

National Assembly Debates

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND SESSION (2002-2003) OF THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CO-OPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA HELD IN THE CONVENTION CENTER OCEANVIEW INTERNATIONAL HOTEL LILIENDAAL

18TH SITTING

2.00 PM

MONDAY 4TH AUGUST, 2003

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (68)

Speaker (1)

The Hon. Hari N. Ramkarran, S. C., M. P. - *Speaker of the National Assembly*

Members of the Government - People's Progressive Party/Civic (34)

The Hon. Samuel A.A. Hinds, M.P.

- Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works and Communications

The Hon. Reepu Daman Persaud, O.R., J.P., M.P.

- Minister of Parliamentary Affairs

The Hon. Clement J. Rohee, M.P.

- Minister of Foreign Trade and International Co-operation

The Hon. Harripersaud Nokta, M.P.

- Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

The Hon. Gail Teixeira, M.P.

- Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport (AOL)

The Hon. Dr. Henry B. Jeffrey, M.P.

- Minister of Education

The Hon. Saisnarine Kowlessar, M.P.

- Minister of Finance

The Hon. Shaik K. Z. Baksh, M.P.

- Minister of Housing and Water

The Hon. Navindranauth O. Chandarpal, M.P.

- Minister of Agriculture; Region No.4 - Demerara/Mahaica

The Hon. J. Ronald Gajraj, M.P.

- Minister of Home Affairs; Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/ West Demerara (Absent)

The Hon. Rev. Dr. Ramnauth D.A. Bisnauth, M.P.

- Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security (Absent)

The Hon. Clinton C. Collymore, M.P. - *Minister in the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development (Absent)*

The Hon. Satyadeow Sawh, M.P.

- Minister of Fisheries, Other Crops and Livestock (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)

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- *The Hon. S. Rudolph Inseanally, O.R., C.C.H., M.P. - Minister in the Office of the President with responsibility for Foreign Affairs
- *The Hon. Doodnauth Singh, S.C., M.P. - Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs
- The Hon. Dr. Jennifer R.A. Westford, M.P. - Minister of the Public Service (Absent)
- The Hon. C. Anthony Xavier, M.P. - Minister of Transport and Hydraulics
- The Hon. Bibi S. Shadick, M.P. - Minister in the Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/ West Demerara)
- **The Hon. Manzoor Nadir, M.P. - Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce
- The Hon. Carolyn Rodrigues, M.P. - Minister of Amerindian Affairs
- The Hon. Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P. - Minister of Health
- Mr S. Feroze Mohamed, M.P. - Chief Whip
- Mr Cyril C. Belgrave, C.C.H., J.P., M.P. - (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)
- Mr. Donald R. Ramotar, M.P.
- Mr Husman Alli, M.P. - (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)
- Mr. Komal Chand, C.C.H., J.P., M.P. - (Absent)
- Mrs Indranie Chandarpal, M.P.
- Mr Bernard C. DeSantos, S.C., M.P. - (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica) (Absent)
- Mrs Shirley V. Edwards, J.P. M.P.
- Mr Odinga N. Lumumba, M.P. - (AOL)
- Mr Heeralall Mohan, M.P. - (Region No. 2 - Pomeroun/Supenaam)
- Mr Ramesh C. Rajkumar, M.P. - (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)
- Mr Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P. - (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne) (Absent)
- Dr Bheri S. Ramsaran, M.D., M.P.
- Mrs Philomena Sahoye Shury, C.C.H., J.P., M.P. - Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Water-
- Mrs Pauline R. Sukhai, M.P. - (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini) (Absent)
- Mr Zuifkar Mustapha, M.P. - (Absent)
- Mr Neendkumar, M.P.

