the Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government;
 - (ii) the names of the bus terminals which were developed;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent on each bus terminal separately; and
 - (iv) the other bus terminals in the Badulla district which are proposed to be included in the project?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

4.

1146/'16

Hon. M.H.M. Salman,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the Oddamavadi West Divisional Secretariat Division of Koralepattu in the Batticaloa District was established;
 - (ii) whether he will table a copy of the Gazette Notification issued in this regard;
 - (iii) what total extent of land area is covered by that Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) how many Grama Niladhari Divisions are located in the Division concerned; and
 - (v) what the official codes and names of such Grama Niladhari Divisions are?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official delimitation mission has taken place in establishing that Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) if so, what its details are?
- (c) Will he state—
 - whether administration or other operations of any of the Grama Niladhari Divisions falling under the Divisional Secretariat Division concerned are currently handled by some other Divisional Secretariats; and
 - (ii) if so, whether he will submit the names and official codes of such Grama Niladhari Divisions?
- (d) If not, why?

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(4)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the total amount of money held by the Education Employees Co-operative Credit and Thrift Society as at 01.10.2015;
- (ii) of the amount in fixed deposits with that Society by 11.06.2016;
- (iii) of the number of persons who have applied for loans from the said Society by now;
- (iv) of the number of members out of those loan applicants for whom loans have been approved but money has not been released up to now;
- (v) of the total amount of loans to be paid to those loan applicants;
- (vi) of the reason for the delay in releasing money to those loan applicants;
- (vii) whether he is aware of the fact that the said Society has been rendered to a state of not being able to release loans to its members properly; and
- (viii) if so, of the measures that will be taken in due course to regulate the financial management of that Society?

(b) If not, why?

7.

1350/'16

Hon Dullas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a policy decision has been taken to reduce the opportunities that existed for the Sri Lankan students to study for external degree courses;
 - (ii) separately, the number of male and female students who have been approved to be enrolled for the external degree courses in 2016;
 - (iii) separately, the number of students who passed the GCE(A/L) and got qualified for the University entrance in 2014, 2015 and 2016 and the number of students who were admitted to Universities;
 - (iv) separately, the number of students who are studying in Foreign Universities that are functioning in Sri Lanka in 2014, 2015 and 2016 in respect of each year separately;
 - (v) the degree courses followed by the students mentioned in above (iv) separately;
 - (vi) the number of students who follow each of the aforesaid degree courses separately; and
 - (vii) if answers are not given for the above (v) and (vi) the reason for that?
- (b) If not, why?

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that
 - (i) the students of the district of Rathnapura who have studied in the stream of Bio system technology and have obtained excellent results at the first shy sat for the G.C.E (A/L) examination in the year 2015 have not hither to been admitted to any university;
 - (ii) although the University of Sabharagamuwa has been included in the university admission handbook provided to these children as the university from where the degree course relevant to the said stream can be followed, no student has been so far admitted to the said university as well; and
 - (iii) as per the information received by these students, around 80-90 students with lower Z scores from districts with more facilities such as Colombo have got the opportunity to enter universities?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - whether it is admitted that no justice has been meted out although appeals have been sent to the President, Prime Minister, Minister and the University Grants Commission regarding this unfair situation faced by these students up to now;
 - (ii) whether the necessary steps will be taken to admit the students mentioned in a(i) above to universities?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

1388/'16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Rural Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits the fact that it was opined as per proposal No.142 of the budget of 2016 to provide the underutilized government lands to private investors who can invest a minimum of 25 million rupees in local milk production;
 - (ii) the number of companies and persons that requested government lands as per the aforesaid proposal and their names;
 - (iii) whether a list of the unutilized or underutilized government lands will be tabled;
 - (iv) the number of acres given out of the aforesaid lands to grow grass, which is of higher productivity, through outside farmers;
- (b) If not, why?

