

National Assembly Debates

**PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF
THE FIRST SESSION (2001) OF THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA
UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CO-OPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA**

24TH SITTING

2.00 PM

Thursday, 28 th March, 2002

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.	- <i>Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works and Communications</i>
The Hon. Reepu Daman Persaud, O.R., J.P., M.P.	- <i>Minister of Parliamentary Affairs</i>
The Hon. Clement J. Rohee, M.P.	- <i>Minister of Foreign Trade and International Co-operation</i>
The Hon. Harripersaud Nokta, M.P.	- <i>Minister of Local Government and Regional Development</i>
The Hon. Gail Teixeira, M.P.	- <i>Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport</i>
The Hon. Dr. Henry B. Jeffrey, M.P.	- <i>Minister of Education</i>
The Hon. Saisnarine Kowlessar, M.P.	- <i>Minister of Finance</i>
The Hon. Shaik K. Z. Baksh, M.P.	- <i>Minister of Housing and Water</i>
The Hon. Navindranauth O. Chandarpal, M.P.	- <i>Minister of Agriculture (Region No. 4-Demerara/Mahaica)</i>
The Hon. J. Ronald Gajraj, M.P.	- <i>Minister of Home Affairs (Region No. 3-Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)</i>
The Hon. Rev. Dr. Ramnauth D.A. Bisnauth, M.P.	- <i>Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security</i>
The Hon. Clinton C. Collymore, M.P.	- <i>Minister in the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development</i>

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The Hon. Satyadeow Sawh, M.P.	- Minister of Fisheries, Other Crops and Livestock (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)
*The Hon. S. Rudolph Insanally, 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
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) (Absent - on leave)
Mr. Donald R. Ramotar, M.P.	- (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)
Mr Husman Alli, M.P.	- (Absent)
Mr. Komal Chand, C.C.H., J.P., M.P.	
Mrs Indranie Chandarpal, M.P.	
Mr Bernard C. DeSantos, S.C., M.P.	- (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)
Mrs Shirley V. Edwards, J.P. M.P.	
Mr Odinga N. Lumumba, M.P.	
Mr Heeralall Mohan, M.P.	- (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supernaam)
Mr Ramesh C. Rajkumar, M.P.	- (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)
Mr Kumkaran Ramdas, M.P.	
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, Minister of Housing and Water
Mrs Pauline R. Sukhai, M.P.	- (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)

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

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

Mrs Sheila V.A. Holder, M.P.	- <i>(Absent-on leave)</i>
Mrs Shirley J. Melville, M.P.	- <i>(Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)</i>

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

Mr Ravindra Dev, M.P.

OFFICERS

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

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

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PRAYER

The Clerk read the Prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

Hon Members, leave from today's sitting has been granted to the Hon Members Mrs Debra Backer, Dr Dalglish Joseph and Mrs Sheila Holder.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

1. BUDGET FOR 2002 - MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2002

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the Financial Year 2002

The Speaker: Hon Members, the Assembly will now resolve itself into Committee of Supply to begin consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the year 2002.

14:05 H

In Committee

The Chairman: We are now in Committee of Supply. Hon Members, we will not proceed in accordance with the Sub-Committee's Resolution as scheduled. Will Members kindly get Volume 1 and turn to pages 30 and 31?

AGENCY 01 - OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, Programme 1 - Head Office Administration.

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Question is proposed that the sum of \$845,525,000 for Agency 01, Office of the President - Programme 1, Head Office Administration, stand part of the Estimates.

Any questions? *[Pause]* I know you have to take a minute or two to get yourselves collected, Hon Members, but please do so as quickly as possible.

I repeat - I propose the question that the sums stated for Agency 01, Office of the President, stand part of the Estimates.

Any questions? *[Pause]*

Agency 01 - Office of the President, Programme 1 - Head Office Administration - \$845,525,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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AGENCY 01 - OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, Programme 2 - Presidential Advisory (Cabinet and Other Services)

Question is proposed that the sum of \$89,375,000 for Agency 01 - Office of the President, Programme 2 - Presidential Advisory (Cabinet and Other Services) - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 01 - Office of the President, Programme 2 - Presidential Advisory (Cabinet and Other Services) - \$89,375,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 36 and 37

AGENCY 01 - OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, Programme 4 - Amerindian Development

Question is proposed that the sum of \$78,018,000 for Agency 01 - Office of the President, Programme 4 - Amerindian Development - stand part of the Estimates.

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Agency 01- Office of the President, Programme 4- Amerindian Development - \$78,018,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates

Pages 38 and 39

AGENCY 01 - OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, Programme 5 - Public Policy and Planning

Question is proposed that the sum of \$629,000 for Agency 01 - Office of the President, Programme 5 - Public Policy and Planning - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 01 - Office of the President, Programme 5 - Public Policy and Planning - \$629,000 - stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 476 and 477

DIVISION 501 - OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Question is proposed that the sum of \$642,673,000 for Division 501 - Office of the President - stand part of the Estimates.

Division 501 - Office of the President - \$642,673,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 502 - OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT - El Nino Emergency

Question is proposed that the sum of \$427,582,000 for Division 502 - Office of the President - E Nino Emergency - stand part of the Estimates.

Division 502 - Office of the President - El Nino Emergency - \$427,582,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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AGENCY 09 - PUBLIC AND POLICE SERVICE COMMISSIONS, Programme 1 - Public and Police Service Commissions

Question is proposed that the sum of \$23,856,000 for Agency 09 - Public and Police Service Commissions, Programme 1 - Public and Police Service Commissions - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 09 - Public and Police Service Commissions, Programme 1 - Public and Police Service Commissions - \$23,856,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 505 - CONSTITUTIONAL AGENCIES (Project Code 25002)

Question is proposed that the sum of \$2,000,000 for Division 505 Constitutional Agencies (Project Code 25002), Public Service Commission - stand part of the Estimates.

Division 505 - Constitutional Agencies (Project Code 25002), Public Service Commission - \$2,000,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Hon Member, Ravi Dev I am proposing that we take these items Agency by Agency, rather than go through each item. If you have any objection, I will have to proceed item by item. If, however, you do not wish to ask any question, it will serve the House well if we proceed by Agency, but then if there is any question you wish to ask on any item, once we touch the Head of the Agency, you can ask your question. Would that meet with your approval?

Mr Ravi Dev: That is satisfactory.

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The Chairman: Hon Members, I will go slowly so you can have the opportunity of perusing the items under each Agency before I put the question.

We have completed Agency 01 and Agency 09 .

Pages 88 and 89.

This Agency has one Programme and one Division.

**AGENCY 10 - TEACHING SERVICE COMMISSION,
Programme 1 - Teaching Service Commission.**

Question is proposed that the sum of \$21,634,000 for Agency 10 - Teaching Service Commission, Programme 1 - Teaching Service Commission - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 10 - Teaching Service Commission, Programme 1 - Teaching Service Commission - \$21,634,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 505 - CONSTITUTIONAL AGENCIES (Project Code 25008)

Question is proposed that the sum of \$2,200,000 for Division 505 - Constitutional Agencies (Project Code 25008), Teaching Service Commission - stand part of the Estimates.

Division 505 - Constitutional Agencies (Project Code 25008), Teaching Service Commission - \$2,200,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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AGENCY 11 - ELECTIONS COMMISSION, Programme 1 - Elections Secretariat.

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Question is proposed that the sums of \$151,349,000 for Agency 11 - Elections Commission, Programme 1 - Elections Secretariat - stand part of the Estimates.

Any questions? *[Pause]*

Agency 11 - Elections Commission, Programme 1 - Elections Secretariat - \$151,349,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the estimates.

Pages 94 and 95.

AGENCY 11 - ELECTIONS COMMISSION, Programme 2 - National, Regional and Local Government Elections.

Question is proposed that the sum of \$500,916,000 for Agency 11 - Elections Commission, Programme 2 - National, Regional and Local Government Elections - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 11 - Elections Commission Programme 2 - Elections Commission - \$500,916,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 505 - CONSTITUTIONAL AGENCIES (Project code 25010)

Question is proposed that the sum of \$13,000,000 for Division 505 - Constitutional Agencies (Project Code 25010), Guyana Elections Commission - stand part of the Estimates.

Division 505 - Constitutional Agencies (Project Code 25010), Guyana Elections Commission - \$13,000,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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AGENCY 14- PUBLIC SERVICE MINISTRY, Programme 1- Public Service Management.

Question is proposed that the sum of \$157,009,000 for Agency 14 - Public Service Ministry, Programme 1 - Public Service Management - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 14 - Public Service Ministry, Programme 1 - Public Service Management - \$157,009,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 549 - PUBLIC SERVICE MINISTRY

Question is proposed that the sum of \$13,000,000 for Division 549 - Public Service Ministry - stand part of the Estimates

Division 549 - Public Service Ministry - \$13,000,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 118 and 119.

AGENCY 16 - MINISTRY OF AMERINDIAN AFFAIRS, Programme 1 - Amerindian Development

Question is proposed that the sum of \$33,000,000 for Agency 16, Ministry of Amerindian Affairs, Programme 1 - Amerindian Development - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 16 - Ministry of Amerindian Affairs, Programme 1 - Amerindian Development - \$33,000,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 551 - MINISTRY OF AMERINDIAN AFFAIRS

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Question is proposed that the sum of \$56,583,000 for Division 551 - Ministry of Amerindian Affairs - stand part of the Estimates.