* Non-Elected Minister

** Elected Member from The United Force

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Members of the Opposition (30)

(i) People's National Congress/Reform (27)

Mr. Robert H. O. Corbin, M. P.	- (AOL)
Mr. Winston S. Murray, C. C. H., M.P.	(Absent)
Mrs Clarissa S. Riehl, M.P.	- Deputy Speaker of the N.A
Mr E. Lance Carberry, M.P.	- Chief Whip
Mr Ivor Allen, M.P.	- (Region No. 2-Pomeroon/Supenaam)
Mrs. Deborah J. Backer, M.P.	- AOL)
Mr. Deryck M. A. Bernard, M.P.	-(Absent)
Mr. C. Stanley Ming, M.P.	- (AOL)
Mr. Raphael G. C. Trotman, M.P.	- (AOL)
Mr Vincent L. Alexander, M.P.	- (Region No. 4-Demerara/Mahaica)
Mr. Bsil Williams, M.P.	- (AOL)
Mr. Andy Goveia, M.P.	- (AOL)
Mrs. Volda A. Lawrence, M.P.	- (AOL)
Dr Dagleish Joseph, M.D., M.P.	
Miss Amna Ally, M.P.	- (Region No. 5-Mahaica/Berbice) - (AOL)
Miss Sandra M. Adams, M.P.	- (Region No. 10-Upper Demerara Berbice)
Mr. Jerome Khan, M.P.	
Dr George A. Norton, M.P.	
Miss Myrna E. N. Peterkin, M.P.	- (Region No. 4-Demerara/Mahaica)
Mr. James K. McAllister, M.P	- (Region No. 3-Essequibo Islands West Demerara - (Absent)
Miss Lurline A. Nestor, M.P.	- (Region No. 4-Demerara/Mahaica)
Mr Abdul Kadir, J.P., M.P.	- (Region No. 10-Upper Demerara/Berbice)
Mr Ricky Khan, M.P.	- (Region No. 1-Barima/Waini)
Mrs. R. Bancroft, M.P.	- (Region No. 8 - Potara/Siparuni)
Mr Nasir Ally, J.P., M.P.	- (Region No. 6 -East Berbice/Corentyne)
Miss Judith David, M.P.	- (Region No. 7-Cuyuni/Mazaruni)
Miss Genevieve Allen, M.P.	- (Region No. 4-Demerara/Mahaica)
(One Vacancy)	

(ii) Guyana Action Party/Working People's Alliance Party (2)

Mrs Sheila V.A. Holder, M.P.	
Mrs Shirley J. Melville, M.P.	- (Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)

(iii) Rise, Organise and Rebuild Party (1)

Mr Ravindra Dev, M.P.	- (AOL)
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OFFICERS

Mr Sherlock E. Isaacs, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly
(Performing the functions of Clerk of the National Assembly)

Mrs Lilawtie Coonjah, Principal Assistant Secretary (Finance)
(Performing the functions of Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly.)

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PRAYERS

The Clerk read the Prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Hon Members, leave has been granted to Miss Gail Teixeira and Mr Odinga Lumumba for today's sitting. Mrs Deborah Backer up to the 26th August, 2003; Mr Basil Williams for today's sitting and Mr Ravindra Dev up to the 15th August, 2003.

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

For Written Replies:

The Speaker: There are two questions on the Order Paper by the Hon. Member Mrs Sheila Holder, the questions are for written replies. I understand the answers have been circulated in according with the Standing Orders.

No. 1 - PRIMARY EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (PEIP)

Would the Minister please list the consultants, Consulting Engineering and Architectural and contractors as well as the amounts they were paid from the Primary Education Improvement Project (PEIP) over the life of the project?

The following written reply was circulated by the Minister of Education:

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**CONSULTANTS & CONTRACTORS HIRED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
SECONDARY SCHOOL REFORM PROJECT, AUGUST 1996 TO MARCH 2003**

(Notice Paper No. 17(Q10 Opp 10) published 2003-02-17)

The Secondary School Reform Project (SSRP) was established to improve the quality, equity and efficiency of secondary education in Guyana.

