

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE 85<sup>TH</sup> SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST**  
**SESSION (2015-2018) OF THE ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD**  
**AT 2.00 P.M.**  
**ON FRIDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2018,**  
**IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS,**  
**BRICKDAM, GEORGETOWN.**  
**MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (69)**

**Speaker (1)**

\*Hon Dr. Barton U.A. Scotland, O.R., C.C.H., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly

**MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT (36)**

(i) **A Partnership For National Unity/Alliance For Change (36)**

**First Vice-President and Prime Minister (1)**

+ Hon. Moses V. Nagamootoo, J.P., M.P., First Vice-President and Prime Minister

**Other Vice-Presidents (3)**

+ Hon. Carl B. Greenidge, M.P., Vice-President and Minister of Foreign Affairs

+Hon. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P., Vice-President and Minister of Public Security

+\*Hon. Sydney Allicock, M.S., M.P., Vice-President and Minister of Indigenous Peoples' Affairs (Absent)

**Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs (1)**

+ Hon. Basil Williams, S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

**Senior Ministers (15)**

+ Hon. Amna Ally, M.P., Minister of Social Protection and Government Chief Whip

+ Hon. Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Joseph F. Harmon, M.S.M., M.P., Minister of State

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+ Cabinet Member

\*Non-Elected Member

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- + Hon. Dr. Rupert Roopnaraine, M.P., Minister of the Public Service
- + Hon. Ronald A. Bulkan, M.P., Minister of Communities
- + Hon. Dr. George A. Norton, M.P., Minister of Social Cohesion with responsibility for Culture, Youth and Sport
- + Hon. Winston D. Jordan, M.P., Minister of Finance
- + Hon. Raphael G.C. Trotman, M.P., Minister of Natural Resources
- + Hon. Volda A. Lawrence, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica), Minister of Public Health
- + Hon. David A. Patterson, M.P., Minister of Public Infrastructure
- + Hon. Catherine A. Hughes, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica), Minister of Public Telecommunications
- +\*Hon. Winston G. Felix, D.S.M., M.P., Minister of Citizenship (Absent – on leave)
- + Hon. Hans Dominic Gaskin, M.P., Minister of Business
- +Hon. Noel L. Holder, M.P., Minister of Agriculture
- +Hon. Dawn Hastings-Williams, M.P. (Region No. 7 – Cuyuni/Mazaruni), Minister of Public Affairs
- +Hon. Nicolette O. Henry, M.P., Minister of Education

**Ministers (7)**

\*Hon. Keith Scott, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of Social Protection

Hon. Annette N. Ferguson, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of Public Infrastructure

Hon. Valerie Garrido-Lowe, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of Indigenous Peoples' Affairs

Hon. Jaipaul Sharma, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica), Minister within the Ministry of Finance

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+ Cabinet Member

\*Non-Elected Member

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Hon. Dr. Karen Cummings, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica), Minister within the Ministry of Public Health

Hon. Simona Charles-Broomes, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of Natural Resources

Hon. Valarie Patterson-Yearwood, M.P. (Region No. 10 – Upper Demerara/Upper Berbice), Minister within the Ministry of Communities

**Other Members (9)**

Ms. Jennifer J. Wade, M.P. (Region No. 5 – Mahaica/Berbice)

Ms. Rajcoomarie Bancroft, M.P. (Region No. 8 –Potaro/Siparuni)

Mr. John Adams, M.P. (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

Mr. Richard Allen, M.P. (Region No. 1 – Barima/Waini)

Mr. Michael Carrington, M.P.

Mr. Jermaine Figueira, M.P. (Region No. 10 – Upper Demerara/Upper Berbice)

Mr. Charrandas Persaud, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne)

Mr. Haimraj Rajkumar, M.P. (Region No. 2 – Pomeroon/Supenaam)

Mr. Audwin Rutherford, M.P.

**MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION (32)**

**(i) People’s Progressive Party (32)**

Mr. Bharrat Jagdeo, M.P., Leader of the Opposition

Mr. Clement J. Rohee, M.P.