Division 551 - Ministry of Amerindian Affairs - \$56,583,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 286 and 287

AGENCY 53 - GUYANA DEFENCE FORCE, Programme 1 - Defence Headquarters

Question is proposed that the sum of \$2,624,857,000 for Agency 53 - Guyana Defence Force, Programme 1 - Defence Headquarters - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 53 - Guyana Defence Force, Programme 1 - Defence Headquarters - \$2,624,857,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 306 and 307.

AGENCY 57 - OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN, Programme 1 - Ombudsman

Question is proposed that the sum of \$4,271,000 for Agency 57 - Office of the Ombudsman, Programme 1 - Ombudsman - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 57 - Office of the Ombudsman, Programme 1 - Ombudsman - \$4,271,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 505 - CONSTITUTIONAL AGENCIES (Project Code 25005)

Question is proposed that the sum of \$475,000 for Division 505 -

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Constitutional Agencies (Project code 25005), Office of the Ombudsman – stand part of the Estimates.

Division 505 - Constitutional Agencies (Project Code 25005), Office of the Ombudsman - \$475,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 310 and 311

AGENCY 58 - PUBLIC SERVICE APPELLATE TRIBUNAL, Programme 1 - Public Service Appellate Tribunal

Question is proposed that the sum of \$7,551,000 for Agency 58 - Public Service Appellate Tribunal, Programme 1 - Public Service Appellate Tribunal - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 58 - Public Service Appellate Tribunal, Programme 1 - Public Service Appellate Tribunal - \$7,551,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 505 - CONSTITUTIONAL AGENCIES (Project Code 25009)

Question is proposed that the sum of \$2,000,000 for Division 505 - Constitutional Agencies (Project Code 25009), Public Service Appellate Tribunal - stand part of the Estimates.

Mr Ravi Dev: Mr Chairman, in the 2001 Budget, the compound was already resurfaced. I would like to know if this is being done a second time.

The Chairman: What code are you referring to?

Mr Ravi Dev: The same one we are discussing, Public Service Appellate Tribunal, Project Code 25009.

The Chairman: In page 481?

Mr Ravi Dev: Yes, page 481.

The Chairman: What code would that be, Hon Member? *[Pause]*
What code are you referring to at page 481, the number at the side?

Mr Ravi Dev: 25009 - Resurfacing of Compound.

The Chairman: Thank you.

Hon Samuel A. A. Hinds: Mr Chairman, I would expect that this is as it is stated here, to improve the ground, to resurface the compound and construction of a library.

Mr Ravi Dev: But the question was, this was done already according to the 2001 Budget. Money was spent for the exact expenditure, for the surfacing of the compound.

Hon Samuel A. A. Hinds: It is being done in phases, Sir.

The Chairman: Any other questions? *[Pause]*

**Division 505 - Constitutional Agencies (Project Code 25009),
Public Service Appellate Tribunal - \$2,000,000 - agreed to and
ordered to stand part of the Estimates.**

The Chairman: I would like Hon Members to pay close attention to the Estimates as we proceed and do not take it as given that no questions would be asked even by Members on your own side of the House.

Pages 42 and 43

**AGENCY 02 - OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER,
Programme 1 - Prime Minister's Secretariat**

**Question is proposed that the sum of \$42,404,000 for Agency 02 -
Office of the Prime Minister, Programme 1 - Prime Minister's**

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Secretariat – stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 02 - Office of the Prime Minister, Programme 1 - Prime Minister's Secretariat \$42,404,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 156 and 157

AGENCY 31 - MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS, Programme 1 - Ministry Administration

Question is proposed that the sum of \$637,292,000 for Agency 31 - Ministry of Public Works and Communications, Programme 1 - Ministry Administration - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 31 - Ministry of Public Works and Communications, Programme 1 - Ministry Administration - \$637,292,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 158 and 159

AGENCY 31 - MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS, Programme 2 - Public Works

Question is proposed that the sum of \$135,581,000 for Agency 31 - Ministry of Public Works and Communications, Programme 2 - Public Works - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 31 - Ministry of Public Works and Communications, Programme 2 - Public Works - \$135,581,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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AGENCY 31 - MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS, Programme 3 - Transport and Planning

Question is proposed that the sum of \$37,570,000 for Agency 31 -

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Ministry of Public Works and Communications, Programme 3 – Transport and Planning – stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 31 - Ministry of Public Works and Communications, Programme 3 - Transport and Planning - \$37,570,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 517 - MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS - Air Transport Reform Programme

Question is proposed that the sum of \$562,450,000 for Division 517 - Ministry of Public Works and Communications - Air Transport Reform Programme - stand part of the Estimates.

Division 517 - Ministry of Public Works and Communications - Air Transport Reform Programme - \$562,450,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 518 - MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS - Bridges

Question is proposed that the sum of \$69,049,000 for Division 518 - Ministry of Public Works and Communications - Bridges - stand part of the Estimates.

Division 518 - Ministry of Public Works and Communications - Bridges - \$69,049,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 519 - MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS - Sea Defences

Question is proposed that the sum of \$1,603,500,000 for Division

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519 – Ministry Of Public Works and Communications – Sea Defences – stand part of the Estimates.

Division 519 - Ministry of Public Works and Communications - Sea Defences - \$1,603,500,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 497 and 498

DIVISION 520 - MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Question is proposed that the sum of \$1,249,250,000 for Division 520 - Ministry of Public Works and Communications - stand part of the Estimates.

Division 520 - Ministry of Public Works and Communications - \$1,249,250,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 521 - MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS - ROAD CONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION AND STUDIES

Question is proposed that the sum of \$130,815,000 for Division 520 - Ministry of Public Works - Road Construction, Rehabilitation and Studies - stand part of the Estimates.

Division 521 - Ministry of Public Works - Road Construction, Rehabilitation and Studies - \$130,815,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 548 - MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS - Bridges/Roads

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Question is proposed that the sum of \$870,751,000 for Division 548 – Ministry of Communications and Works – Bridges/Roads – stand part of the estimates.

Division 548 - Ministry of Communications and Works - Bridges/Roads - \$870,751,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 76 and 77

AGENCY 07 - PARLIAMENT OFFICE, Programme 1 - National Assembly

Question is proposed that the sum of \$92,228,000 for Agency 07 - Parliament Office, Programme 1 - National Assembly - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 07 - Parliament Office, Programme 1 - National Assembly - \$92,228,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 505 - CONSTITUTIONAL AGENCIES (Project Code 25003)

Question is proposed that the sum of \$10,000,000 for Division 505 - Constitutional Agencies (Project Code 25003), Parliament Building - stand part of the Estimates.

Division 505 - Constitutional Agencies (Project code 25003), Parliament Building - \$10,000,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 114 and 115

AGENCY 15 - MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION, Programme 1 - Foreign

Trade and International Co-operation

Question is proposed that the sum of \$21,000,000 for Agency 15 - Ministry of Foreign Trade and International Co-operation, Programme 1 - Foreign Trade and International Co-operation - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 15 - Ministry of Foreign Trade and International Co-operation, Programme 1 - Foreign Trade and International Co-operation - \$21,000,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 550 - MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION

Question is proposed that the sum of \$5,000,000 for Division 550 - Ministry of Foreign Trade and International co-operation - stand part of the Estimates.

Division 550 - Ministry of Foreign Trade and International Co-operation - \$5,000,000 agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 56 and 57

AGENCY 04 - MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, Programme 1 - Ministry Administration

Question is proposed that the sum of \$363,542,000 for Agency 04 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Programme 1 - Ministry Administration- stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 04 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Programme 1 - Ministry Administration - \$363,542,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 58 and 59

AGENCY 04 - MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, Programme 2 - Foreign Relations

Question is proposed that the sum of \$934,455,000 for Agency 04 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Programme 2 - Foreign Relations - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 04 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Programme 2 - Foreign Relations \$934,455,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 60 and 61

AGENCY 04 - MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, Programme 3 - Foreign Trade and International Co-operation

Question is proposed that the sum of \$18,271,000 for Agency 04 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Programme 3 - Foreign Trade and International Co-operation - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 04 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Programme 3 - Foreign Trade and International Co-operation - \$18,271,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 506 - MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Question is proposed that the sum of \$18,000,000 for Division 506 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs - stand part of the Estimates.

Division 506 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs - \$18,000,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Page 208 and 209

**AGENCY 44- MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT,
Programme 1 – Ministry Administration**

**Question is proposed that the sum of \$55,763,000 for Agency 44 -
Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport, Programme 1 - Ministry
Administration - stand part of the Estimates.**

**Agency 44 - Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport, Programme 1 -
Ministry Administration - \$55,763,000 agreed to and ordered to
stand part of the Estimates.**

Page 210 and 211

**AGENCY 44 - MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT,
Programme 2 - Culture**

**Question is proposed that the sum of \$120,028,000 for Agency 44
- Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport, Programme 2 - Culture -
stand part of the Estimates.**

**Agency 44 - Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport, Programme 2 -
\$120,028,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the
Estimates.**

Pages 212 and 213

**AGENCY 44 - MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT
Programme 3 - Youth**

**Question is proposed that the sum of \$32,569,000 for Agency 44 -
Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport, Programme 3 - Youth - stand
part of the Estimates.**

**Agency 44 - Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport, Programme 3 -
Youth - \$32,569,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the
Estimates.**

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**AGENCY 44 – MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT,
Programme 4 - Sports**

Question is proposed that the sum of \$63,000,000 for Agency 44 - Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport, Programme 4 - Sports - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 44 - Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport, Programme 4 - sports - \$63,000,000 agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 216 and 217

**AGENCY 44 - MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT,
Programme 5 - Youth Entrepreneurial Skills Training**

Question is proposed that the sum of \$225,701,000 for Agency 44 - Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport, Programme 5 - Youth Entrepreneurial Skills Training - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 44 - Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport, Programme 5 - Youth Entrepreneurial Skills Training - \$225,701,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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**DIVISION 541 - MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH AND
SPORT**

Question is proposed that the sum of \$55,113,000 for Division 541 - Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport - stand part of the Estimates.

