

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 152ND SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION
(2006-2011) OF THE NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON THURSDAY, 28TH APRIL, 2011
IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, BRICKDAM,
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)

People's Progressive Party/Civic (40)

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 the 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. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne),
Minister of Health (Absent – on leave)

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 (Absent – on leave)

***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 (Absent – on leave)

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 (Absent – on leave)

*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. (Absent – on leave)

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**

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

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) (Absent – on leave)

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

Mr. Moses V. Nagamootoo, J.P., M.P. (Absent – on leave)

Mr. Mohabir A. Nandlall, M.P.

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

Mr. Dharamkumar Seeraj, M.P.

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

Dr. Vishwa Deva Budhram Mahadeo, M.P.

Rev. Dr. Kwame Gilbert, M.P.

Mr. Lloyd J. Pereira, J.P., M.P. (Absent – on leave)

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 – on leave)

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

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*****Non-elected Parliamentary Secretary**

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Mr. E. Lance Carberry, M.P., Chief Whip (Absent – on leave)

Mrs. Deborah J. Backer, M.P. (Absent)

Mr. Basil Williams, M.P.

Dr. George A. Norton, M.P.

Mrs. Volda A. Lawrence, M.P.

Mr. Keith Scott, M.P. (Absent – on leave)

Ms Amna Ally, M.P. (Absent)

Ms Cheryl Sampson, M.P.

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

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

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

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)

Mrs. Mabel Baveghems, M.P.

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. (Absent)

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. (Absent)

Guyana Action Party/Rise Organize and Rebuild (1)

Mr. Everall N. Franklin, M.P. (Absent)

OFFICERS (2)

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

Ms Lilawtie Coonjah, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING

The sitting commenced at 2.10 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS-

- (i) The Minister of Home Affairs, on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works and Communications, presented the following report:

The Guyana Power and Light Inc., Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 2009.

(Circulated)

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(ii) By the Minister of Home Affairs:

The Fire Advisory Board Annual Report for the year 2010.

(Circulated)

(iii) By the Minister of Finance:

(a) The Lethem Power Company Inc., Annual Reports and Financial Statements for the years ended 31st December, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

(Circulated)

(b) The Audited Financial Statements of the National Communication Network Inc. for the period 1st March, 2004 to 31st December, 2004 and the year ended 31st December, 2005.

(Circulated)

(c) The National Insurance Scheme Annual Report and Audited Accounts for the year 2008.

(Circulated)

(d) The National Insurance Scheme Annual Report and Audited Accounts for the year 2009.

(Circulated)

(e) Audited Financial Statements of the Guyana National Co-operative Bank for the year ended 31st December, 2006.

(Circulated)

(f) Kwakwani Utilities Inc., Annual Report for the year 2009.

(Circulated)

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- (g) Audited Financial Statements of the National Communications Network Inc., for the year ended 31st December, 2006.

(Circulated)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES-

By Mrs. Indranie Chandarpal, M.P. (Chairperson of the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Social Services):

The Fifth Periodic Report of the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Social Services.

(Circulated)

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

For Written Replies

1. **CHILD FRIENDLY CLASSROOMS IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

Member Asking: Ms Vanessa Kissoon, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

Could the Honourable Minister outline to this National Assembly what will be done to existing classrooms in Primary and Secondary Schools to make them child friendly?

(Notice Paper No. 514 (Q 348 Opp 323) published on 2011-03-02)

Answer:

“Quality education is the major goal of the Ministry of Education current strategic plan which has as its theme ‘Meeting the Quality Imperative’. The development of its schools into Child Friendly Institutions is a major strategy in raising the quality of education. It was reported in the UNICEF (2009) Child Friendly School Evaluation that Guyana has made significant strides in making schools child-friendly.

The following are some of the activities being implemented in schools:

- **Effective Learning/Teaching** - to develop teachers' proficiencies so that teachers have theoretical and practical knowledge with a specific focus on learning/teaching activities and materials which promote active, creative and child-centered approaches to learning in a joyful classroom environment. To nurture teachers' attitudes, behaviour and moral values, which will lead to learning together in a harmonious way.
- Training of DEOs in Child Friendly Methodologies done in 2010. Using the cascading method all Headteachers and teachers will be trained.
- Training of teachers in hinterland in Child Friendly methodology and multi-grade teaching.
- School Health and School Safety Training workshops for Headteachers and Education Officers continued.
- Promotion of Inquiry Based Science Education and problem-based learning methodology in the teaching/learning of science at all levels.
- Language Experience Approach in teaching literacy ongoing.
- IRI Mathematics ongoing.
- Expansion of Success Marker in the classroom.
- Expansion of connecting classrooms.
- Attractive classroom environment promoted.
- Remediation programme for slow learners expanded.
- Provision of textbooks and mobile libraries in the classroom.

