

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 109TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (2015-2018) OF THE ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD
AT 10.00 A.M.
ON THURSDAY, 13TH DECEMBER 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

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
- + 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. Dr. 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)

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

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

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Dr. Frank C.S. Anthony, M.P.

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.

Dr. Vindhya V. Persaud, M.S., M.P.

Ms. Indranie Chandarpal, M.P.

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

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

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)

Ms. Africo Selman, M.P.

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

Mr. Ganga Persaud, M.P.

Ms. Yvonne Pearson- Fredericks, M.P.

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

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)

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

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

Mr. Nigel D. Dharamlall, M.P.

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Mr. Adrian V. Anamayah, M.P.

Mr. Harry Gill, M.P.

Ms. Bhagmattie Veerasammy, M.P.

Mr. Vickram O. Bharrat, M.P.

Officers (2)

Mr. Sherlock E. Isaacs, A.A., Clerk of the National Assembly

Ms. Hermina Gilgeours, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING

The Sitting commenced at 10.15 a.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

(i) GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

MOTION

BUDGET SPEECH 2019 – MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2019

The Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 2019.

(Moved by the Minister of Finance on 2018-11-26)

74 – REGION NO. 4: DEMERARA/MAHAICA

Current Expenditure

741 Regional Administration and Finance

Capital Expenditure

741 Regional Administration and Finance

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Current Expenditure

742 Agriculture

Capital Expenditure

742 Agriculture

Current Expenditure

743 Public Infrastructure

Capital Expenditure

743 Public Infrastructure

Current Expenditure

744 Education Delivery

Capital Expenditure

744 Education Delivery

Current Expenditure

745 Health Services

Capital Expenditure

745 Health Services

Assembly resumed

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 12.05 p.m., the Sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 1.17 p.m., the Sitting was resumed.

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In Committee of Supply

The following Agencies and Programmes in the Estimates of Expenditure were considered and approved by the Committee as presented with the respective amounts allocated thereto:

75 – REGION NO. 5: MAHAICA/BERBICE

Current Expenditure

751 Regional Administration and Finance

Capital Expenditure

751 Regional Administration and Finance

Current Expenditure

752 Agriculture

Capital Expenditure

752 Agriculture

Current Expenditure

753 Public Infrastructure

Capital Expenditure

753 Public Infrastructure

Current Expenditure

754 Education Delivery

Capital Expenditure

754 Education Delivery

Current Expenditure

755 Health Services

Capital Expenditure

755 Health Services

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76 – REGION NO. 6: EAST BERBICE/CORENTYNE

Current Expenditure

761 Regional Administration and Finance

Capital Expenditure

761 Regional Administration and Finance

Current Expenditure

762 Agriculture

Capital Expenditure

762 Agriculture

Current Expenditure

763 Public Infrastructure

Capital Expenditure

763 Public Infrastructure

Current Expenditure

764 Education Delivery

Capital Expenditure

764 Education Delivery

Current Expenditure

765 Health Services

Capital Expenditure

765 Health Services

77 – REGION NO. 7: CUYUNI/MAZARUNI

Current Expenditure

771 Regional Administration and Finance

9.

Capital Expenditure

771 Regional Administration and Finance

Current Expenditure

772 Public Infrastructure

Capital Expenditure

772 Public Infrastructure

Current Expenditure

773 Education Delivery

Capital Expenditure

773 Education Delivery

Current Expenditure

774 Health Services

Capital Expenditure

774 Health Services

Capital Expenditure

775 Agriculture

80 – REGION 10: UPPER DEMERARA/UPPER BERBICE

Current Expenditure

801 Regional Administration and Finance

Capital Expenditure

801 Regional Administration and Finance

Current Expenditure

802 Public Infrastructure

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Capital Expenditure

802 Public Infrastructure

Current Expenditure

803 Education Delivery

Capital Expenditure

803 Education Delivery

Current Expenditure

804 Health Services

Capital Expenditure

804 Health Services

Current Expenditure

805 Agriculture

Capital Expenditure

805 Agriculture

Assembly resumed

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.20 p.m., the Sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 7.10 p.m., the Sitting was resumed.

In Committee of Supply

The following Agencies and Programmes in the Estimates of Expenditure were considered and approved by the Committee as presented with the respective amounts allocated thereto:

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43 – MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Current Expenditure

431 Policy Development and Administration

Capital Expenditure

431 Policy Development and Administration

Current Expenditure

432 Disease Control

Capital Expenditure

432 Disease Control

Current Expenditure

433 Family Health Care Services

Capital Expenditure

433 Family Health Care Services

Current Expenditure

434 Regional and Clinical Services

Capital Expenditure

434 Regional and Clinical Services

Current Expenditure

435 Health Sciences Education

Capital Expenditure

435 Health Sciences Education

Current Expenditure

436 Standards and Technical Services

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Capital Expenditure

436 Standards and Technical Services

Current Expenditure

437 Disability and Rehabilitation Services

Capital Expenditure

437 Disability and Rehabilitation Services

49 – MINISTRY OF SOCIAL PROTECTION

Current Expenditure

491 Policy Development and Administration

Capital Expenditure

491 Policy Development and Administration

Current Expenditure

492 Social Services

Capital Expenditure

492 Social Services

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 10(1)

At 9.58 p.m., the First Vice-President and Prime Minister moved that Standing Order No. 10(1) be suspended to enable the Members to continue and conclude asking questions on the Line Items of the Ministry of Social Protection.

Current Expenditure

493 Labour Administration

Capital Expenditure

493 Labour Administration

Current Expenditure

494 Child Care and Protection

Capital Expenditure

494 Child Care and Protection

Assembly resumed

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.38 p.m., on a motion by the First Vice-President and Prime Minister, the Assembly was adjourned to 10.00 am. on Friday, 14th December, 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.**

13th December, 2018.