Mr Ravi Dev: Mr Chairman, I want to speak on Project Code 25001, Museum Development and was pleased to hear from the Minister that ... *[Interruption]*

The Chairman: Hon Member, what page is it?

Mr Ravi Dev: This is page 520...

The Chairman: Thank you.

Mr Ravi Dev: ... and to ask on Project Code 25001 whether the Ministry will look favourably to the development, since we have the Walter Roth Museum for Amerindians, the African Museum for African Art, would the Minister look favourably upon the development of a Museum for Indian Heritage and Culture in terms of that item?

Hon Gail Teixeira: Mr Chairman, I am very glad that the Hon Member has raised this issue. While the Budget would not accommodate that art development in a macro way, that is the development we wish to hope to move in the next two or three years in building the collections and to be able to find housing for such a social history museum that would incorporate indentured labourers, Indians in particular, but certainly one that would be able to reflect the multi-cultured nature of our society. Yes, thank you.

The Chairman: Any other questions? *[Pause]*

Division 541 - Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport - \$55,113,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 166 and 167

AGENCY 41 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, Programme 1 - Main Office

Question is proposed that the sum of \$225,182,000 for Agency 41 - Ministry of Education, Programme 1 - Main Office - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 41 - Ministry of Education, Programme 1 - Main Office - \$225,182,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 168 and 169

AGENCY 41 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, Programme 2 - National Education Policy - Implementation and Supervision

Question is proposed that the sum of \$110,743,000 for Agency 41 - Ministry of Education, Programme 2 - National Education Policy - Implementation and Supervision - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 41 - Ministry of Education, Programme 2 - National Education Policy - Implementation and Supervision - \$110,743,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 170 and 171

AGENCY 41 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, Programme 3 - Ministry Administration

Question is proposed that the sum of \$487,080,000 for Agency 41 - Ministry of Education, Programme 3 - Ministry Administration - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 41 - Ministry of Education, Programme 3 - Ministry Administration - \$487,080,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 172 and 173

AGENCY 41 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, Programme 4 - Training and Development

Question is proposed that the sum of \$437,517,000 for Agency 41 - Ministry of Education, Programme 4 - Training and Development - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 41 - Ministry of Education, Programme 4 - Training and Development - \$437,517,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Page 174 and 175

AGENCY 41 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, Programme 5 - Education Delivery

Question is proposed that the sum of \$2,581,477,000 for Agency 41 - Ministry of Education, Programme 5 - Education Delivery - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 41 - Ministry of Education, Programme 5 - Education Delivery - \$2,581,477,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 542 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - Primary Education Improvement Programme

Question is proposed that the sum of \$902,435,000 for Division 542 - Ministry of Education - Primary Education Improvement Programme - stand part of the Estimates.

Division 542 - Ministry of Education - Primary Education Improvement Programme - \$902,435,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 543 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Question is proposed that the sum of \$950,400,000 for Division 543 - Ministry of Education - stand part of the Estimates.

Division 543 - Ministry of Education - \$950,400,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 544 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION – Secondary School Reform Project

Question is proposed that the sum of \$645,750,000 for Division 544 - Ministry of Education - Secondary School Reform Project - stand part of the Estimates.

Division 544 - Ministry of Education - Secondary School Reform Project - \$645,750,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 547 - GUYANA EDUCATION ACCESS PROJECT

Question is proposed that the sum of \$490,000,000 for Division 547 - Guyana Education Access Project - stand part of the Estimates.

Division 547 - Guyana Education Access Project - \$490,000,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 102 and 103

AGENCY 13 - MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, Programme 1 - Main Office

Question is proposed that the sum of \$19,338,000 for Agency 13 - Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development, Programme 1 - Main Office - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 13 - Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development, Programme 1 - Main Office - \$19,338,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 104 and 105

AGENCY 13 – MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, Programme 2 – Ministry Administration

Question is proposed that the sum of \$13,850,000 for Agency 13 - Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development, Programme 2 - Ministry Administration - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 13 - Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development, Programme 2 - Ministry Administration - \$13,850,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 106 and 107

AGENCY 13 - MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, Programme 3 - Regional Development

Question is proposed that the sum of \$54,961,000 for Agency 13 - Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development, Programme 3 - Regional development - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 13 - Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development, Programme 3 -Regional Development - \$54,961,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 527 - MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Question is proposed that the sum of \$1,041,576,000 for Division 527 - Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development - stand part of the Estimates.

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Division 527 – Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development - \$1,041,576,000 – agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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Pages 316 and 317

AGENCY 71 - REGION 1, BARIMA/WAINI, PROGRAMME 1 - Regional Administration and Finance

Question is proposed that the sum of \$37,622,000 for Agency 71 - Region 1, Barima/Waini, Programme 1 - Regional Administration and Finance - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 71 - Region 1, Barima/Waini, Programme 1 - Regional Administration and Finance - \$37,622,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 320 and 321

AGENCY 71 - REGION 1, BARIMA/WAINI, Programme 3 - Public Works question is proposed that the sum of \$66,439,000 for Agency 71 - Region 1, Barima/Waini, Programme 3, Public Works - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 71 - Region 1, Barima Waini, Programme 3 - Public Works - \$66,439,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 322 and 323

AGENCY 71 - REGION 1, BARIMA/WAINI, Programme 4 - Education Delivery

Question is proposed that the sum of \$217,668,000 for Agency 71 - Region 1, Barima/Waini, Programme 4 - Education Delivery - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 71 - Region 1, Barima/Waini, Programme 4 - Education

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Delivery - \$217,668,000 – agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 324 and 325

AGENCY 71 - REGION 1, BARIMA/WAINI, Programme 5 - Health Services

Question is proposed that the sum of \$106,333,000 for Agency 71 - Region 1, Barima/Waini, Programme 5 - Health Services - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 71 - Region 1, Barima/Waini, Programme 5 - Health Services - \$106,333,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 531 - REGION 1, BARIMA /WAINI

Question is proposed that the sum of \$91,672,000 for Division 531 - Region 1, Barima/Waini - stand part of the Estimates.

Division 531 - Region 1, Barima/Waini - \$91,672,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 330 and 331

AGENCY 72 - REGION 2, POMEROON/SUPENAAM, Programme 1 - Regional Administration and Finance

Question is proposed that the sum of \$61,102,000 for Agency 72 - Region 2, Pomeroon/Supenaam, Programme 1 - Regional Administration and Finance - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 72 - Region 2, Pomeroon/Supenaam, Programme 1 - Regional Administration and Finance - \$61,102,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 332 and 333

**AGENCY 72 - REGION 2, POMEROON/SUPENAAM,
Programme 2 - Agriculture**

Question is proposed that the sum of \$66,568,000 for Agency 72 - Region 2, Pomeroon/Supenaam, Programme 2 - Agriculture - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 72 - Region 2, Pomeroon/Supenaam, Programme 2 - Agriculture - \$66,568,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 334 and 335

**AGENCY 72 - REGION 2, POMEROON/SUPENAAM,
Programme 3 - Public Works**

Question is proposed that the sum of \$49,720,000 for Agency 72 - Region 2, Pomeroon/Supenaam, Programme 3 - Public Works - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 72 - Region 2, Pomeroon/Supenaam, Programme 3 - Public Works - \$49,720,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 336 and 337

**AGENCY 72 - REGION 2, POMEROON/SUPENAAM,
Programme 4 - Education Delivery**

Question is proposed that the sum of \$506,010,000 for Agency 72 - Pomeroon/Supenaam, Programme 4 - Education Delivery - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 72 - Pomeroon/Supenaam, Programme 4 - Education delivery - \$506,010,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 338 and 339

**AGENCY 72 - REGION 2, POMEROON/SUPENAAM,
Programme 5 -Health Services**

Question is proposed that the sum of \$180,498,000 for Region 2, Pomeroon Supenaam, Programme 5 - Health Services - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 72 - Region 2, Pomeroon/Supenaam, Programme 5 - Health Services - \$180,498,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 532 - REGION 2, POMEROON/SUPENAAM

Question is proposed that the sum of \$173,600,000 for Division 532 - Region 2, Pomeroon/Supenaam - stand part of the Estimates.

Mr Ravi Dev: Mr Chairman, with reference to Project Code 13009 - Miscellaneous Drainage and Irrigation Works ... *[Interruption]*

The Chairman: What project is that, Hon Member?

Mr Ravi Dev: Page 511 - I would like to question two aspects:

Last year, I believe, we budgeted \$91 million for similar work and that work has still not been completed to satisfaction. I believe, the contract still has not been completed and I wonder if this \$92 million will be scheduled early enough for completion.

The land in Essequibo... if we had a project on levelling which would really increase the yield. I am wondering if some of that money could not have been spent on a programme of levelling the land in Essequibo or beginning of such a programme...