A Credit Agreement, #2879-GUA, valued at US\$19.3M, between the International Development Association (IDA) and the Government of Guyana (GOG), finances the SSRP of which IDA contributes 90% of the funds.

Under the above Credit Agreement the procurement of goods and services for implementation of the project, is carried out in accordance with World Bank Procurement Guidelines. The fees for the services of Consultants is 100% IDA financed, while the fees for contracting services is financed 85% IDA and 15% GOG.

The Secretariat is currently awaiting IDA no-objection for the evaluation committee's recommendation for implementation of the following eleven (11), (Package B, 6ERS + Package C, 2ERS, and Package C, 3ERS), contracts to undertake emergency repairs:

Package B 6ERS and Package C 2ERS

Beterverwagting CHS, Region #4

Bygeval Multilateral School, Region #5

Charlestown Secondary School, GT

Friendship CHS, Region # 4

New Amsterdam Multilateral, Region #6

Paramakatoi Community School, Region #8

Rosignol Secondary School, Region #5

St John's College, GT

Package C 3ERS

Corentyne Comprehensive Secondary
School, Region #6

St Ignatius Community School, Region #9

Kwakwani CHS, Region #10

Prepared by Dr Kenneth Hurst for Minister of Education, 6th March 2003

SSRPComponent	Date(s)	Consultancy/Contracting Services	Consultant	Contract Sum (G\$) or (US\$)	Funding	
					IDA	GOG
1. Education Program Quality	Aug. 1995	Teacher Training of specialist & non-specialist teachers from 12 pilot and 4-6 non-pilot schools in Content & Methodology for teaching & learning of Level 7 English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies & Reading.	Faculty of Education, UG	G\$ 2.9 M	N/A	100%
	Aug. 1997-2000	-Teacher training of specialist teachers from twelve (12) pilot 4-6 non-pilot schools in Content & Methodology for teaching & learning of levels 7-9 English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies & Reading, plus training of School Administrators in Management & Supervision, Management of change, Continuous assessment, use of Information Technology.	Faculty of Education, UG	G\$ 21.2 M	100%	N/A

SSRP Component	Date (s)	Consultancy/contracting Services	Consultant	Contract Sum (G\$) or (US\$)	Funding	
					IDA	GOG
1. Education Program Quality Cont'd	Aug. 1997 & 1998	Training of subject specialists in Curriculum Development & Supervision	Lola Williams, FOE, UWI, Jamaica and Adele Brown, PDU, MOE, Jamaica	US\$30,000	100%	N/A
	Aug. 1998-1999	Training of pilot schools' stakeholders in Participatory Management	Alison Hamel-Smith, Trinidad	US\$ 36,000	100%	N/A
	1999-2001	Procurement of text and non-text teaching & learning materials & Education Consultant	Crown Agents, UK	US\$ 67,663	100%	NA
2. School Environment	1995	Preliminary Survey/Designs for 12 Pilots Schools	-Budhram & Budhram (9 pilot school) -CEMCO (3 pilot schools)	G\$ 2,650,000 G\$ 748,560	N/A	100%
	1999-2000	Final Desing & Construction Supervision (FDCS) for 12 Pilot Schools	Vikab Engineering Consultants Ltd., (VECL), Trinidad	US\$484,365	100%	N/A

