

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 4TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (2020) OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD
AT 10.00 A.M.
ON TUESDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 2020
IN THE DOME OF THE ARTHUR CHUNG CONFERENCE CENTRE,
LILIENDAAL, GREATER GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (70)

Speaker (1)

*Hon. Manzoor Nadir, M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly (Virtual Participation)

MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT (37)

Peoples Progressive Party Civic (37)

Prime Minister (1)

Hon. Brigadier (Ret'd) Mark A. Phillips, M.S.S., M.P., Prime Minister

Vice-President (1)

Hon. Bharrat Jagdeo, M.P., Vice-President (Absent)

Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs (1)

Hon. Mohabir A. Nandlall, M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

Senior Ministers (16)

Hon. Gail Teixeira, M.P. (Region No. 7 – Cuyuni/Mazaruni), Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance and Government Chief Whip

Hon. Hugh H. Todd, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica), Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation

Hon. Bishop Juan A. Edghill, M.S., J.P., M.P., Minister of Public Works

Hon. Dr. Frank C. S. Anthony, M.P., Minister of Health

*Non-Elected Member

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Hon. Priya D. Manickchand, M.P. (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Islands/West Demerara),
Minister of Education

*Hon. Brindley H.R. Benn, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs

Hon. Zulfikar Mustapha, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne), Minister of
Agriculture

Hon. Pauline R.A. Campbell-Sukhai, M.P., Minister of Amerindian Affairs

Hon. Joseph L.F. Hamilton, M.P., Minister of Labour

Hon. Vickram O. Bharrat, M.P., Minister of Natural Resources

*Hon. Oneidge Walrond, M.P., Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce

Hon. Nigel D. Dharamlall, M.P. (Region No. 2 – Pomeroon/Supenaam), Minister of Local
Government and Regional Development

Hon. Collin D. Croal, M.P. (Region No. 1 – BarimaWaini), Minister of Housing and Water

Hon. Vindhya V. H. Persaud, M.S., M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica), Minister of
Human Services and Social Security (Absent)

Hon. Charles S. Ramson, M.P., Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport

Hon. Sonia S. Parag, M.P., Minister of the Public Service

Junior Ministers (4)

Hon. Warren K.E. McCoy, M.P., Minister within the Office of the Prime Minister

Hon. Deodat Indar, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of Public Works

Hon. Anand Persaud, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of Local Government and Regional
Development

Hon. Susan M. Rodrigues, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica), Minister within the
Ministry of Housing and Water

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***Non-Elected Member**

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Other Members (14)

Hon. Dharamkumar Seeraj, M.P.

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

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

Hon. Sanjeev J. Datadin, M.P.

Hon. Seepaul Narine, M.P.

Hon. Yvonne Pearson-Fredericks, M.P.

Hon. Dr. Bheri S. Ramsaran, M.P.

Hon. Dr. Jennifer R.A. Westford, M.P.

Hon. Faizal M. Jaffarally, M.P. (Region No. 5 – Mahaica/Berbice)

Hon. Dr. Tandika S. Smith, M.P. (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

Hon. Lee G.H. Williams, M.P.

*Hon. Sarah Browne, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Amerindian Affairs

*Hon. Vikash Ramkissoon, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture

Hon. Bhagmattie Veerasammy, M.P.

MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION (32)

(i) A Partnership For National Unity + Alliance For Change (APNU/AFC) (31)

Hon. Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Joseph F. Harmon, M.S.M., M.P., Leader of the Opposition

Hon. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.

Hon. Roysdale A. Forde, M.P.

Hon. Raphael G.C. Trotman, M.P.

Hon. Dawn Hastings-Williams, M.P. (Region No. 7 – Cuyuni/Mazaruni)

Hon. Dr. Nicolette O. Henry, M.P.

Hon. Dr. Karen R.V. Cummings, M.P.

Hon. Tabitha J. Sarabo-Halley, M.P.

Hon. Geeta Chandan-Edmond, M.P.

Hon. Christopher A. Jones, M.P., Opposition Chief Whip

Hon. Annette N. Ferguson, M.P.

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***Non-Elected Member**

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Hon. David A. Patterson, M.P. (Absent)

Hon. Coretta A. McDonald, A.A., M.P. (Absent)

Hon. Catherine A. Hughes, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica) (Virtual Participation)

Hon. Haimraj B. Rajkumar, M.P.