Hon Harripersaud Nokta: Mr Chairman, the sums allocated last year

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were to do similar work in drainage and irrigation, to clear the many canals stretching from Supernaam to all the way down to Charity and it includes also the grading of dams and so forth. This is a continuous project because every year we have to do it. It had to be done last year urgently because of the heavy rains at one time then the dry weather. The sums allocated this year are to continue the same work and to keep the system in good order to ensure good agricultural crops.

Mr Ravi Dev: The question, Hon Minister, was also whether we should not include the element of levelling of the land which would also go to the heart of what is expected, which is to raise the yield in Essequibo, like a programme of levelling, if we cannot integrate that in this whole system of land development there.

Hon HARRIPERSAUD NOKTA: Mr Chairman, levelling of the land, while it is necessary and important, under this Head, it is strictly for the canals, roads, dams, kokers and so forth. If it becomes necessary, then the Regions, once they have savings, and it is a priority, surely they will seek permission from the Ministry of Finance to do that.

The Chairman: Any other questions, Hon Members?

Division 532 - Region 2, Pomeroon/Supernaam - \$173,600,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 344 and 345

AGENCY 73 - REGION 3, ESSEQUIBO ISLANDS/WEST DEMERARA, Programme 1 - Regional Administration and Finance

Question is proposed that the sum of \$88,878,000 for Agency 73 - Region 3, Essequibo Islands/West Demerara, Programme 1 Regional Administration and Finance - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 73 - Region 3, Essequibo Islands/West Demerara, Programme 1 - Regional Administration and Finance - \$88,878,000

-agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 346 and 347

**AGENCY 73 - REGION 3, ESSEQUIBO ISLANDS/WEST
DEMERRARA, Programme**

2 - Agriculture

**Question is proposed that the sum of \$74,421,000 for Agency 73 -
Region 3, Essequibo Islands/West Demerara, Programme 2 -
Agriculture - stand part of the Estimates**

**Agency 73 - Region 3, Essequibo Islands/West Demerara,
Programme 2 - Agriculture - \$74,421,000 - agreed to and ordered
to stand part of the Estimates.**

Pages 348 and 349

**AGENCY 73 - REGION 3, ESSEQUIBO ISLANDS/WEST
DEMERRARA, Programme**

3 - Public Works

**Question is proposed that the sum of \$43,633,000 for Agency 73
-Region 3, Essequibo Islands/West Demerara, Programme 3 -
Public Works-stand part of the Estimates.**

**Agency 73 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara, Programme 3 -
Public Works - \$43,633,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part
of the Estimates.**

Pages 350 and 351

**AGENCY 73 - REGION 3, ESSEQUIBO ISLANDS/WEST
DEMERRARA, Programme 4 - Education Delivery**

Question is proposed that the sum of \$718,748,000 for Agency 73

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-Region 3, Essequibo Islands/West Demerara, Programme 4 - Education Delivery - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 73 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara, Programme 4 - Education Delivery - \$718,748,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 352 and 353

AGENCY 73 - REGION 3, ESSEQUIBO ISLANDS/WEST DEMERARA, Programme 5 - Health Services

Question is proposed that the sum of \$289,513,000 for Agency 73 - Region 3, Essequibo Islands/West Demerara, Programme 5 - Health Services - stand part of the Estimates,

Agency 73 - Region 3, Essequibo Islands/West Demerara, Programme 5 - Health Services - \$289,513,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 533 - REGION 3, ESSEQUIBO ISLANDS/WEST DEMERARA

Question is proposed that the sum of \$134,400,000 for Division 533 - Region 3, Essequibo Islands/West Demerara - stand part of the Estimates.

Division 533 - Region 3, Essequibo Islands/West Demerara - \$134,400,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 358 and 359

AGENCY 74 - REGION 4, DEMERARA/MAHAICA, Programme 1 - Regional Administration and Finance.

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Question is proposed that sum of \$67, 297,000 for Agency 74 - Region 4, Demerara/Mahaica, Programme 1 - Regional Administration and Finance - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 74 - Region 4, Demerara/Mahaica, Programme 1 - Regional Administration and Finance - \$67,297,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates

Pages 360 and 361

AGENCY 74 - REGION 4, DEMERARA/MAHAICA, Programme 2 - Agriculture

Questioned is proposed that the sum of \$57,518,000 for Agency 74 - Region 4, Demerara/Mahaica, Programme 2 - Agriculture - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 74 - Region 4 Demerara/Mahaica, Programme 2 - Agriculture - \$57,518,00 -

Pages 362 and 363

AGENCY 74 - REGION 4, DEMERARA/MAHAICA, Programme 3 - Public Works

Question is proposed that the sum of \$82,112,000 for Agency 74 - Region 4, demerara/Mahaica, Programme 3 - Public Works - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 74 - Region 4, Demerara/Mahaica Programme 3 - Public Works - \$82,112,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates

Pages 364 and 365

AGENCY 74 - REGION 4, DEMERARA/MAHAICA, Programme 4 - Education Delivery

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Question is proposed that the sum of \$955,715,000 for Agency 74- Region 4, Demerara/Mahaica, Programme 4-Education Delivery- stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 74 - Region 4, Demerara/Mahaica, Programme 4 - Education Delivery - \$955,715,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 366 and 367

AGENCY 74 - REGION 4, DEMERARA/MAHAICA, Programme 5 - Health Services

Question is proposed that the sum of \$108,846,000 for Agency 74 - Region 4, Demerara/Mahaica, Programme 5 - Health services - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 74 - Region 4, Demerara/Mahaica, Programme 5 - Health Services - \$108,846,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 534 - REGION 4, DEMERARA/MAHAICA

Question is proposed that the sum of \$83,900,000 for Division 534 - Region 4 Demerara/Mahaica - stands part of the Estimates

Division 534 - Region 4, Demerara/Mahaica - \$83,900,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 372 and 373

AGENCY 75 - MAHAICA/BERBICE, Programme 1 - Regional Administration and Finance.

Questioned is proposed that the sum of \$30,158,000 for Agency 75 - Mahaica/Berbice, Programme 1 - Regional Administration

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and Finance –stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 75 - Mahaica/Berbice, Programme 1 - Agriculture - \$30,158,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 374 and 375

AGENCY 75 - MAHAICA/BERBICE, Programme 2 - Agriculture

Question is proposed that the sum of \$48,674,000 for Agency 75 - Mahaica/Berbice, Programme 1 - agriculture - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 75 - Mahaica/Berbice, Programme 2 - Agriculture - \$48,674,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates

Pages 376 and 377

AGENCY 75 - MAHAICA/BERBICE, Programme 3 - Public Works

Question is proposed that the sum of \$72,604,000 for Agency 75 - Mahaica/Berbice, Programme 3 - Public Works - \$72,604,000 - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 75 - Mahaica/Berbice, Programme 3 - Public Works - \$72,604,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Page 378 and 379

AGENCY 75 - MAHAICA/BERBICE, Programme 4 - Education Delivery

Question is proposed that the sum of \$404,254,000 for the Agency 75 Mahaica/Berbice

Programme 4 -Education Delivery - stand part of the Estimates.

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Agency 75 - Mahaica/Berbice, Programme 4 - Education Delivery - \$404,254,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 380 and 381

AGENCY 75 - MAHAICA/BERBICE, Programme 5 - Health Services

Questioned is proposed that the sum of \$109,444,000 for Agency 75 - Mahaica/Berbice, Programme 5 - Health Services - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 75 - Mahaica/Berbice, Programme 5 - Health Services - \$109,444,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 535 - REGION 5, MAHAICA/BERBICE

Questioned is proposed that the sum of \$145,800,000 for Division 535 - Region 5, Mahaica/Berbice - stand part of the Estimates.

Division 535 - Region 5 Mahaica/Berbice - \$145,800,000 - agreed to an ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 386 and 387

AGENCY 76 - REGION 6, EAST BERBICE/CORENTYNE, Programme 1 - Regional Administration and Finance

Question is proposed that the sum of \$45,768,000 for Agency 76 - Region 6, East Berbice/ Corentyne, Programme 1 - Regional Administration and Finance - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 76 - Region 6, East Berbice/Corentyne, Programme 1 - \$45,768,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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Pages 388 and 389

**AGENCY 76 - REGION 6, EAST BERBICE/CORENTYNE,
Programme 2 - Agriculture**

Question is proposed that the sum of \$105,315,000 for Region 6, East Berbice/Corentyne, Programme 2 - Agriculture - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 76 - Region 6, East Berbice/Corentyne, Programme 2 - Agriculture - \$105,315,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 390 and 391

**AGENCY 76 - REGION 6 EAST BERBICE/CORENTYNE,
Programme 3 - Public Works**

Question is proposed that the sum of \$88,474,000 for Agency 76 - Region 6, East Berbice/Corentyne, Programme 3 - Public Works - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 76 - Region 6, East Berbice/Corentyne, Programme 3 - Public Works - \$88,474,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 392 and 393

**AGENCY 76 - REGION 6, EAST BERBICE/CORENTYNE,
Programme 4 - Education Delivery**

Question is proposed that the sum of \$786,133,000 for Agency 76 - Region 6, East Berbice/Corentyne, Programme 4 - Education Delivery - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 76 - Region 6, East Berbice/Corentyne, Programme 4 - Education Delivery - \$786,133,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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Pages 394 and 395

**AGENCY 76 - REGION 6, EAST BERBICE/CORENTYNE,
Programme 5 - Health Services**

Question is proposed that the sum of \$448,038,000 for Agency 76 - Region 6, East Berbice/Corentyne, Programme 5 - Health Services - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 76 - Region 6, East Berbice/Corentyne, Programme 5 - \$448,038,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 536 - REGION 6, EAST BERBICE/CORENTYNE

Question is proposed that the sum of \$192,463,000 for Division 536 - Region 6, East Berbice/Corentyne - stand part of the Estimates.