SSRP Component	Date(s)	Consultancy/ Contracting Services	Consultant	Contract Sum (G\$) or (US\$)	Funding	
					IDA	COG
2. School Environment (cont'd)	2001-2002	Rehabilitation & Extension of twelve (12) Pilot Schools: Cotton Field Sec., Reg. # 2 L' Aventure Sec., Reg. #3 Uitvlugt Sec., Reg. #3 Annandale Sec., Reg. #4 Belladrum Sec., Reg. #5 Fort Wellington Sec., Reg. #5 Manchester Sec., Reg. #6 Vryman's Erven Sec., Reg. #6 Mackenzie High, Reg. 10 Dolphin Sec., GT New Campbellville Sec., GT Tucville Sec., GT	Courtney Benn Courtney Benn B&K International Kishan Bacchus B&K International Courtney Benn S. Hussain Courtney Benn Mangal Constr. Bassoo & Sons S. Nabi & Sons Winston Thomas	G\$ 78.2 M G\$ 34.4 M G\$ 46.4 M G\$ 36.6 M G\$ 77.6 M G\$ 26.2 M G\$ 35.9 M G\$ 31.5 M G4 39.5 M G\$ 36.6 M G\$ 61.4 M G\$ 42.3 M	85% 85% 85% 85% 85% 85% 85% 85% 85% 85% 85% 85%	15% 15% 15% 15% 15% 15% 15% 15% 15% 15% 15% 15%

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SSRP Component	Date (s)	Consultancy/ Contracting Services	Consultant	Contract Sum (G\$) or US\$	Funding	
					IDA	GOG
2. School Environment Cont'd	1999-2001	Final Design & Construction Supervision for twenty (20) Emergency repair Schools in three (3) packages Package A 6ERS, Package B, 8ERS and Package C 6ERS;	Package A, VECL	US\$383.340	100%	N/A
			Package B, David Klautky Associates	G\$ 39.9 M	100%	N/A
			Package C, George Henry Associates.	G\$ 36.2 M	100%	NA
	Nov. 2002	Emergency Repairs to Package A 6ERS; Port Kaituma Comm., Reg.#1 Abram Zuil Sec., Reg. #2 Leguan Sec., Reg.#3 St John CHS, Reg. #3 Bartica Sec., Reg. #7	Andre Ragobeer	G\$ 40.9 M	85%	15%
			Courtney Benn	G\$ 26.6 M	85%	15%
			Courtney Benn	G\$ 21.2 M	85%	15%
			DG Constr. Agency	G\$18.9 M	85%	15%
			Courtney Benn	G\$ 38.8 M	85%	15%
			R. Bassoo & Sons	G\$ 92.99M	85%	15%
			Anna Regina Multi., Reg. #2			
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SSRP Component	Date (s)	Consultancy/ Contracting Services	Consultant	Contract Sum (G\$) or US\$	Funding	
					IDA	GOG
2. School Environment Cont'd.	Oct. 2000	Asbestos Survey of 16 Emergency Repair Schools	George Henry Associates	US\$20,500	100%	N/A
	Sept. 2002	Supervision of Abestos removal and disposal	E & A Consultants	US\$ 90,986	100%	N/A
	Sept. 2002	Removal & Disposal of asbestos from (i) Anna Regina Multilateral, (ii) Bygeval Multilateral and (iii) New Amsterdam Multilateral	Courtney Benn Contracting Services Ltd.	G\$108.4 M	85%	15%
3. National & Regional Institutional Strengthening	1998-1999	-School Mapping, Phases I-IV	Prof. William Gould, University of Liverpool, UK	US\$51,308	100%	N/A

SSRP Component	Date (s)	Consultancy/ Contracting Services	Consultant/ Contractor	Contract Sum (G\$) or US\$	Funding	
					IDA	GOC
3. National & Regional Institutional Strengthening Cont.d	1998-1999	-Nationwide Physical Facilities Survey (NPFS) of 60 secondary -age schools across all ten administrative regions	Vikab Guyana Ltd.	US\$20,500	100%	N/A
	1999-2000	Design of School information Management Systems (SIMS) for schools and Education Management System (EMS) for Education Departments	Arnott West, Trinidad	G\$108.4 M	85%	15%
	2000-2001	- System Integration for SIMS & EMS	Fujitsu ICL, Trinidad	US\$908,569	100%	N/A
	2000-2001	- Development of a formula based model for financing schools at each level (n, P & S), Phases I-IV	Simon Fraser, Australia	US\$ 75,200	100%	N/A
	1997-2003	External Auditor	KPMG Peat Marwick/Nizam Ali	US\$ 57,880	100%	N/A

