

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 48TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION
(2006-2008) OF THE NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON FRIDAY, 7TH MARCH, 2008
IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, BRICKDAM

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (71)

Speaker (1)

The Hon. Hari N. Ramkarran, S.C., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly

MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT (42)

(i) People's Progressive Party/Civic (41)

(ii) The United Force (1)

The Hon. Samuel A.A. Hinds, M.P., (Region No. 10 – Upper Demerara/Upper Berbice), Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works and Communications (Absent – performing the functions of Office of President)

The Hon. Clement J. Rohee, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs

The Hon. Shaik K.Z Baksh, M.P., Minister of Education

The Hon. Dr. Henry B. Jeffrey, M.P., Minister of Foreign Trade and International Co-operation (Absent – on leave)

The Hon. Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P., (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne) Minister of Health

The Hon. Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett, M.P., (Region No. 9 – Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo), Minister of Amerindian Affairs

*The Hon. Dr. Ashni K. Singh, M.P., Minister of Finance (Absent – on leave)

*The Hon S. Rudolph Insanally, O.R., C.C.H., M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs (Absent – on leave)

The Hon. Harry Narine Nawbatt, M.P., Minister of Housing and Water

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*Non-elected Minister

The Hon. Robert M. Persaud, M.P., (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne),
Minister of Agriculture (Absent – on leave)

The Hon. Dr. Jennifer R.A. Westford, M.P., (Region No. 7 – Cuyuni/Mazaruni),
Minister of Public Service

The Hon. Kellawan Lall, M.P., Minister of Local Government and Regional
Development

*The Hon. Doodnauth Singh, S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of
Legal Affairs (Absent)

The Hon. Dr. Frank C.S. Anthony, M.P., Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport

The Hon. B. H. Robeson Benn, M.P., Minister of Transport and Hydraulics

**The Hon. Manzoor Nadir, M.P., Minister of Labour

The Hon. Priya D. Manickchand, M.P., (Region No. 5 – Mahaica/Berbice)
Minister of Human Services and Social Security

The Hon. Dr. Desrey Fox, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Education

The Hon. Dr. Bheri S. Ramsaran, M.D., M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Health

The Hon. Jennifer I. Webster, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Finance

The Hon. Manniram Prashad, M.P., Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce

Mr. Donald R. Ramotar, M.P.

Ms Gail Teixeira, M.P.

Mr. Harripersaud Nokta, M.P.

Mrs. Indranie Chandarpal, M.P., Chief Whip

Ms Bibi S. Shadick, M.P., (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Island/West Demerara)

Mr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, M.P.

Mr. Albert A. Atkinson, J.P., M.P., (Region No. 8 – Potaro/Siparuni)

***Non-Elected Minister**

****Elected Member from the United Force**

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

Mr. Bernard C. DeSantos, S.C., M.P., (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mrs. Shirley V. Edwards, J.P., M.P., (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. Mohamed F. Khan, J.P., M.P., (Region No. 2 – Pomeroon/Supernaam)

Mr. Odinga N. Lumumba, M.P. (Absent – on leave)

Mr. Moses V. Nagamootoo, J.P., M.P.

Mr. Mohabir A. Nandlall, M.P.

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

***Mr. Steve P. Ninvalle, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport

Mr. Parmanand P. Persaud, J.P., M.P., (Region No. 2 – Pomeroon/Supernaam)

Mrs. Philomena Sahoye-Shury, C.C.H., J.P., M.P., Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Housing and Water

***Mrs. Pauline Sukhai, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism, Industry and Commerce

Mr. Dharamkumar Seeraj, M.P.

Mr. Norman A. Whittaker, M.P., (Region No. 1 – Barima/Waini)

Members of the Opposition (28)

(i) Members of People's National Congress Reform-One Guyana (22)

Mr. Robert Corbin, M.P., Leader of the Opposition

Mr. Winston Murray, C.C.H., M.P.

Mrs. Clarissa S. Riehl, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Mr. E. Lance Carberry, M.P., Chief Whip

Mrs. Deborah J. Backer, M.P.

Mr. Anthony Vieira, M.P. (Absent)

***Non-elected Member

Mr. Basil Williams, M.P.

Dr. George A. Norton, M.P.

Mrs. Volda A. Lawrence, M.P. (Absent – on leave)

Mr. Keith Scott, M.P.

Ms Amna Ally, M.P.

Mr. Dave Danny, M.P., (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. Aubrey C. Norton, M.P., (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. Ernest Barnabas Elliot, M.P., (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mrs. Judith David-Blair, M.P., (Region No. 7 – Cuyuni/Mazaruni)

Mr. Mervyn Williams, M.P., (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Island/West Demerara)

Ms Africo Selman, M.P.