Division 536 - Region 6, East Berbice/Corentyne - \$192,463,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 400 and 401

AGENCY 77 - REGION 7, CUYUNI/MAZARUNI, Programme 1 - Regional Administration and Finance

Question is proposed that the sum of \$53,382,000 for Agency 77 - Region 7, Cuyuni/Mazaruni, Programme 1 - Regional Administration and Finance - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 77 - Region 7, Cuyuni/Mazaruni, Programme 1 - Regional Administration and Finance - \$53,382,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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AGENCY 77 - REGION 7, CUYUNI/MAZARUNI, Programme 3 - Public Works

Question is proposed that the sum of \$42,081,000 for Agency 77 - Region 7, Cuyuni/Mazaruni, Programme 3 - Public Works - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 77 - Region 7, Cuyuni/Mazaruni, Programme 3 - Public Works - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 406 and 407

AGENCY 77 - REGION 7, CUYUNI/MAZARUNI, Programme 4 - Education Delivery

Question is proposed that the sum of \$219,510,000 for Agency 77 - Region 7, Cuyuni/Mazaruni, Programme 4 - Education Delivery -stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 77- Region 7, Cuyuni/Mazaruni, Programme 4- Education Delivery- \$219,510,000 – agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 408 and 409

AGENCY 77 -REGION 7, CUYUNI/MAZARUNI, Programme 5 - Health Services

Question is proposed that the sum of \$110,780,000 for Agency 77 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni, Programme 5 - Health Services - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 77 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni, Programme 5 - Health Services - \$110,780,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 537 – REGION 7, CUYUNI/MAZARUNI

Question is proposed that the sum of \$62,100,000 for Division 537 - Region 7, Cuyuni/Mazaruni - stand part of the Estimates.

Division 537 - Region 7, Cuyuni/Mazaruni - \$62,100,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates

Pages 414 and 415

AGENCY 78 - REGION 8 POTARO/SIPARUNI, Programme 1 - Regional Administration and Finance

Question is proposed that the sum of \$23,752,000 for Agency 78 - Region 8 Potaro/Siparuni, Programme 1 - Regional Administration and Finance - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 78 - Region 8 Potaro/Siparuni, Programme 1 - Regional Administration and Finance - \$23,752,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 416 and 417

AGENCY 78 - REGION 8 POTARO/SIPARUNI, Programme 2 - Public Works

Question is proposed that the sum of \$33,287,000 for Agency 78 - Region 8, Potaro/Siparuni, Programme 2 - Public Works - stand part of the Estimates,

Agency 78 - Region 8, Potaro/Siparuni, Programme 2 - Public Works - \$33,287,00 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 418 and 419

AGENCY 78 - REGION 8, POTARO/SIPARUNI, Programme 3 - Education Delivery

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Question is proposed that the sum of \$89,155,000 for Agency 78-Region 8, Potaro/Siparuni, Programme 3-Education Delivery-stand part of the Estimates

Agency 78 - Region 8, Potaro/Siparuni, Programme 3 - Education Delivery - \$89,155,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 420 and 421

AGENCY 78 - REGION 8 POTARO/SIPARUNI, Programme 4 - Health Services

Question is proposed that the sum of \$55,506,000 for Agency 78 - Region 8, Potaro/Siparuni, Programme 4 - Health Services - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 78 - Region 8, Potaro/Siparuni, Programme 4 - Health Services \$55,506,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 538 - REGION 8, POTARO/SIPARUNI

Question is proposed that the sum of \$72,000,000 for Division 538 - Region 8, Potaro/Siparuni - stand part of the Estimates.

Division 538 - Region 8, Potaro/Siparuni - \$72,000,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 426 and 427.

AGENCY 79 - REGION 9, UPPER TAKUTU/UPPER ESSEQUIBO, Programme 1 - Regional Administration and Finance

Question is proposed that the sum of \$41,976,000 for Agency

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**Region 9, Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo, Programme 1-
Regional Administration and Finance - stand part of the Estimates.**

**Agency 79 - Region 9, Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo,
Programme 1 - Regional Administration and Finance - \$41,976,000
- agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates**

Pages 428 and 429

**AGENCY 79 - REGION 9, UPPER TAKUTU/UPPER
ESSEQUIBO, Programme 2 - Agriculture**

**Question is proposed that the sum of \$6,259,000 for Agency 79 -
Region 9, Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo, Programme 2 -
Agriculture - stand part of the Estimates.**

**Agency 79 -Region 9, Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo Programme
2-Agriculture - \$6,259,000-agreed to and ordered to stand part of
the Estimates**

Pages 430 and 431

**AGENCY 79 - REGION 9, UPPER TAKUTU/UPPER
ESSEQUIBO, Programme 3 - Public Works**

**Question is proposed that the sum of \$35,941,000 for Agency 79 -
Region 9, Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo, Programme 3 - Public
Works - stand part of the Estimates.**

**Agency 79 - Region 9, Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo,
Programme 3 - Public Works - \$35,941,000 - agreed to and ordered
to stand part of the Estimates.**

Pages 432 and 433

**AGENCY 79 - REGION 9, UPPER TAKUTU/UPPER
ESSEQUIBO, Programme 4 - Education Delivery**

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Question is proposed that the sum of \$177,755,000 for Agency 79 - Region 9, Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo, Programme 4 - Education Delivery-stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 79 - Region 9, Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo, Programme 4 - Education Delivery - \$177,755,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 434 and 435

AGENCY 79 - REGION 9, UPPER TAKUTU/UPPER ESSEQUIBO, Programme 5 - Health Services

Question is proposed that the sum of \$94,993,000 for Agency 79 - Region 9, Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo, Programme 5 - Health Services - stand part of the Estimate. Agency 79 - Region 9, Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo, Programme 5 - Health Services - \$94,993,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 539 - REGION 9, UPPER TAKUTU/UPPER ESSEQUIBO

Question is proposed that the sum of \$108,700,000 for Division 539 - Region 9, Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo - stand part of the Estimates.

Mrs Shirley J. Melville: Mr Chairman . . . [*Interruption*]

The Chairman: Yes, Hon. Member.

Mrs Shirley J. Melville: . . . could the Hon. Member explain Project Code 19001 about land development. In last year's Budget there was \$4 million allocated for the development of housing at Tabatinga, this year there is another \$4 million for the development of housing scheme at Culvert City. What sort of structure are we to expect this year?

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Hon. Harripersaud Nokta: Mr. Chairman, last year we did have money to develop the housing area at Tabatinga. Now it is a new area, it is adjacent to Tabatinga, east of the present Culvert City which is an open area. The Hon. Member knows very well that that is an extension of the housing scheme, but not in Tabatinga, it is east of Culvert City and this money is voted to continue the development of that housing area.

Mrs. Shirley J. Melville: Mr Chairman, could the Hon. Member say what works are we to expect because in Tabatinga area, there is very little to show of what has been done last year, so what are we to expect at Culvert City this year?

Hon. Harripersaud Nokta: Mr Chairman, the work to be done would be preparing the area, to do some surveying, demarcate the roads, streets and drains and to do whatever infrastructure works are necessary to prepare for the housing scheme to be established.

Mrs Shirley J. Melville: Mr Chairman, I have not received an answer from the Hon. Minister about Tabatinga's work. What has been done last year at Tabatinga?

Hon. Harripersaud Nokta: Mr Chairman, I am advised that clearing of the street-way and other infrastructure works like demarcating the house lots and so forth have been done. The money voted last year was not adequate enough and hopefully, this year, if there is saving in this budget, work will continue in Tabatinga.

Division 539 - Region 9, Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo - \$108,700,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 440 and 441

**AGENCY 80 - REGION 10, UPPER DEMERARA/BERBICE,
Programme 1 - Regional Administration and Finance**

Question is proposed that the sum of \$55,087,000 for Agency 80 -

Region 10, Upper Demerara/Berbice, Programme 1 – Regional Administration and Finance – stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 80 - REGION 10, Upper Demerara/Berbice, Programme 1 - Regional Administration and Finance - \$55,087,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Page 444 and 445

AGENCY 80 - REGION 10, UPPER DEMERARA/BERBICE, Programme 3 - Public Works

Question is proposed that the sum of \$30,782,000 for Agency 80 Region 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice, Programme 3 - Public Works - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 80 - Region 10, Upper Demerara/Berbice, Programme 3 - Public Works - \$30,782,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 446 and 447

AGENCY 80 - REGION 10, UPPER DEMERARA/BERBICE, Programme 4 - Education Delivery

Question is proposed that the sum of \$506,604,000 for Agency 80 - Region 10, Upper Demerara/Berbice, Programme 4 - Education Delivery - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 80 - Region 10, Upper Demerara/Berbice, Programme 4 - Education Delivery - \$506,604,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 448 and 449

AGENCY 80 - REGION 10, UPPER DEMERARA/BERBICE, Programme 5 - Health Services

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Question is proposed that the sum of \$118,536,000 for Agency 80 – Region 10, Upper Demerara/Berbice, Programme 5 – Health Services – stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 80 - Region 10, Upper Demerara/Berbice, Programme 5 - Health Services \$118,536,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 540 - REGION 10, UPPER DEMERARA/BERBICE,

Division 540 - Region 10, Upper Demerara/Berbice - \$97,240,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 46 and 47

AGENCY 03 - MINISTRY OF FINANCE, Programme 1 - Ministry Administration

Question is proposed that the sum of 3,650,635,000 for Agency 03 - Ministry of Finance, Programme 1 - Ministry Administration - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 03 - Ministry of Finance, Programme 1 - Ministry Administration - \$3,650,635,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 48 and 49

AGENCY 03 - MINISTRY OF FINANCE, Programme 2 - Accountant General

Question is proposed that the sum of \$1,236,393,000 for Agency 03 - Ministry of Finance, Programme 2 - Accountant General - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 03 - Ministry of Finance, Programme 2 - Accountant

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General - \$1,236,393,000 – agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 504 and 505

DIVISION 526 - MINISTRY OF FINANCE

Question is proposed that the sum of \$5,011,409,000 for Division 526 - Ministry of Finance - stand part of the Estimates.