Hon. Amanza O.R. Walton-Desir, M.P.

Hon. Natasha Singh-Lewis, M.P.

Hon. Sherod A. Duncan, M.P.

Hon. Juretha V. Fernandes, M.P.

Hon. Vincent P. Henry, M.P.

Hon. Ronald Cox, M.P. (Region No. 1 – Barima/Waini)

Hon. Shurwayne F.K. Holder, M.P. (Region No. 2 – Pomeroon/Supenaam)

Hon. Ganesh A. Mahipaul, M.P. (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

Hon. Nima N. Flue-Bess, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Hon. Maureen A. Philadelphia, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Hon. Deonarine Ramsaroop, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Hon. Vincerooy H. Jordan, M.P., (Region No. 5 – Mahaica/Berbice)

Hon. Dineshwar N. Jaiprashad, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne)

Hon. Richard E. Sinclair, M.P. (Region No. 8 – Potaro/Siparuni)

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

Hon. Devin L. Sears, M.P. (Region No. 10 – Upper Demerara/Upper Berbice)

A New and United Guyana, Liberty and Justice Party and The New Movement (ANUG, LJP & TNM) (1)

Hon. Lenox R. O’Dell Shuman, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Officers (2)

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

Ms. Deslyn West, Assistant Clerk of the National Assembly

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COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING

The Sitting commenced at 10.02 a.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk led in Prayers.

OATH OF A NEW MEMBER

Ms. Sarah Browne

“Honourable Members, by way of an Instrument dated the 14th day of September, 2020, I have been informed that Ms. Sarah Browne was appointed as a Parliamentary Secretary to assist the Minister of Amerindian Affairs in the discharge of her functions.

Before Ms. Browne can take part in the proceedings of the Assembly, she will have to make and subscribe the oath of Office before the Assembly as required by article 167 of the Constitution”.

As Ms. Sarah Browne was present, the oath was administered to her by the Clerk.

Mr. Vikash Ramkissoon

“Honourable Members by way of an Instrument dated the 14th day of September, 2020, I have been informed that Mr. Vikash Ramkissoon was appointed as a Parliamentary Secretary to assist the Minister of Agriculture in the discharge of his functions.

Before Mr. Ramkissoon can take part in the proceedings of the Assembly, he will have to make and subscribe the oath of Office before the Assembly as required by article 167 of the Constitution”.

As Mr. Vikash Ramkissoon was present, the oath was administered to him by the Clerk.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

The Speaker made the following announcement:

(1) Welcome to New Members

The Speaker, on behalf of the Assembly and himself, welcomed and congratulated Ms. Sarah Browne and Mr. Vikash Ramkissoon on their becoming Members of the National Assembly.

ORAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

The Speaker disallowed a request from Hon. Amanza Walton-Desir, M.P., to ask an oral question without notice in relation to the visit of Mr. Mike Pompeo, Secretary of State of the United States of America to Guyana.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

(i) GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

MOTION

BUDGET SPEECH 2020 - MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2020

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 2020.

(Moved by the Minister of Finance on 2020-09-09)

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Hon. Vinceroy Jordan, M.P.

Hon. Faizal Jaffarally, M.P.

Hon. Richard Sinclair, M.P.

Hon. Lee Williams, M.P.

Hon. Juretha Fernandes, M.P.

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SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 11.58 p.m., the Sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 1.10 p.m., the Sitting was resumed.

The following Members also spoke to the motion:

Hon. Dr. Vishwa Mahadeo, M.P.

Hon. Dineshwar Jaiprashad, M.P.

Hon. Dr. Bheri Ramsaran, M.P.

Hon. Catherine Hughes, M.P.

Hon. Vickram Bharrat, M.P., Minister of Natural Resources

Hon. Deonarine Ramsaroop, M.P.

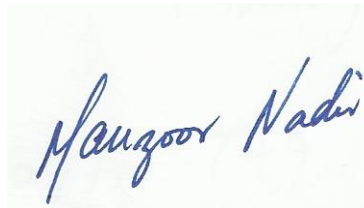
Hon. Susan Rodrigues, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of Housing and Water

Hon. Sherod Duncan, M.P.

Hon. Dharamkumar Seeraj, M.P.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4.53 p.m., on a motion by the Prime Minister, the Assembly was adjourned to 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 16th September, 2020.



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HON. MANZOOR NADIR, M.P.,
Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Brickdam,
Georgetown.

15th September, 2020.