Dr. John Austin, M.P., (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne)

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

Ms. Vanessa Kissoon, M.P., (Region No. 10 – Upper Demerara/Upper Berbice)

Mr. Desmond Fernandes, M.P., (Region No. 1 – Barima/Waini)

Mr. James K. Mc Allister, M.P. (Absent – on leave)

(ii) **Alliance for Change (5)**

Mr. Raphael G.C. Trotman, M.P. (Absent)

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.

Mrs. Sheila Holder, M.P. (Absent – on leave)

Ms Latchmin Budhan Punalall, M.P., (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica) (Absent – on leave)

Mr. David Patterson, M.P.

(iii) Guyana Action Party/Rise Organize and Rebuild (1)

Mr. Everall N. Franklin, M.P.

OFFICERS (2)

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

Mrs. Lilawtie Coonjah, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING

The sitting commenced at 2.17 p.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

PUBLIC BUSINESS-

(i) GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

MOTION

BUDGET SPEECH 2008 – MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2008

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 2008.

(Moved by the Minister of Finance on 2008-02-22)

In Committee of Supply

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

13 - MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 131 Main Office
- 132 Ministry Administration
- 133 Regional Development

13 – Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development– Capital Expenditure**71 - REGION 1: BARIMA/WAINI**

- 711 Regional Administration and Finance
- 712 Public Works
- 713 Education Delivery
- 714 Health Services

71 – Region 1: Barima/Waini– Capital Expenditure**72 - REGION 2: POMEROON/SUPENAAM**

- 721 Regional Administration and Finance
- 722 Agriculture
- 723 Public Works
- 724 Education Delivery
- 725 Health Services

72 – Region 2: Pomeroon/Supenaam– Capital Expenditure**73 – REGION 3 - ESSEQUIBO ISLANDS/WEST DEMERARA**

- 731 Regional Administration and Finance
- 732 Agriculture
- 733 Public Works
- 734 Education Delivery
- 735 Health Services

73 – Region 3: Essequibo Islands/West Demerara– Capital Expenditure**74 – REGION 4: DEMARARA/MAHAICA**

- 741 Regional Administration and Finance
- 742 Agriculture
- 743 Public Works
- 744 Education Delivery
- 745 Health Services

74 – Region 4: Demerara/Mahaica– Capital Expenditure

75 – REGION 5: MAHAICA/BERBICE

751 Regional Administration and Finance

752 Agriculture

753 Public Works

754 Education Delivery

755 Health Services

75 – Region 5: Mahaica/Berbice– Capital Expenditure

76 - REGION 6: EAST BERBICE/CORENTYNE

761 Regional Administration and Finance

762 Agriculture

763 Public Works

764 Education Delivery

765 Health Services

76 - Region 6: East Berbice/Corentyne– Capital Expenditure

77 - REGION 7: CUYUNI/MAZARUNI

771 Regional Administration and Finance

772 Public Works

773 Education Delivery

774 Health Services

77 – Region 7: Cuyuni/Mazaruni– Capital Expenditure

Assembly resumed

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 5.00 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 5.48 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for 2008.

In Committee of Supply

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

78 - REGION 8: POTARO/SIPARUNI

781 Regional Administration and Finance

782 Public Works

783 Education Delivery

784 Health Services

78 – Region 8: Potaro/Siparuni– Capital Expenditure**79 - REGION 9: UPPER TAKUTU/UPPER ESSEQUIBO**

791 Regional Administration and Finance

792 Agriculture

793 Public Works

794 Education Delivery

795 Health Services

79 – Region 9: Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo– Capital Expenditure**80 – REGION 10: UPPER DEMERARA/UPPER BERBICE**

801 Regional Administration and Finance

802 Public Works

803 Education Delivery

804 Health Services

80 – Region 10: Upper Demerara/Upper Berbice– Capital Expenditure**45 – MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND WATER**

451 Housing and Water

45 – Ministry of Housing and Water– Capital Expenditure**46 - GEORGETOWN PUBLIC HOSPITAL CORPORATION**

461 Public Hospital

46 – Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation– Capital Expenditure

47 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH

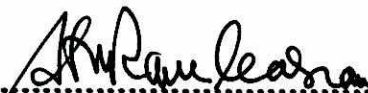
- 471 Ministry Administration
 - 472 Disease Control
 - 473 Primary Health Care Services
 - 474 Regional and Clinical Services
 - 475 Health Sciences Education
 - 476 Standards and Technical Services
 - 477 Rehabilitation Services
- 47 – Ministry of Health– Capital Expenditure**

51 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

- 511 Secretariat Services
 - 512 Guyana Police Force
 - 513 Guyana Prison Service
 - 514 Police Complaints Authority
 - 515 Guyana Fire Service
 - 516 General Register Office
- 51 – Ministry of Home Affairs– Capital Expenditure**

Assembly resumed**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8.07 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Home Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Monday, 10th March, 2008.



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HON. HARI N. RAMKARRAN, S.C., M.P.,
Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Brickdam,
Georgetown.

7th March, 2008.