Division 526 - Ministry of Finance - \$5,011,409,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 80 and 81

**AGENCY 08 - OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL,
Programme 1 - Office of the Auditor General**

Question is proposed that the sum of \$124,126,000 for Agency 08 - Office of the Auditor General, Programme 1 - Office of the Auditor General - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 08 - Office of the Auditor General, Programme 1 - \$124,126,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 505 - CONSTITUTIONAL AGENCIES (Project Code 12001) - Auditor General

Questioned is proposed that the sum of \$3,200,000 for Division 505 - Constitutional Agencies (Project Code 12001) - Auditor General - stand part of the Estimates.

Division 505 - Constitutional Agencies (Project Code 12001) - Auditor General - \$3,200,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 505 - CONSTITUTIONAL AGENCIES (Project Code 25001)

Question is proposed that the sum of \$1,725,000 for Division 505 - Constitutional Agencies (Project Code 25001) - Auditor General - stand for part of the Estimates

Division 505 - Constitutional Agencies (Project Code 25001) - Auditor General - \$1,725,000- agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 505 - CONSTITUTIONAL AGENCIES (Project Code 44001) - Auditor general

Question is proposed that the sum of \$0,000,000 for Division 505 - Constitutional Agencies (Project Code 44001)- Auditor General - stand part of the Estimates.

Division 505 - Constitutional Agencies (Project Code 44001) auditor General \$0,000,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 450 and 451

AGENCY 90 - PUBLIC DEBT, Programme 1 - Public Debt

Question is proposed that the sum of \$0,000,000,000 for Agency 90 - Public Debt Programme 1 - stand part of the Estimates.

Mr Ravi Dev: What page is that, Mr Chairman?

The Chairman: That would be pages 450 and 451 [*Pause*] Is there a question?

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Agency 90 – Public Debt, Programme 1 - \$0,000,000,000 – agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 220 and 221

AGENCY 45 - MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND WATER, Programme 1 - Housing and Water

Question is proposed that the sum of \$551,778,000 for Agency 45 - Ministry of Housing and Water, Programme 1 - Housing and Water - \$551,778,000 - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 45 - Ministry of Housing and Water, Programme 1 - Housing and Water - \$551,778,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 523 - MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND WATER

Question is proposed that the sum of \$3,800,000 for Division 523 – Ministry of Housing and Water – stand part of the Estimates.

Division 523 - Ministry of Housing and Water - \$3,800,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates

Page 502

DIVISION 524 - MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND WATER - Water Supply Improvement Project

Question is proposed that the sum of \$1,324,624,000 for Division 524 - Ministry of Housing and Water - Water Supply Improvement Project - stand part of the Estimates.

Division 524 – Ministry of Housing and Water – Water Supply Improvement Project - \$1,324,624,000 – agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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**DIVISION 525 - MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND WATER -
Georgetown Remedial and Sewerage Project**

Question is proposed that the sum of \$119,110,000 for Division 525 - Ministry of Housing and Water - Georgetown Remedial and Sewerage Project - stand part of the Estimates.

Division 525 - Ministry of Housing and Water - Georgetown Remedial and Sewerage Project - \$119,110,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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**DIVISION 530 - MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND WATER -
Housing**

Question is proposed that the sum of \$1,080,327,000 for Division 530 - Ministry of Housing and Water - Housing - stand part of the Estimates.

Division 530 - Ministry of Housing and Water - Housing - \$1,080,327,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 124 and 125

**AGENCY 21 - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, Programme 1 -
Ministry Administration**

Question is proposed that the sum of \$133,854,000 for Agency 21 - Ministry of Agriculture, Programme 1 - Ministry Administration - stand part of the Estimates

Agency 21 - Ministry of Agriculture, Programme 1 Ministry Administration - \$133,853,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 126 and 127

**AGENCY 21 - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, Programme 2 -
Crops and Livestock Support Services**

Question is proposed that the sum of \$548,539,000 for Agency 21 - Ministry of Agriculture, Programme 2 - Crops and Livestock Support Services - stand part of the Estimates

Agency 21 - Ministry of Agriculture, Programme 2 - Crops and Livestock Support Services - \$548,539,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates

Pages 128 and 129

**AGENCY 21 - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, Programme 3 -
Fisheries**

Question is proposed that the sum of \$35,458,000 for Agency 21 - Ministry of Agriculture, Programme 3 - Fisheries - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 21 - Ministry of Agriculture, Programme 3 - Fisheries - \$35,458,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 130 and 131

**AGENCY 21 - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, Programme 4 -
Hydrometeorological Services**

Question is proposed that the sum of \$91,974,000 for Agency 21 - Ministry of Agriculture, Programme 4 - Hydrometeorological Services - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 21 - Ministry of Agriculture, Programme 4 - Hydrometeorological Services - \$91,974,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 485 and 486

DIVISION 508 - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

Question is proposed that the sum of \$671,600,000 for Division 508 - Ministry of Agriculture - stand part of the Estimates.

Division 508 - Ministry of Agriculture - \$671,600,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 509 - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - Rural Support Project

Question is proposed that the sum of \$325,140,000 for Division 509 - Ministry of Agriculture - Rural Support Project - stand part of the Estimates.

Division 509 - Ministry of Agriculture - Rural Support Project - \$25,140,000 agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimate.

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DIVISION 510 - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - MMA III

Question is proposed that the sum of \$51,000,000 for Division 510 - Ministry of Agriculture - MMA III - stand part of the Estimates.

Division 510 - Ministry of Agriculture - MMA III \$51,000,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 512 MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - Artisanal Fishery

Question is proposed that the sum of \$17,800,000 for Division 512 – Ministry of Agriculture – Artisanal Fishery – stand part of the Estimates.

Division 512 - Ministry of Agriculture - Artisanal Fishery - \$17,800,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 256 and 257

AGENCY 51 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, Programme 1 - Secretariat Services

Question is proposed that the sum of \$56,527,000 for Agency 51 - Ministry of Home Affairs, Programme 1 - Secretariat Services - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 51 - Ministry of Home Affairs, Programme 1 - Secretariat Services - \$56,527,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 258 and 259

AGENCY 51 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, Programme 2 - Guyana Police Force

Question is proposed that the sum of \$2,564,633,000 for Agency 51 - Ministry of Home Affairs, Programme 2 - Guyana Police Force - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 51 - Ministry of Home Affairs, Programme 2 - Guyana Police Force - \$2,564,633,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 260 and 261

AGENCY 51 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, Programme 3 - Guyana Prison Service

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Question is proposed that the sum of \$423,500,000 for Agency 51 – Ministry of Home Affairs, Programme 3 – Guyana Prison Service - \$423,500,000 – stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 51 - Ministry of Home Affairs, Programme 3 - Guyana Prison Service - \$423,500,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 262 and 263

AGENCY 51 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, Programme 4 - Police Complaints Authority

Question is proposed that the sum of \$3,353,000 for Agency 51 - Ministry of Home Affairs, Programme 4 - Police Complaints Authority - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 51 - Ministry of Home Affairs, Programme 4 - Police Complaints Authority - \$3,353,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 264 and 265

AGENCY 51 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, Programme 5 - Guyana Fire Service

Question is proposed that the sum of \$242,133,000 for Agency 51- Ministry of Home Affairs, Programme 5 - Guyana Fire Service - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 51 - Ministry of Home Affairs, Programme 5 - Guyana Fire Service - \$242,133,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 268 and 269

AGENCY 51 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, Programme 7 - General Registrar's Office

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Question is proposed that the sum of \$35,337,000 for Agency 51 – Ministry of Home Affairs, Programme 7 – General Registrar’s Office – stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 51 - Ministry of Home Affairs, Programme 7 - General Registrar’s Office - \$35,337,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 483 and 484

DIVISION 507 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

Question is proposed that the sum of \$427,875,000 for Division 507 - Ministry of Home Affairs - stand part of the Estimates.

Mr Ravi Dev: Mr Chairman, in terms of the details, what page is that?

The Chairman: That would be starting on Page 256.

Mr Ravi Dev: No, the details of the Capital Expenditure.

The Chairman: Pages 483 and 484.

Mr Ravi Dev: Yes, I have a question on that. In terms of Project Code 26001 - Equipment - Police - in view of our very recent history in terms of riots, in terms of our politics, seeing that riots might be very likely to be confronted again, have we expended any money on riot control equipment gear to deal with such exigencies which is almost not a negligency, but almost a certainty.