- **Health, Safety and Protection of Children** - To ensure that all children participate in education are cared for and supported by all concerned people and institutions to keep them healthy and safe and protect them from violence at school, in the family and in society.
- Ensuring that school facilities and infrastructure are in keeping with the Non-Academic Standards.

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- Promotion of safe water and hygienic conditions in the schools.
- Monitoring the implementation of the Canteen Policy in schools.
- Provision of nutritious snack via the school feeding programme continued.
- Continued collaboration with the Ministry of Health and UNICEF to ensure that students are immunized and screened for vision, speech and hearing impairments in all education districts.
- Provision of School Welfare and Guidance and Counseling services expanded.
- Rigorous monitoring of the use of the Guideline for Maintenance of Order and Discipline in School.
- Ensuring the effective implementation and delivery of the HFLE Curriculum in schools.
- Promotion of Music, Physical Education and Sports in all schools.”

2. **EQUAL ACCESS TO EDUCATION AT THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY LEVELS**

Member Asking: Ms Vanessa Kissoon, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

Could the Honourable Minister inform this National Assembly whether his Ministry has in place a system to ensure that there is equal access to education at the primary and secondary levels?

(a) If yes, what is the system?

(b) If no, when will such a system be developed?

(Notice Paper No. 515 (Q 349 Opp 324) published on 2011-03-02)

Answer:**Primary Education**

“The issue of equal access to Primary and Secondary education is of great importance to the Ministry of Education. Over the years, significant attention has been given to this and it must be stated that particular strides have been made-to-date.

Access to primary level education in Guyana, in terms of the number of primary places available, has not been a major problem for many years. The net enrolment ratio, which is the proportion of children ages 6 to 11 who are in primary school, is around 95%. This is regarded as virtual achievement of Universal Primary Education (UPE) because it must be remembered that some children who are 6 years old are still in nursery school and a few who are 11 years old are in secondary school. In addition, the Ministry is not capturing a large amount of private school data at the moment, which will certainly increase these numbers. A recent World Bank document declared: “...Most children start school at the appropriate age, enrolment levels at primary school are high and the completion rate is nearly 100 percent...” As such, Guyana has been rightly recognized as having virtually achieved Universal Primary Education.

Secondary Education

As it relates to Secondary Education, the percentage of coverage is 78%. The net enrolment ratio at this level reflects a combination of the issue of available places in General Secondary Schools as well as a relatively high dropout rate from around Grade 9; although this rate is now declining. As such, one of our primary goals in the Education Strategic Plan is to improve access to Secondary Education across the country while decreasing the overall dropout rate. The ultimate goal in this regard is to devise a system that provides access to the entire population of the relevant age cohort. As such, the following strategies have been devised:

- All Community High Schools converted to General Secondary Schools.

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- Secondary Departments of Primary Schools amalgamated to ensure all secondary-aged students have access to the secondary education programme.
- Provision of transportation service for students in the hinterland and riverine communities.
- Expansion and building of dormitory facilities to provide additional places for students of hinterland and riverine communities via expansion of existing and building of new dormitory facilities.
- Continuous review of placement at the secondary level based on specified scores/criteria at the National Grade Six Assessment.
- Provision of alternative pathways in secondary education (SCCP).
- Expansion of the Six-Year Transitional Programme.”

3. **PLAN TO EXTEND UNIVERSITY EDUCATION TO REGION #10**

Member Asking: Ms Vanessa Kissoon, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

Could the Honourable Minister inform this National Assembly whether his Ministry has any plan to extend university education to Region #10?

(Notice Paper No. 516 (Q 350 Opp 325) published on 2011-03-02)

Answer:

“University education is being extended to the Regions including Region #10 through the Institute of Distance and Continuing Education.