SSRP Component	Date (s)	Consultancy/ Contracting Services	Consultant	Contract Sum (G\$) or US\$	Funding	
					IDA	GOG
3. National & Regional Institutional Strengthening Cont'd	2000	Rehabilitation of AV Room at CPCE for use as an IT Laboratory: - Civil Works - Electrical Works Networking of IT Laboratory	Deonarine Sookdeo C. Griffith Micro Design Technology	G\$400,000	85%	15%
				G\$125,000	85%	15%
				G\$250,000	85%	15%

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No 2 - SECONDARY SCHOOLS REFORM PROJECT (SSRP)

Would the Minister please list the Consultant, Consulting Engineering and Architectural Firms and Contractor as well as the amounts they were paid during the life of the Secondary School Reform Project?

The following written reply was circulated by the Minister of Education:

Consultants Engaged Under the Recently Completed PEIP

No.	Consultant Type and Procurement Procedure	Name of Consultant	Programme Preparation	Contract Value (G\$ M)			Reformulated Programme
				Phase 1	Phase 11	1996-1999	
1	(Open Tendering)	Field Ridley/Ramphor Associates	26,832,145				1999-2002
2	<i>Prime Consultants</i> (IOB/GOG Call for International Bids) (Open Tendering)	VIKAB Eng. Consultants Ltd.		299,557,160	53,886,720	187,767,540	
3		CEMCO		639,515		2,100,600	
4		Charles Garrett & Associates		2,635,928	2,708,394	6,365,77	
5		Civil Engineering Consultants		476,443			
6		Clifton Innis				343,215	
7		Construction Management Ser.					
8		Design and Consultants & Services				1,85,629	
9		DH Rodney & Company		3,854,043		8,375,627	
10		Francois & Associates		2,043,234		1,209,419	
11	<i>Local consultants</i> (In Accordance with SIMA P'S Procedures)	George Lambert		2,524,030		2,245,409	
12		Integrated Construction Mgt.		581,599		4,111,282	
13		Noel James & Associates				1,987,527	
14		Patrick Roberts				2,591,646	
15		Paul Sarrau				11,615,677	
16		Project Management Dev. Ser.				1,336,079	
17		SRKN' gineering				1,431,313	
18		The Foundation Arch Ser.				1,016,707	
19		BL Civil Engr.					
20		D. Patterson & Associates		647,791		658,269	
21		E & A Consultants				1,127,167	
22		Franklin Technical Services					
23		Nigel Blair					
24		E. W. Angel		466,048			

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No.	Category of Contractors In Terms of Financial Capacity (US\$ M)	Name of Contractor	Contract Value (GS M)		Reformulated Programme
			Phase I	Phase II	
1	ABOVE 3.0 M	S.A. Nahi & Sons	1994-1998 1,002,984,509	1996-1999 45,344,056	1999-2002
2	3.0 TO 2.0	Miller Investment	611,539,425		
3		R. Basoo & Sons	258,851,950	129,196,263	322,405,481
4		Courtney Benn contracting Ser.		42,397,347	334,797,208
5	2.0 TO 1.0	Harry Persaud & Company	142,000,000		
6		Mangal construction Ser.	66,768,526		326,154,645
7		Kishan Bacoohus General Contractor			223,265,750
8		Carlton Ambrose		23,447,975	99,474,058
9	1.0 TO 0.45	Michael Amerally		41,775,732	15,386,867
10		Shazaam Hussein Buildg & Civ. Contrac.	92,572,827		70,706,694
11		ATLAS Construction		23,447,975	93,959,206
12		Walning Ltd.	105,401,632		32,253,502
13		Andre Howard			85,155,761
14		Kasim Alii Bldg & Gen Contractors		27,418,665	14,837,565
15	0.45 TO 0.16	D.G. Construction Agency		11,791,189	87,310,096
16		Winston Thomas Gen Buildg Contractor			110,291,925
17		AMA Industries Limited			109,611,594
18		Winfield James Construction Company		43,837,348	
19		General Contractors Ltd.		9,404,675	
20		Eustace Pierre			601,561
21	AS LISTED ON	Faldhari Singh			56,526,948
22	SIMAP'S DATABASE	Fobler Construction Agency	10,688,855		
23		C & F Construction			53,775,391