Hon. J. Ronald Gajraj: Mr Chairman, yes. As a matter of fact, we have acquired some and it is proposed to consider the acquisition of further equipment to deal with such situations as we may consider necessary.

The Chairman: The Hon Member Mrs Melville.

Mrs Shirley J. Melville: Mr Chairman, could the Hon. Minister say

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whether under Project Code 24001, whether any land transport would be provided for the Police at Lethem?

Hon. J. Ronald Gajraj: Mr Chairman, as a matter of fact, we have looked at the situation, we are hoping to provide land transport for all the stations that can accommodate . . . It just depends on how much we would be able to acquire with the money that has been allocated. We are hoping that we would be able to provide such transport at Lethem.

Mrs Shirley J. Melville: Mr Chairman, I would like to ask the Hon. Minister if any provision has been made for repairs for the present land transport at Lethem.

Hon. J. Ronald Gajraj: Mr. Chairman, yes.

Division 507 - Ministry of Home Affairs - \$427,875,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 246 and 247

AGENCY 48 - MINISTRY OF LABOUR, HUMAN SERVICES AND SOCIAL SECURITY, Programme 1 - Ministry Administration

Question is proposed that the sum of \$83,429,000 for Agency 48, Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security, Programme 1 - Ministry Administration - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 48 - Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security, Programme 1 - Ministry Administration - \$83,429,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 248 and 249

AGENCY 48 MINISTRY OF LABOUR, HUMAN SERVICES AND SOCIAL SECURITY - Programme 2 - Social Services

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Question is proposed that the sum of \$1,192,585,000 for Agency 48 – Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security – Programme 2 – Social Services – stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 48 - Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security - Programme 2 - Social Services - \$1,192,585,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 250 and 251

AGENCY 48 - MINISTRY OF LABOUR, HUMAN SERVICES AND SOCIAL SECURITY - Programme 3 - Labour Administration

Question is proposed that the sum of \$92,251,000 for Agency 48 - Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Society Security - Programme 3 - Labour Administration - stand part of the Estimates.

AGENCY 48 – Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security – Programme 3 – Labour Administration - \$92,251,000 – agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 545 – MINISTRY OF LABOUR, HUMAN SERVICES AND SOCIAL SECURITY

Question is proposed that the sum of \$29,200,000 for Division 545 - Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security - stand part of the Estimates.

Division 545 - Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security - \$29,200,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 526 and 527

DIVISION 546 - MINISTRY OF LABOUR, HUMAN SERVICES AND SOCIAL SECURITY - SIMAP

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Question is proposed that the sum of \$861,190,000 for Division 546- Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security – SIMAP – stand part of the Estimates.

Division 546 - Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security - SIMAP - \$861,190,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 274 and 275

AGENCY 52 - MINISTRY OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, Programme 1 - Main Office

Question is proposed that the sum of \$8,572,000 for Agency 52 - Ministry of Legal Affairs, Programme 1 - Main Office - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 52 - Ministry of Legal Affairs, Programme 1 - Main Office - \$8,572,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 276 and 277

AGENCY 52 - MINISTRY OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, Programme 2 - Ministry Administration

Question is proposed that the sum of \$25,183,000 for Agency 52 - Ministry of Legal Affairs, Programme 2 - Ministry Administration - stands part of the Estimates.

Agency 52 - Ministry of Legal Affairs, Programme 2 - Ministry Administration - \$25,183,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 278 and 279

AGENCY 52 - MINISTRY OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, Programme 3 - Attorney General's Chambers

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Question is proposed that the sum of \$139,306,000 for Agency 52 – Ministry of Legal Affairs, Programme 3 – Attorney General's Chambers - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 52 - Ministry of Legal Affairs, Programme 3 - Attorney General's Chambers - \$139,306,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 280 and 281

AGENCY 52 - MINISTRY OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, Programme 4 - Office of the State Solicitor

Question is proposed that the sum of \$11,928,000 for Agency 52 - Ministry of Legal Affairs, Programme 4 - Office of the State Solicitor - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 52 - Ministry of Legal Affairs, Programme 4 - Office of the State Solicitor - \$11,928,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 282 and 283

AGENCY 52 - MINISTRY OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, Programme 5 - Deeds Registry

Question is proposed that the sum of \$32,667,000 for Agency 52 - Ministry of Legal Affairs, Programme 5 - Deeds Registry - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 52 - Ministry of Legal Affairs, Programme 5 - Deeds Registry - \$32,667,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 514 - MINISTRY OF LEGAL AFFAIRS

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Question is proposed that the sum of \$53,250,000 for Division 514 - Ministry of Legal Affairs - stand part of the Estimates.

Division 514 - Ministry of Legal Affairs - \$53,250,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

The Chairman: It is dangerous for you to get up while I propose the question. I was about to ask the Hon Minister Dr Dale Bisnauth if he had a question. Hon Members, that is not a safe time to get up.

Pages 296 and 297

AGENCY 55 - SUPREME COURT, Programme 1 - Supreme Court of Judicature

Question is proposed that the sum of \$149,206,000 for Agency 55 - Supreme Court, Programme 1 - Supreme Court of Judicature - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 55 - Supreme Court, Programme 1 - Supreme Court of Judicature - \$149,206,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Page 298 and 299

AGENCY 55 - SUPREME COURT, Programme 2 - Magistrates' Court

Question is proposed that the sum of \$173,078,000 for Agency 55 - Supreme Court, Programme 2 - Magistrates' Court - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 55 - Supreme Court, Programme 2 - Magistrates' Court - \$173,078,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 302 and 303

AGENCY 56 – PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS, Programme 1 – Public Prosecutions

Questions is proposed that the sum of \$31,577,000 for Agency 56 - Public Prosecutions, Programme 1 - Public Prosecutions - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 56 - Public Prosecutions, Programme 1 - Public Prosecutions - \$31,577,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 505 - CONSTITUTIONAL AGENCIES (Project Code 25007)

Question is proposed for the sum of \$1,500,000 for Division 505 - Constitutional Agencies

(Project Code 25007), Director of Public Prosecutions - stand part of the Estimates

Division 505 - Constitutional Agencies (Project Code 25007), Director of Public Prosecutions - \$1,500,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates

Pages 146 and 147

AGENCY 23 - MINISTRY OF TOURISM, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, Programme 1 - Main Office

Question is proposed that the sum of \$138,738,000 for Agency 23 - Ministry of Tourism, Commerce and Industry, Programme 1 - Main Office - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 23 - Ministry of Tourism, Commerce and Industry, Programme 1 - Main Office - \$138,738,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 148 and 149

AGENCY 23 - MINISTRY OF TOURISM, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, Programme 2 - Ministry Administration

Question is proposed that the sum of \$25,152,000 for Agency 23 - Ministry of Tourism, Commerce and Industry, Programme 2 - Ministry Administration - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 23, Ministry of Tourism, Commerce and Industry, Programme 2 - Ministry Administration - \$25,152,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Page 150 and 151

AGENCY 23 - MINISTRY OF TOURISM, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, Programme 3 - Tourism, Commerce, Industry and Consumer Affairs

Question is proposed that the sum of \$44,458,000 for Agency 23 - Ministry of Tourism, Commerce and Industry, Programme 3 - Tourism, Commerce, Industry and Consumer Affairs - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 23 - Ministry of Tourism, Commerce and Industry, Programme 3 - Tourism, Commerce, Industry and Consumer Affairs - \$44,458,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 529 - MINISTRY OF TOURISM, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Question is proposed that the sum of \$241,700,000 for Division 529 - Ministry of Tourism, Commerce and Industry - stand part of the Estimates.

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Mr Ravi Dev: Sorry, Mr Chairman, I would like to question Project Code 45001 as to precisely how the \$200 million was spent in 2001, and what exactly is proposed for the \$2000 million for 2002?

Hon Manzoor Nadir: In 2001, monies were spent to upgrade the Estates at Eccles, Coldingen, on preparatory work at New Amsterdam, work at Lethem and also at Belvedere.

For 2002, we intend to proceed with the further development of the infrastructure of these Estates.

Division 529 - Ministry of Tourism, Commerce and Industry - \$241,700,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Page 224 and 225

AGENCY 46 - GEORGETOWN PUBLIC HOSPITAL CORPORATION, Programme 1 - Public Hospital

Question is proposed that the sum of \$1,695,215,000 for Agency 46 - Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation, Programme 1 - Public Hospital - stand part of the Estimates.

Mr Ravi Dev: Mr Chairman, could you tell me the page for the details, please?

The Chairman: Pages 224 and 225.

Mr Ravi Dev: I am talking about the details, Capital Expenditure.

The Chairman: There is no page for capital expenditure. There is capital in the next item, Ministry of Health.

Mr Ravi Dev: Okay.

Agency 46 - Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation, Programme 1 - Public Hospital - \$1,695,215,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 230 and 231

AGENCY 47 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH, Programme 1 - Ministry Administration

Question is proposed that the sum of \$454,430,000 for Agency 47 - Ministry of Health, Programme 1 - Ministry Administration - stands part of the Estimates.