The University is preparing to expand University education across Guyana utilizing Open and Distance Learning modes and this will be facilitated through the expansion of ICT and the launching of the Education Television Broadcasting Channel.”

4. **PROSECUTION OF PERSONS FROM 1ST JANUARY, 2007 TO 31ST JANUARY, 2011**

Member Asking: Dr. John Austin, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Home Affairs

Could the Honourable Minister of Home Affairs state how many persons have been prosecuted from 1st January, 2007 to 31st January, 2011, subsequent to information of multiple national registration being reported to the Police?

(Notice Paper No. 517 (Q 351 Opp 326) published on 2011-03-02)

Answer:

The Honourable Minister of Home Affairs wishes to inform the National Assembly that:

- “1. One report of two hundred and ninety-two (292) incidents of double registrants was made by Mr. Gooool Boodhoo on 19th October, 2009.
2. Police investigations revealed that the report was made in excess of six months of the registration, which exceeds the statutory limitation, therefore no prosecution could have been brought.
3. Investigations are incomplete because, despite requests made, GECOM has not provided sufficient information on the Registration Officers involved.”

5. **BREAKING OF SURFACE OF MAIN STREET CUMBERLAND, IN
ORDINANCE FORT LANDS/NO. 38 N.D.C.**

Member Asking: Dr. John Austin, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

Could the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Regional Development say why the surface of Main Street, Cumberland, in Ordinance Fort Islands/No. 38 N.D.C., began breaking up within three (3) months after its rehabilitation? If so, has an investigation commenced?

(Notice Paper No. 518 (Q 352 Opp 327) published on 2011-03-02)

Answer:

“This project was done under the Ministry of Public Works in 2010. The contractor was Reasat Ali. A technical assessment was carried out by the authorities in Region 6 and the Public Works Ministry and the contractor has been instructed to carry out corrective works.”

6. **COST OF REHABILITATION OF THE EASTERN HALF OF THE NO. 67
VILLAGE SIDE LINE DAM**

Member Asking: Dr. John Austin, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

(i) Could the Honourable Minister provide this National Assembly with the cost of rehabilitating the Eastern half of the No. 67 Village Side Line Dam, also referred to as the No. 66 Fisherman Complex Street, in the No. 52/No. 74 N.D.C.?

(ii) Was the No. 52/No. 74 N.D.C. consulted concerning the proposed rehabilitation of this road?

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(iii) If this N.D.C. was consulted, could the Honourable Minister state when and by what means this consultation was done?

(Notice Paper No. 519 (Q 353 Opp 387) published on 2011-03-02)

Answer:

“The cost of this project is \$2,773,438. The rehabilitation of this road was done by Region 6. The NDC was informed of this work in December, 2010.”

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS-

Presentation and First Readings

1. **ANIMAL HEALTH BILL 2011 – Bill No. 4/2011**

The Minister of the Public Service, on behalf of the Minister of Agriculture and the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to control the movement of animals into and within Guyana and to prevent the introduction and spread of animal diseases within Guyana and from other countries, and to ensure the safe and humane movement of animals to and from Guyana and to regulate the importation and production of animal products and livestock feeds and other matters thereto and connected therewith.

2. **SEEDS BILL 2011 – Bill No. 5/2011**

The Minister of the Public Service, on behalf of the Minister of Agriculture and the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to regulate the production, sale, import, export and quality of certain seeds for sowing; to provide for certification of seeds and for related matters.

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3. **PLANT PROTECTION BILL 2011 – Bill No. 6/2011**

The Minister of the Public Service, on behalf of the Minister of Agriculture and the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to regulate the importation and exportation of plants, planting material and objects derived from them, to protect from the introduction of exotic pests and diseases to Guyana and to control and eradicate diseases and pests within the country.

4. **CONSUMER AFFAIRS BILL 2011 – Bill No. 7/2011**

The Minister of Finance, on behalf of the Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce and the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to promote and protect consumer interests in relation to the supply of goods and services and for related purposes.