Ms. Gail Teixeira, M.P., Opposition Chief Whip

Mr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, M.P. (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Islands/West Demerara) (Absent – on leave)

Mr. Mohabir A. Nandlall, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica) (Absent – on leave)

Ms. Priya D. Manickchand, M.P. (Region No. 5 – Mahaica/Berbice) (Absent – on leave)

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Dr. Frank C.S. Anthony, M.P. (Absent – on leave)

Ms. Pauline Campbell-Sukhai, M.P.

Mr. Odinga Lumumba, M.P.

Bishop Juan A. Edghill, M.S., J.P., M.P.

Mr. Dharamkumar Seeraj, M.P. (Absent – on leave)

Dr. Vindhya V. Persaud, M.S., M.P. (Absent – on leave)

Ms. Indranie Chandarpal, M.P. (Absent – on leave)

Mr. Joseph L.F. Hamilton, M.P.

Mr. Collin D. Croal, M.P. (Region No. 1 – Barima/Waini) (Absent – on leave)

Ms. Gillian R. Burton-Persaud, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Dr. Bheri S. Ramsaran, M.P. (Absent – on leave)

Dr. Jennifer Westford, M.P. (Region No. 7 – Cuyuni/Mazaruni) (Absent)

Ms. Africo Selman, M.P. (Absent)

Mr. Zulfikar Mustapha, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne)

Mr. Ganga Persaud, M.P. (Absent – on leave)

Ms. Yvonne Pearson- Fredericks, M.P.

Mr. Neendkumar, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. Komal Chand, C.C.H., J.P., M.P. (Region No.3 – Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

Dr. Vishwa D.B. Mahadeo, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne) (Absent – on leave)

Mr. Cornel Damon, M.P. (Region No. 2 – Pomeroon/Supenaam) (Absent – on leave)

Mr. Alister S. Charlie, M.P. (Region No. 9 – Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)

Mr. Nigel D. Dharamlall, M.P. (Absent – on leave)

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Mr. Adrian V. Anamayah, M.P.

Mr. Harry Gill, M.P.

Ms. Bhagmattie Veerasammy, M.P. (Absent – on leave)

Mr. Vickram O. Bharrat, M.P. (Absent – on leave)

**Officers (2)**

Ms. Hermina Gilgeours, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

Ms. Deslyn West, Assistant Clerk of the National Assembly

**COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING**

The Sitting commenced at 2.10 p.m.

**PRAYERS**

The Clerk read Prayers.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER**

The Speaker made the following announcement:

(1) **LEAVE:**

Honourable Members, leave has been granted for today's Sitting to:

Honourable Winston Felix

Mr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali

Mr. Mohabir Nandlall

Dr. Frank Anthony

Mr. Dharamkumar Seeraj

Dr. Vindhya Persaud

Ms. Indranie Chandarpal

Mr. Collin Croal

Dr. Bheri Ramsaran

Mr. Ganga Persaud

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Dr. Vishwa Mahadeo  
Ms. Priya Manickchand  
Mr. Cornel Damon  
Mr. Nigel Dharamlall  
Ms. Bhagmattie Veerasammy and  
Mr. Vickram Bharrat

**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS-**

By the Minister of State:

Audited Financial Statement of the Guyana Lands and Survey Commission for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2010.

(Circulated)

**PUBLIC BUSINESS -**

(i) **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**MOTION**

**ITEM 1 - CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1/2018 – CURRENT ESTIMATE**

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

**In Committee of Supply**

The Minister of Finance signified the recommendation or consent of the Cabinet and moved the following motion:

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

Financial Paper No. 1/2018 – Supplementary Estimate (Current) totalling \$1,750,000,000 for the period 2018-01-01 to 2018-12-31.

**(Notice Paper No. 120 (M 91 Govt 52) published on 2018-01-18)**

**(Paper presented on 2018-01-18)**

7.

In accordance with Standing Order No. 112, the Minister of Natural Resources moved that Standing Order No. 76 (1) and (2) be suspended to enable the Minister of Finance to amend Financial Paper No. 1 of 2018.

Thereafter, the Minister of Finance moved that Standing Order No. 76(1) and (2) be suspended to amend the sum set out in Financial Paper No. 1 of 2018, from \$1,750,000,000 to the sum of \$1,931,000,000. Further, the Minister of Finance informed the Assembly that sugar workers whose severance pay is \$500,000.00 and below will be paid their severance in full and those workers whose payment is above \$500,000.00 will be paid half of their severance.