Agency 47 - Ministry of Health, Programme 1 - Ministry Administration - \$454.430,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates

Pages 232 and 233

AGENCY 47 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH, Programme 2 - Diseases Control

Question is proposed that the sum of \$460,604,000 for Agency 47 - Ministry of Health, Programme 2 - Diseases Control - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 47 - Ministry of Health, Programme 2 - Diseases Control - \$460,604,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 234 and 235

AGENCY 47 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH, Programme 3 - Primary Health Care Services

Question is proposed that the sum of \$339,917,000 for Agency 47 - Ministry of Health, Programme 3 - Primary Health Care Services - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 47 - Ministry of Health, Programme 3 - Primary Health Care Services - \$339,917,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 236 and 237

AGENCY 47 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH, Programme 4 - Regional and Clinical Services

Question is proposed that the sum of \$543,989,000 for Agency 47 - Ministry of Health, Programme 4 - Regional and Clinical Services - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 47 - Ministry of Health, Programme 4 - Regional and Clinical Services - \$543,989,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 238 and 239

AGENCY 47 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH, Programme 5 - Health Sciences Education

Question is proposed that the sum of \$163,255,000 for Agency 47 - Ministry of Health, Programme 5 - Health Sciences Education - \$163,255,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the

Agency 47 - Ministry of Health, Programme 5 - Health Sciences Education - \$163,255,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates

Pages 240 and 241

AGENCY 47 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH, Programme 6 - Standards and Technical Services

Question is proposed that the sum of \$129,461,000 for Agency 47 - Ministry of Health, Programme 6 - Standards and Technical Services - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 47 - Ministry of Health, Programme 6 - Standards and Technical Services - \$129,461,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

Pages 242 and 243

AGENCY 47 -MINISTRY OF HEALTH, Programme 7 - Rehabilitation Services

Question is proposed that the sum of \$81,791,000 for Agency 47 - Ministry of Health, Programme 7 - Rehabilitation Services - stand part of the Estimates.

Agency 47 - Ministry of health, Programme 7 - Rehabilitation Services - \$81, 791,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

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DIVISION 516 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Question proposed that the sum of \$284,500,000 for Division 516 - Ministry of Health - stand part of the Estimates.

The Chairman: Any questions? *[Pause]*

Mr Ravi Dev: Mr Chairman, I would like to ask the Hon. Minister if there is any structure to be created for a suicide secretariat or any facilities for dealing with suicide as a public health problem?

The Chairman: If there is any other question, maybe you can take it under a specific item, Hon. Minister. *[Pause]* Proceed with your answer.

Hon Dr Leslie Ramsammy: Mr Chairman, I was going to say the answer is yes. In terms of a structure, we are working with the NBS. That is not included in the Budget. In terms of organizational structure, it is included in the Ministry's programme for chronic diseases.

Division 516 - Ministry of Health - \$284,500,000 - agreed to and ordered to stand part of the Estimates.

The Chairman: Hon. Members, this completes the consideration by

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the Committee of Supply of the Estimates of Expenditure for the year 2002. The Assembly will now resume.

Assembly resumes

The Speaker: The Hon. Minister of Finance.

Hon Saisnarine Kowlessar: Mr Speaker, I beg to report that the Committee of Supply considered the Estimates of Expenditure for the 2002, and approved of them as printed.

Question:

That the National Assembly approves the Estimate of Expenditure for the Financial year 2002 of a total sum of fifty-six billion, five million, nine hundred and forty-four thousand dollars (\$56,005,944,000) excluding twelve billion, eight hundred and sixty-one million, four hundred and thirty thousand dollars (\$12,861,430,000) which is chargeable by law, as detailed therein and summarised in the schedule, and agree that it is expedient to amend the law and to make further

provision in respect of finance put and agreed to.

Motion carried

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS NOS. 12 AND 46 BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of the suspension of the Standing Orders Nos. 12 (Order of Business) and No. 46, with respect to the publication of the Appropriation Bill, to allow the Appropriation Bill 2002 to be introduced in the Assembly at the same sitting at which and immediately after the Estimates of Expenditure for 2002 have been approved.

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The Speaker: The Hon Minister of Parliamentary Affairs.

Hon Reepu Daman Persaud: Mr Speaker, with your leave I move that Standing Orders Nos. 12 and 46 be suspended to enable the Appropriation Bill 2002 to be introduced at this stage.

Question put and agreed to.

Motion carried.

BILL INTRODUCTION, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS

APPROPRIATION BILL 2002

A Bill intituled, an Act to provide for the issue from the Consolidated fund of the sums necessary to meet the expenditure (not otherwise lawfully charged on the consolidated fund) of Guyana for the financial year ending 31st December, 2002, estimates whereof have been approved by the National Assembly and for the appropriation of those sums for specified purposes in conformity with the Constitution.

The Speaker: The Hon Minister of Finance.

Hon Saisnarine Kowlessar: Mr Speaker, in accordance with Article 171 (2) of the Constitution I signify that Cabinet has recommended the Appropriation Bill 2002 for consideration by the National Assembly and I now present the Bill to the Assembly and move that it be read the first time.

Question put and agreed to.

Motion carried.

Bill read the First time.

The Speaker: The Hon Minister of Finance.

Hon Saisnarine Kowlessar: Mr Speaker, I move that the Appropriation

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Bill, 2002 be read a Second time.

Question put and agreed to.

Motion carried.

Bill read the Second time

The Speaker: The Hon Minister of Finance.

Hon Saisnarine Kowlessar: Mr Speaker, I move that the Appropriation Bill, 2002 be read the Third time and passed as printed.

Question put and agreed to.

Motion carried.

Bill read the Third time and passed as printed.

The Speaker: Hon Members, this completes our business for today.

The Hon Minister.

Hon Reepu Daman Persaud: Mr Speaker, before I move the adjournment, I want to crave your indulgence to express our appreciation and gratitude to the Clerk of the National Assembly for all the work he has done and for scoring in the records of serving the National Assembly for a half century of years. *[Applause]*

Mr Narain's knowledge and experience of the Parliamentary procedure and all its works are unquestionable. I have had the privilege of working with him when I was in the Opposition as an ordinary Member, as Chief Whip, as Deputy Speaker and as Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, quite a wide range of areas. In all those pursuits in which I was engaged, Mr Narain has always been helpful, he has always given the guidance which was in conformity with the Standing Orders, the Rules and all of the Conventions.

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I did not think that we could have allowed today to pass without formally putting on the record our appreciation [*Applause*] and to wish him long life, health and strength. There is adequate written work from Mr Narain in various Parliamentary work. I am sure all those works which involve time, energy, knowledge and experience would go a far way in the work of the National Assembly in the future. My special word of thanks to him for those special Contributions. [*Applause*]

It would be recalled that when he reached his fiftieth year as Clerk of the National Assembly, I spoke. I don't want to repeat those sentiments, but they still stand favourably to Mr Narain. Once again, on behalf of the Government, I congratulate Mr Narain, express our appreciation and thanks and wish him all the best for the future. [*Applause*]

I think I should seize this opportunity to wish the Christian community all the inspiration that can be forthcoming from the infinite, eternal, divine source as they celebrate, observe Good Friday and Easter.

Our country is multi-racial, multi-cultural, but we have shown that we have the capacity and the tolerance to respect each other's way of life, faith, morals and culture. In this respect, I think, Guyana can lead the world and we should feel proud of ourselves. It should continue to be that way. Tomorrow morning our Christian brethren will be walking towards the Churches as Hindus walk towards their Mandirs to celebrate the Festival of Holi or Phagwah, as it is popularly known. It is clear evidence of unity and diversity. All these Festivals have universal messages and lessons and they can be summarised in the popular universal phrase *Good will Conquer Evil; Truth will defeat Falsehood; Modesty, Humility will crush Haughtiness and Arrogance; and it is tolerance, love and fraternity which will win the admiration of the world and its people.* [*Applause*]

You should pursue life no matter what your persuasion, faith or belief. With these sterling and noble norms uppermost in our minds, let them influence not only our thoughts not only our conclusions, but, indeed,

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Our actions, so that together with the dynamics of togetherness, we can build a happy and prosperous land. *[Applause]*

Happy Easter to the Christian Community and a Happy Phagwah to the Hindu community and the Guyanese community as a whole. Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. *[Applause]*

The Speaker: Thank you, Hon Member.

I would like to join you, Hon Member, in extending best wishes to the Christian and Hindu Communities on the two important events tomorrow.

I would also like to join you, first, in thanking the Clerk of the National Assembly for his efforts to assist me in this role as Speaker of the National Assembly and I can say that I do not believe that there is any other person as experienced and knowledgeable about the Standing Orders, Rules, Practices, Conventions of Parliament as Mr Frank Narain.

It would surprise you to know that even though the Standing Orders is an extremely slim volume, some reference text based on these very Standing Orders are extremely voluminous. I refer particularly to the one from the Indian Parliament. So there is a lot about the Standing Orders that we, as Administrators responsible for the functioning of the Parliament, have to learn and study. I think, Mr Narain will confirm that it is continuous and we can never learn as much as there is to learn about the work, activities, orders, rules and conventions of the Parliament. Mr Narain has dedicated his entire working life to the service of the people of Guyana and in particular to the Parliament of Guyana.

We will no doubt have a more formal statement in the record, but for the time being as this is Mr Narain's last Budget debate that he is acting as Clerk, I should like to take this opportunity, along with you, Hon Member, in wishing Mr Narain all the best during his time.

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ADJOURNMENT

Hon Reepu Daman Persaud: Mr Speaker, finally I wish all Hon Members Happy Easter, Happy Phagwah. God bless you.

I move that the National Assembly adjourn to a date to be fixed.

The Speaker: The Assembly stands adjourned to a date to be fixed.

Adjourned accordingly at 15:03 H