

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 111TH 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, 21ST 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)

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

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

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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.

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)

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 2.02 a.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS-

(1) By the Minister of Finance:

(i) Annual Report of the Guyana Revenue Authority for the year 2014.
(Circulated)

(ii) Annual Report of the Guyana Oil Company Limited for the year 2017.
(Circulated)

(2) The Minister within the Ministry of Natural Resources, on behalf of the Minister of Natural Resources, presented the following Annual Reports:

(i) Annual Report of the Guyana Forestry Commission for 2017.
(Circulated)

(ii) Annual Report of the Guyana Gold Board for 2017.
(Circulated)

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(3) By the Minister of Public Infrastructure:

Financial Statements of the Guyana Energy Agency for the year ended 31st
December, 2017.

(Circulated)

(4) By the Minister of Agriculture:

(i) Annual Report of the Ministry of Agriculture for the year 2017.

(Circulated)

(ii) Annual Report of the Fisheries Department of the Ministry of Agriculture for the
year 2017.

(Circulated)

(iii) Annual Report of the Guyana Livestock Development Authority for the year
2017.

(Circulated)

(iv) Annual Report of the Guyana Marketing Corporation for the year 2017.

(Circulated)

(v) Annual Report of the Guyana Rice Development Board for the year 2017.

(Circulated)

(vi) Annual Report of the Guyana School of Agriculture for the year 2017.

(Circulated)

(vii) Annual Report of the Hydrometeorological Service of the Ministry of Agriculture
for the year 2017.

(Circulated)

(viii) Annual Report of the Mahaica/Mahaicony/Abary Agricultural Development
Authority for the year 2017.

(Circulated)

(ix) Annual Report of the National Agricultural Research and Extension Institute for
the year 2017.

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(x) Annual Report of the National Drainage and Irrigation Authority for the year 2017.

(Circulated)

(xi) Annual Report of the Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals Control Board for the year 2017.

(Circulated)

(5) By the First Vice-President and Prime Minister:

(i) Annual Report of the Guyana National Newspapers Limited for the year 2015.

(Circulated)

(ii) Annual Reports of the National Communications Network Inc. for the years 2013 and 2014.

(Circulated)

PUBLIC BUSINESS

(i) PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

MOTION

NO CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA

Mr. Bharrat Jagdeo, M.P., Leader of the Opposition, moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly has no confidence in the Government.

(Notice Paper No. 174 (M 121 Opp 21) published on 2018-11-22)

The following Members spoke to the motion:

The Minister of State

Ms. Gail Teixeira

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

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SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.18 p.m., the Sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 5.28 p.m., the Sitting was resumed.

The following Members also spoke to the motion:

Mr. Mohabir Nandlall

The Minister of Public Security

Bishop Juan Edghill

The Minister within the Ministry of Natural Resources

Mr. Mohammed Irfaan Ali

The First Vice-President and Prime Minister

Thereafter, Mr. Bharrat Jagdeo replied.

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

FOR

Mr. Bharrat

Ms. Veerasammy

Mr. Gill

Mr. Anamayah

Mr. Dharamlall

Mr. Charlie

Mr. Damon

Dr. Mahadeo

Mr. Chand

Mr. Neendkumar

AGAINST

Mr. Rutherford

Mr. Rajkumar

Mr. Figueira

Mr. Carrington

Mr. Allen

Mr. Adams

Ms. Bancroft

Ms. Wade

Ms. Patterson

Dr. Henry

FOR

Mrs. Pearson-Fredericks
Mr. G. Persaud
Mr. Mustapha
Ms. Selman
Dr. Westford
Mrs. G. Persaud
Dr. Ramsaran
Mr. Croal
Mr. Hamilton
Mrs. Chandarpal
Dr. V. Persaud
Mr. Seeraj
Bishop Edghill
Mr. Lumumba
Mrs. Campbell-Sukhai
Dr. Anthony
Ms. Manickchand
Mr. Nandlall
Mr. Ali
Ms. Teixeira
Mr. Rohee
Mr. Jagdeo
Mr. C. Persaud

AGAINST

Mrs. Charles-Broomes
Dr. Cummings
Mr. Sharma
Mrs. Garrido-Lowe
Mrs. Ferguson
Mrs. Hastings-Williams
Mr. Holder
Mr. Gaskin
Mrs. Hughes
Mr. Patterson
Mrs. Lawrence
Mr. Trotman
Mr. Jordon
Dr. Norton
Mr. Bulkan
Dr. Roopnaraine
Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Harmon
Ms. Ally
Mr. Williams
Mr. Ramjattan
Mr. Greenidge
Mr. Nagamootoo

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Speaker expressed thanks and Christmas Greetings to the Members of Parliament, staff of the Parliament Office and the Media. The First Vice-President and Prime Minister and Mr. Bharrat Jadgeo, Opposition Leader, M.P., joined the Speaker in extending Christmas Greetings to all Guyanese.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9.25 p.m., on a motion by the First Vice-President and Prime Minister, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 pm. on Thursday, 3rd January, 2019.

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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.**

21st December, 2018.