The motion was then put and carried on the following division:

**FOR**

Mr. Gill

Mr. Anamayah

Mr. Charlie

Mr. Chand

Mr. Needkumar

Ms. Pearson- Fredericks

Mr. Mustapha

Ms. G. Persaud

Mr. Hamilton

Bishop Edghill

Mr. Lumumba

Ms. Campbell- Sukhai

Ms. Teixeira

Mr. Rohee

Mr. Jagdeo

Mr. Rutherford

Mr. Rajkumar

Mr. C. Persaud

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Mr. Figueira  
Mr. Carrington  
Mr. Allen  
Mr. Adams  
Ms. Bancroft  
Ms. Wade  
Ms. Patterson  
Ms. Henry  
Ms. Broomes  
Dr. Cummings  
Mr. Sharma  
Ms. Garrido- Lowe  
Ms. Ferguson  
Ms. Hastings- Williams  
Mr. Holder  
Mr. Gaskin  
Ms. Hughes  
Mr. Patterson  
Ms. Lawrence  
Mr. Trotman  
Mr. Jordan  
Mr. Norton  
Mr. Roopnaraine  
Lt. Col. (Ret') Harmon  
Ms. Ally  
Mr. Williams  
Mr. Ramjattan  
Mr. Greenidge  
Mr. Nagamootoo



**Assembly resumed**

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

RESOLVED,

Financial Paper No. 1/2018 – Supplementary Estimate (Current) totalling \$1,931,000,000 for the period 2018-01-01 to 2018-12-31.

**BILL – FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS**

**ITEM 2 – APPROPRIATION BILL 2018 – Bill No. 1/2018 published on 2018-01-18**

With the Leave of the Speaker, and on a motion by the First Vice-President and Prime Minister, Standing Order Nos. 13(n) and 54 were suspended to enable the Appropriation Bill 2018 to be introduced at this stage and to be further proceeded with at that Sitting.

On motion by the Minister of Finance, the following Bill was introduced and was read the first, second and third times and passed as amended:

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 the Cooperative Republic of Guyana for the fiscal year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2018, estimates whereof have been approved by the National Assembly and for the appropriation of those sums for the specified purposes, in conformity with the Constitution.

**SUSPENSION OF SITTING**

At 3.48 p.m. the Sitting was suspended for refreshments.

**RESUMPTION OF SITTING**

At 5.02 p.m. the Sitting was resumed.

**BILLS – Second Reading**

**ITEM 3 - WITNESS PROTECTION BILL 2017 – Bill No. 13/2017 published on 2017-10-12**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the establishment of a Programme for the protection of certain witnesses and other persons; and to provide for related matters.

**(Bill was read a first time on 2017-11-17)**

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mr. Odinga Lumumba

The Minister of Natural Resources

Ms. Gail Teixeira

Thereafter, the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs replied.

The Bill was then read a second time.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

**In Committee**

**Clauses 1 to 25** were passed as printed.

**Schedules 1 and 2** were passed as printed.

**Assembly resumed**

On a motion by the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, the Witness Protection Bill 2017 – Bill No. 13 of 2017 was read a third time and passed as printed.

(ii) **COMMITTEES BUSINESS**

**MOTIONS**

**ITEM 4 - ADOPTION OF THE FIRST INTERIM REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC SERVICES**

Mr. Komal Chand, on behalf of Mr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, M.P. (Chairperson of the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Economic Services), moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the First Interim Report of the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Economic Services of the National Assembly of the First Session of the Eleventh Parliament be adopted.

**(Notice Paper No. 76 (M 61 Committees 10) published on 2016-11-28)**

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Vice- President and Minister of Foreign Affairs

Bishop Juan Edghill

The Minister of Natural Resources

The Minister of Business

Thereafter, Mr. Komal Chand replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

**ITEM 5 - ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ON ITS EXAMINATION OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF GUYANA FOR THE YEARS 2010 AND 2011**

Ms. Gail Teixeira, M.P., Opposition Chief Whip, on behalf of Mr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, M.P. (Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee), moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on its examination of the Public Accounts of Guyana for the years 2010 and 2011, respectively be adopted and refer the Report to the Government for consideration.

