

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 118TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION
(2006-2010) OF THE NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON THURSDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 2010
IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (70)

Speaker (1)

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

MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT (41)

- (i) **People's Progressive Party/Civic (40)**
- (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

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. 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 Foreign Affairs

*The Hon. Dr. Ashni K. Singh, M.P., Minister of Finance

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

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***Non-elected Minister**

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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. Charles R. Ramson, S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

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. Bheri S. Ramsaran, 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

*The Hon. Pauline Sukhai, M.P., Minister of Amerindian Affairs

The Hon. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, M.P., Minister of Housing and Water

Mr. Donald R. Ramotar, M.P.

Ms Gail Teixeira, M.P.

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

Mr. Harripersaud Nokta, M.P.

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

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

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***Non-Elected Minister**

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

3.

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) (Absent – on leave)

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

Mr. Mohabir A. Nandlall, M.P.

Mr. Odinga N. Lumumba, M.P.

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

***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

Mr. Dharamkumar Seeraj, M.P.

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

Dr. Vishwa Deva Budhram Mahadeo, M.P.

Rev. Kwame Gilbert, M.P.

Mr. Lloyd J. Pereira, J.P., M.P.

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 (Absent)

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

***Non-elected Parliamentary Secretary

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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. 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.

Ms Cheryl Sampson, 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)

Ms Dawn Hastings, M.P.

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

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

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.

Mrs. Sheila Holder, M.P.

Mrs. Latchmin Punalall, M.P., (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

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 2.15 p.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Report emanating from the Kaieteur News – “Parliamentary Records Tampered with – Ramjattan”

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P., gave a personal explanation with respect to the report emanating from the Kaieteur News newspaper of February 24, 2010 – “Parliamentary Records Tampered with – Ramjattan”.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

(i) GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

MOTION

BUDGET SPEECH 2010 – MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2010

The Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 2010.

(Moved by the Minister of Finance on 2010-02-08)

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-

13 - MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Current Expenditure

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

Capital Expenditure

- 132 Ministry Administration
- 133 Regional Development

71 - REGION 1: BARIMA/WAINI

Current Expenditure

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

Capital Expenditure

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

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72 - REGION 2: POMEROON/SUPENAAM**Current Expenditure**

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

Capital Expenditure

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

73 – REGION 3 - ESSEQUIBO ISLANDS/WEST DEMERARA**Current Expenditure**

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

Capital Expenditure

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

74 – REGION 4: DEMARARA/MAHAICA**Current Expenditure**

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

Capital Expenditure

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

Assembly resumed

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.36 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 5.23 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-

75 – REGION 5: MAHAICA/BERBICE

Current Expenditure

- 751 Regional Administration and Finance
- 752 Agriculture
- 753 Public Works
- 754 Education Delivery
- 755 Health Services

Capital Expenditure

- 751 Regional Administration and Finance
- 752 Agriculture
- 753 Public Works
- 754 Education Delivery
- 755 Health Services

76 - REGION 6: EAST BERBICE/CORENTYNE**Current Expenditure**

- 761 Regional Administration and Finance
- 762 Agriculture
- 763 Public Works
- 764 Education Delivery
- 765 Health Services

Capital Expenditure

- 761 Regional Administration and Finance
- 762 Agriculture
- 763 Public Works
- 764 Education Delivery
- 765 Health Services

77 - REGION 7: CUYUNI/MAZARUNI**Current Expenditure**

- 771 Regional Administration and Finance
- 772 Public Works
- 773 Education Delivery
- 774 Health Services

Capital Expenditure

- 771 Regional Administration and Finance
- 772 Public Works
- 773 Education Delivery
- 774 Health Services

78 - REGION 8: POTARO/SIPARUNI**Current Expenditure**

- 781 Regional Administration and Finance
- 782 Public Works
- 783 Education Delivery
- 784 Health Services

Capital Expenditure

- 781 Regional Administration and Finance
- 782 Public Works
- 783 Education Delivery
- 784 Health Services

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79 - REGION 9: UPPER TAKUTU/UPPER ESSEQUIBO**Current Expenditure**

- 791 Regional Administration and Finance
- 792 Agriculture
- 793 Public Works
- 794 Education Delivery
- 795 Health Services

Capital Expenditure

- 791 Regional Administration and Finance
- 792 Agriculture
- 793 Public Works
- 794 Education Delivery
- 795 Health Services

80 – REGION 10: UPPER DEMERARA/UPPER BERBICE**Current Expenditure**

- 801 Regional Administration and Finance
- 802 Public Works
- 803 Education Delivery
- 804 Health Services

Capital Expenditure

- 801 Regional Administration and Finance
- 802 Public Works
- 803 Education Delivery
- 804 Health Services

45 – MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND WATER**Current Expenditure**

- 451 Housing and Water

Capital Expenditure

- 451 Housing and Water

21 - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**Current Expenditure**

- 211 Ministry Administration
- 212 Crops and Livestock Support Services
- 213 Fisheries
- 214 Hydrometeorological Services

Capital Expenditure

- 211 Ministry Administration
- 212 Crops and Livestock Support Services
- 213 Fisheries
- 214 Hydrometeorological Services

48 - MINISTRY OF LABOUR, HUMAN SERVICES AND SOCIAL SECURITY

Current Expenditure

- 481 Ministry Administration
- 482 Social Services
- 483 Labour Administration

Capital Expenditure

- 481 Ministry Administration
- 482 Social Services
- 483 Labour Administration

Assembly resumed

ADJOURNMENT

At 8.18 p.m., on a motion by the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works and Communications, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m., on Friday, 26th February, 2010.

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HON. HARI N. RAMKARRAN, S.C., M.P.,

Speaker of the National Assembly

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

25th February, 2010.