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Labour, Trade Union Relations and Sabaragamu Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House
 - (i) of the private sector employment in terms of the number of active accounts of Employees Provident Fund as at 31.12.2016;
 - (ii) of the increase of employment as at 31. 12. 2016 relatively to 31. 12. 2014 and 31.12. 2015?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

1548/'17

Hon. Imran Maharoof, To ask the Minister of Agriculture, (2)

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - the financial allocations made for the Trincomalee district for developing small irrigational tanks in 2012, 2013 and 2014, in relation to each Agrarian Service division and year separately;and
 - (ii) the tanks developed by utilizing those allocations and the amount of money spent on them, separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there has been an increase in the paddy harvest owing to these development activities;
 - (ii) if so, the volume of increase;
 - (iii) whether this increase is commensurate with the financial allocations spent; and
 - (iv) if not, the reasons for that?
- (c) Will he also inform this House-
 - (i) whether any follow up has been made on those development activities as the farmers complain that the programmes that were carried out during the above years have not been done in the proper manner;
 - (ii) if so, the details of such follow up; and
 - (iii) if not, whether steps will be taken to follow up on these development activities?
- (d) If not, why?

12.

1586/'17

Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe,—To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House
 - (i) of the number of vehicles that have been used by the Chief Minister of the Sabaragamuwa Province from year 2015 to date;

- (ii) of the make and registered number of each of those vehicles;
- (iii) separately on per year basis the amount of money that have been spent on maintaining each of those vehicles; and
- (iv) if the Chief Minister has misused vehicles, of the nature of action that will be taken against him by the Ministry?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

1600/'17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - the year of the lifetime of three power plants at Norochcholai Coal Power Plant expires;
 - (ii) the alternative methods to be used to obtain energy generated from those three power plants after their lifetime expired; and
 - (iii) whether policy makers of long term power generation schemes have focused attention on the consequences of the deactivation of those power plants before the due time, after considering the frequent technical failures in them?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

1675/'17

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana, To ask the Minister of Education, (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the names of trainees who completed their training from Teachers Colleges of Batticaloa, Kopay and Kotagala in December 2008, posted to schools in Vanni district and requested to sit the final examination in April 2009, contradictory to the procedure of conducting the examination immediately after the training?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) those trainees were unable to come out of the district due to the climax of war in that district; and
 - (ii) they sat the examination along with their junior batch, answered the same question papers but different effective dates of certificate were given as 01.01.2011 for them, whilst 01.08.2009 was given for the junior batch?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether action will be taken to give same effective date of certificate as that of the junior batch?
- (d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item No. 1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament and the motions agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016 and 06.09.2017.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Inland Revenue Bill - Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act (No. 1),—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Section 142 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 read with Section 118 of the aforesaid Act, relating to Medical Devices Pricing and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2006/45 of 17th February 2017, which were presented on 23.05.2017, be approved.

*3.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Paragraph (u) of Subsection (2) of Section 142 read with the Sections 59 and 63 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2023/30 of 14th June 2017, which was presented on 22.08.2017, be approved.

*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Order under the Extradition Law (No. 1),— That the Order made by the President under Section 3 of the Extradition Law, No. 8 of 1977 relating to Extradition Treaty between Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Russian Federation published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2022/27 of 07th June 2017, which was presented on 25.07.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Order under the Extradition Law (No. 2),—That the Order made by the President under Section 3 of the Extradition Law, No. 8 of 1977 relating to Extradition Treaty between Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Ukraine published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2021/47 of 02nd June 2017, which was presented on 26.07.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Order under the Extradition Law (No. 3),— That the Order made by the President under Section 3 of the Extradition Law, No. 8 of 1977 relating to Extradition Treaty between Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and People's Republic of China published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2024/25 of 20th June 2017, which was presented on 22.08.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Order under the Extradition Law (No. 4),— That the Order made by the President under Section 3 of the Extradition Law, No. 8 of 1977 relating to Extradition Treaty between Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Socialist Republic of Vietnam published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2028/16 of 19th July 2017, which was presented on 23.08.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses (Amendment) Bill-Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill-Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

Prevention of Crimes (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

Sri Lanka Sustainable Development Bill — Adjourned debate on question. (8th March 2017) [1].

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*13.

Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution Bill,— Second Reading. (Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

Regulation of Insurance Industry (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading. (Cabinet approval signified.) *15.