**(Notice Paper No. 77 (M 62 Committees 11) published on 2016-11-28)**

The Vice- President and Minister of Foreign Affairs spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, Ms. Gail Teixeira replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

**ITEM 6 - ADOPTION OF THE FIRST SPECIAL REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES OF THE TENTH PARLIAMENT**

Mr. Joseph Hamilton, M.P., on behalf of Dr. Vindhya V. Persaud, M.S., M.P. (Chairperson of the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Social Services), moved the following motion:

WHEREAS in accordance with Standing Order No. 104(1), every Committee shall before the end of the Session in which it was appointed, make a report to the Assembly upon matters it has addressed or were referred to it;

13.

AND WHEREAS the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Social Services appointed in the Tenth Parliament was unable to conclude its agreed upon work programme;

AND WHEREAS the National Assembly on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2016, by way of Resolution No. 29 of 2016, approved that the Social Services Committee of the National Assembly of the First Session of the Eleventh Parliament adopt all outstanding work of the previous Committee.

AND WHEREAS the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Social Services of the Eleventh Parliament reviewed the First Special Report of the previous Committee on its visit to the Amerindian Hostel, the East La Penitence Female Lock-Up, the Sophia Children Care Centre and the Juvenile Holding Centre and agreed that it be laid in the National Assembly,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly adopts the First Special Report of the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Social Services of the Tenth Parliament.

**(Notice Paper No. 86 (M 70 Committees 13) published on 2017-03-10)**

The Minister within the Ministry of Indigenous Peoples' Affairs spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, Mr. Hamilton replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

**ITEM 7 - ADOPTION OF THE SECOND SPECIAL REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES OF THE TENTH PARLIAMENT**

Mr. Joseph Hamilton, M.P., on behalf of Dr. Vindhya V. Persaud, M.S., M.P. (Chairperson of the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Social Services), moved the following motion:

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WHEREAS in accordance with Standing Order No. 104(1), every Committee shall before the end of the Session in which it was appointed, make a report to the Assembly upon matters it has addressed or were referred to it;

AND WHEREAS the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Social Services appointed in the Tenth Parliament was unable to conclude its agreed upon work programme;

AND WHEREAS the National Assembly on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2016, by way of Resolution No. 29 of 2016, approved that the Social Services Committee of the National Assembly of the First Session of the Eleventh Parliament adopt all outstanding work of the previous Committee.

AND WHEREAS the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Social Services of the Eleventh Parliament reviewed the Second Special Report of the previous Committee on its visit to the Regional Hospital, the National Insurance Scheme and the Police Station in Mabaruma, Region one, and agreed that it be laid in the National Assembly,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly adopts the Second Special Report of the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Social Services of the Tenth Parliament.  
**(Notice Paper No. 87 (M 71 Committees 14) published on 2017-03-10)**

The Minister within the Ministry of Public Health spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, Mr. Hamilton replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

**ITEM 8 - ADOPTION OF THE THIRD REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS TO ADDRESS MATTERS RELATING TO THE NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE ETHNIC RELATIONS COMMISSION**

The Minister of Social Cohesion (Chairperson of the Committee on Appointments), moved the following motion:

WHEREAS the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Appointments agreed to uphold Resolution No 68 of 2014, which approved the list of entities to be consulted for nomination to the Ethnic Relations Commission;

AND WHEREAS the entities met and made submissions of their nominations between April 27, 2016 and January 25, 2017;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the following persons from the following categories as members of the Ethnic Relations Commission established under the Constitution, and signify to the President that:

**Christian Bodies**

Dr. John O. Smith

**Hindu Bodies**

Sister Rajkumarie Singh

**Muslim Bodies**

Mr. Roshan Khan

**Labour Movement Bodies**

Mr. Norris Emanuel Witter

**Private Sector Organisations**

Major-General (Ret'd) Norman McLean

**Youth Organisations**

Mr. Deodat Persaud

**Women Organisations**

Ms. Ruth Howard

**Cultural/Ethnic Bodies**

**Afro-Guyanese**

Mr. Barrington Braithwaite

**Indo-Guyanese**

Mr. Neaz Subhan

**Indigenous/Amerindian Bodies**

Mr. Ashton Simon

have been nominated in accordance with Resolution No 17 of 2003, and Article 212 B (1) (a) of the Constitution to be appointed members of the Ethnic Relations Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly adopts the Third Report of the Standing Committee to address matters relating to the nomination and appointment of Members to the Ethnic Relations Commission.