No.	Category of Contractors In Terms of Financial Capacity (US\$ M)	Name of Contractor	Contract Value (GS M)			Reformulated Programme
			Phase 1	Phase 11		
			1994-1998	1996-1999	1999-2002	
24	AS LISTED ON SIMAP'S DATABASE CONT'D	Harish Persaud			8,955,866	
25		G. Singh			35,780,52	
26		Patrick Haynes			994,562	
27		Philip Grant			78,414,684	
28		Satar Mohamed		10,267,030		
29		Wesley Haynes			952,458	
30		Esau Akbar			69,128,741	
31		H. Stephens		8,200,962		
32		Ideal Builders			21,548,694	
33		Kissoon Mohan			20,753,071	
34		International Builders		33,251,349		
35		Amazon Construction			35,010,103	
36		John Stephens		7,767,471		
37	FURNITURE SUPPLIERS	Shamrock Woodworking			35,517,361	
38		Bethel Woodworking Establishment			84,436,677	
39		Aziz Bacchus			36,916,500	
40		Walvis & Sons			57,434,600	
41		A. H. & L. Kissoons Limited			22,271,125	
42		Jaipersaud Jainarine			46,053,100	

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were read the first time:

**1. FISCAL ENACTMENTS (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) BILL 2003
- Bill No. 16/2003**

[By the *Minister of Finance*]

2. INVESTMENT BILL 2003 - Bill No. 17/2003

[By the *Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce*]

3. SMALL BUSINESS BILL 2003 - Bill No. 18/2003

[By the *Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce*]

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

**ITEM 1. - ADOPTION OF REPORTS, EVIDENCE AND
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE OF
THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 8TH PARLIAMENT**

WHEREAS in accordance with Standing Order 76 (1) every Select Committee shall before the end of the session in which it was appointed, make a report to the Assembly upon matters referred to it;

AND WHEREAS the Public Accounts Committee, a Sessional Select Committee, of the National Assembly of the First Session of the Eighth Parliament, was unable, owing to the prorogation of Parliament on 27th November, 2002, to report on its examination of the Reports of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of Guyana and the Accounts of the Ministries, Departments, Regions for the fiscal years ended 31st December, 1999 and 31st December, 2000,

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referred to it in that Session;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Public accounts Committee of the National Assembly of the Second Session of the Eighth Parliament take into accounts -

(i) the abovementioned Reports of the Auditor General;

(ii) the evidence and Minutes in respect of the examination of these reports; and

(iii) make a report to the National Assembly on the examination of these Reports.

The Speaker: There is a Motion on the name of Mr Winston Murray.

The Hon. Minister of Parliamentary Affairs.

Hon. Reepu Daman Persaud: Mr Speaker, in consultation with the Chief Whip of the Opposition, I wish to move that the Motion be deferred to the next sitting.

The Speaker: Thank you.

Motion deferred

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members, this concludes our business for today.

The Hon. Minister of Parliamentary Affairs;

Hon Reepu Daman Persaud: Mr Speaker, there are some urgent business still outstanding and I have been in consultation with the Opposition Chief Whip and we have both agreed to meet next Wednesday at two o'clock and I sincerely request that.

The Speaker: Is that the 13th?

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Hon. Reepu Daman Persaud: Yes, Wednesday, 13th August, 2003.

I so move that the National Assembly be adjourned to the 13th August, 2003.

The Speaker: The National Assembly shall stand adjourn until the 13th,

[Adjourned accordingly at 14:11H]