Electronic Transactions (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading. (Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Commission (2013),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Commission together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 06.09.2016 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication on 26.01.2017)

*17.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Transport Board (2012),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Transport Board together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2012 and presented on 07.03.2017 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication on 24.03.2017)

*18.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Commission (2014),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Commission together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 03.05.2017 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication on 26.05.2017)

*19.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation (2011),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation together with the observations of Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2011 and presented on 10.12.2016 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 23.05.2017)

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the National Savings Bank (2015),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the National Savings Bank together with the observations of Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 24.01.2017 under Section 35(3) of Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 03.05.2017)

*21.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Bank of Ceylon (2015),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Bank of Ceylon together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 25.01.2017 under Section 35(3) of Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 03.05.2017)

*22.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the People's Bank (2015),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the People's Bank together with the observations of Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 08.03.2017 under Section 35(3) of Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 03.05.2017)

*23.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Kurunegala Plantations Ltd. (2014),— That the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Kurunegala Plantations Ltd together with the observations of Independent Auditors for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 21.03.2017 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 23.05.2017)

*24.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Annual Report and Accounts (2013) of the State Pharmaceutical Corporation,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended on 31.12.2013 and presented on 08.07.2016 Under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment on 04.07.2017)

*20.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Annual Report and Accounts (2013), of the Sri Jayewardenapura Genaral Hospital,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayewardenapura General Hospital together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended on 31.12.2013 and presented on 21.07.2016 Under Section 30(2) of the Sri Jayewardenapura Genaral Hospital Board Act, No. 54 of 1983 and Section 14(2) C of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment on 04.07.2017)

*26.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Annual Report and Accounts (2013) of the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation,— That the Annual Reports and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended on 31.12.2013 and presented on 11.08.2016 Under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment on 04.07.2017)

*27.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation Ltd (2014),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation Ltd. together with the observations of the KPMG institute of Chartered Accountants prepared for the year ended on 31.12.2014 and presented on 22.03.2017 in terms of the Companies Act, No. 07 of 2007 and regulation of Insurance Industry Act, No. 43 of 2000, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 03.05.2017)

*28.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of National Savings Bank (2014),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of National Savings Bank together with the observations of the Auditor General prepared for the year ended on 31.12.2014 and presented on 05.05.2016 under Section 35(3) of the Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 03.05.2017)

*29.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of People's Bank (2014),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of People's Bank together with the observations of the Auditor General prepared for the year ended on 31.12.2014 and presented on 22.09.2016 under Section 35(3) of the Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 03.05.2017)

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*25.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Bank of Ceylon (2014),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Bank of Ceylon together with the observations of the Auditor General prepared for the year ended on 31.12.2014 and presented on 05.05.2016 under Section 35(3) of the Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 03.05.2017)

*31.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Chilaw Plantations Ltd. (2014),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Chilaw Plantations Ltd. together with the observations of the Auditor General prepared for the year ended on 31.12.2014 and presented on 15.11.2016 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 03.05.2017)

*32.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Regional Development Bank (2014),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements Regional Development Bank together with the observations of the Auditor General prepared for the year ended on 31.12.2014 and presented on 28.10.2016 2016 under Section 35(3) of the Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 03.05.2017)

*33.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading. (Cabinet approval signified.)

*34.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading. (Cabinet approval signified.)

*35.

Resolution under the Constitution,— Adjourned Debate on Question (22nd June, 2016) Motion made and question proposed,—"Media guidelines to be followed/ Policies to be observed by the Electronic and Print Media during Referenda and Elections published by the Election Commission in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1955/19 of 25th February 2016 in terms of the provisions of Article 104B (5)(a) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka which were presented on 06.05.2016, be approved."

36.

Institute of Personnel Management, Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

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37.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading. 38.

United Christian Fellowship of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading. 39.

Sri Lanka Women's Conference (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading. 40.

Moneragala District Kantha Maha Sangamaya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

41.

Lasallian Community Education Services (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading. 42.

International Women's and Children's Rights (IWCRC) (Incorporation) Bill-Second Reading.

* Indicates Government Business.

[1].

Motion made and question proposed "That the Bill be now read a second time."