**(Notice Paper No. 92 (M 72 Committees 15) published on 2017-04-18)**

Bishop Juan Edghill spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Social Cohesion replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

**ITEM 9 - ADOPTION OF THE FOURTH REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS TO ADDRESS MATTERS RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE ACCOUNTANT OF THE FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT**

The Minister of Social Cohesion (Chairperson of the Committee on Appointments), moved the following motion:



WHEREAS in keeping with the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (Amendment Act 2015, Act No. 1 of 2015,

*The Principal Act is amended by the substitution for section 9 of the following section as section 6, Subclause 4(b)-*

*(3A) The Financial Intelligence Unit shall include-*

*b) An accountant appointed by the Parliamentary Committee on Appointments from a short list provided, based on applications in response to public advertisement.*

AND WHEREAS, the Committee had advertised the position and subsequently shortlisted ten (10) applicants for the position of Accountant but interviewed nine (9), since one (1) applicant withdrew from the position;

AND WHEREAS the Committee on Appointments after deliberations reached a decision by majority and recommended **Mr. Surendra Lall Boodhoo** as a suitable person to be appointed as the Accountant of the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) in accordance with the Anti- Money Laundering & Countering the Financing of Terrorism (Amendment ) Act 2015, Act No. 1 of 2015,

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

That this National Assembly adopts the Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on Appointments to address matters relating to the appointment of the Accountant of the Financial Intelligence Unit;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That this National Assembly signifies to the Clerk of the National Assembly that **Mr. Surendra Lall Boodhoo** be appointed in accordance section 5, of the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Act No. 1 of 2015.

**(Notice Paper No. 93 (M 73 Committees 16) published on 2017-04-18)**

Bishop Juan Edghill spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Social Cohesion replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

**ITEM 10 - ADOPTION OF THE FIFTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS IN RELATION TO THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ATTORNEY-AT-LAW TO THE FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT(FIU)**

The Minister of Social Cohesion (Chairperson of the Committee on Appointments) moved the following motion:

WHEREAS in keeping with the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (Amendment Act 2015, Act No. 1 of 2015 which states:

*The Principal Act is amended by the substitution for section 9 of the following section as section 6, Subclause 4(b)-*

*(3A) The Financial Intelligence Unit shall include-*

- b) An Attorney-at-Law appointed by the Parliamentary Committee on Appointments from a short list provided, based on applications in response to public advertisement.*

AND WHEREAS, the Committee had advertised for the position and subsequently shortlisted six (6) applicants for the position of Attorney-at-Law but interviewed five (5), since one (1) applicant withdrew.

AND WHEREAS the Committee on Appointments after deliberations reached a decision by majority and recommended **Mrs. Yonette Romao Scarville** as a suitable person to be appointed as the Attorney-at-Law of the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) in accordance with the Anti- Money Laundering & Countering the Financing of Terrorism (Amendment ) Act 2015, Act No. 1 of 2015.

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

That this National Assembly adopts the Fifth Report of the Standing Committee on Appointments to address matters relating to the appointment of the Attorney-at-Law of the Financial Intelligence Unit;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That this National Assembly signifies to the Clerk of the National Assembly that **Mrs. Yonette Romao Scarville** be appointed in accordance with section 4, of the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Act No. 1 of 2015.

**(Notice Paper No. 99 (M 79 Committees No.17) published on 2017-06-15)**

Ms. Gail Teixeira spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Social Cohesion replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9.58 p.m., on a motion by the First Vice-President and Prime Minister, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.

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**HON. DR. BARTON U.A. SCOTLAND, O.R., C.C.H., M.P.,**  
**Speaker of the National Assembly**

**PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Brickdam,  
Georgetown.**

**19<sup>th</sup> January, 2018.**