(ii) **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

MOTION

ITEM 1 - POLITICAL PARTIES CAMPAIGN FINANCING

Mrs. Sheila Holder, M.P., moved the following motion:

WHEREAS Article 162(1)(b) of the Constitution directs GECOM in relation to elections to issue such instructions and 'take such action as appear to it to be expedient to ensure impartiality, fairness and compliance with the provisions of the Constitution or of any Act of Parliament on the part of persons or performing duties connected with or relating to the matters aforesaid';

AND WHEREAS the laws relevant to financing campaigns of political parties as contained in Chapter 1:03 Laws of Guyana, Representation of the People Act Part XIII entitled 'Election Expenses' are generally considered to be archaic and not meaningful;

AND WHEREAS historically the Chief Elections Officer as the regulator and political parties as contestants in elections, routinely observe these laws in the breach;

AND WHEREAS Guyana has committed to several international instruments and mandates for addressing the issues of political party and campaign financing most notably the following, which explicitly or indirectly address these issues:

- As in the Declaration of Commitment of Port of Spain at the Fifth Summit of the Americas in Trinidad and Tobago April 19, 2009 where CARICOM heads of State reaffirmed their commitment to fostering credibility and public trust in democratic institutions, in particular the legitimacy of electoral processes;
- As in Article 5 of the Inter-American Democratic Charter where strengthening of political parties and other political organizations is recognized as a priority for democracy paying special attention to problems associated with the high cost of election campaigns and the establishment of a balance and transparent system for their financing;
- As in Article 7 Section 3 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, to which Guyana acceded on April 16, 2008, and which requires that each state party 'considers taking appropriate legislative and administrative measures to enhance transparency in the funding of candidatures for elected public office and ... the funding of political parties';

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- As in Article 10 of the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption adopted in Maputo on July 11, 2003, each state party shall adopt legislative and other measures to incorporate the principle of transparency in funding of political parties; and prescribe the use of funds to finance political parties;
- As in Recommendation (2003) 4 of the Committee of Ministers for the Council of Europe (CoE) to member states on common rules against corruption in the funding of political parties and electoral campaigns which was adopted by the CoE Committee of Ministers on April 8, 2003. This international instrument primarily focuses on sources of funding – supporting a system that balances private and public financing – and on the merits of disclosure,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly recognizes that a strong democracy requires healthy political parties, resources to sustain and operate a basic party structure capable of representing people, contributing creatively to the public policy debate, and contesting elections; and that the role of money in politics undeniably influences the quality of democracy and governance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Government presents to the National Assembly such relevant laws and regulations pertaining to political party campaign financing; curtail abuse of public resources by the incumbent leading up to and during elections as recommended by the Commonwealth Secretariat in order to create a level playing field for contesting parties at elections in Guyana.

(Notice Paper No. 493 (M154 Opp49) published on 2010-10-22)

While Mrs. Sheila Holder was speaking to the motion the Speaker withdrew from the Chamber.

Presiding by Mrs. Clarissa Riehl, M.P.

At 2.23 p.m., the Speaker withdrew from the Chamber and Mrs. Clarissa Riehl, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly took the Chair.

Return to the Chamber

At 2.28 p.m., the Speaker returned to the Chamber.

The following Members spoke to the motion:

The Minister of Labour
Mr. Basil Williams
Mr. Mohabir Nandlall
Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.25 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 5.32 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

Ms Gail Teixeira also spoke to the motion.

Thereafter Mrs. Sheila Holder replied.

The Minister of Labour moved the following amendments which were put and carried:

“Delete the second AND WHEREAS clause.

The third AND WHEREAS clause after the word ‘has’ in the first line insert the word ‘noted’ and in the second line after the word ‘party’ delete the word ‘and’.

Delete the first 'BE IT RESOLVED' and rename it as an 'AND WHEREAS' clause. In the second line after the word 'requires' insert the word 'a' and after the word 'healthy' delete the words 'political parties' and insert the words 'representative multi-party system'. In the fourth line delete the words coming after the word 'elections'."

The Minister of Labour moved the following amendments which were put and carried on the following division:

"Delete the second BE IT RESOLVED clause and replace with the following new BE IT RESOLVED clause:

BE IT RESOLVED that this National Assembly approves the establishment of a Special Select Committee to examine the existing laws and regulations regarding political parties' electoral expenses, examine legislation in other countries in relation to political party campaign financing and report its findings and recommendations for this National Assembly's consideration."

AGAINST

Mrs. Budhan
Mrs. Holder
Mr. Ramjattan
Ms Hastings
Mr. Fernandes
Ms Kissoon
Ms Baveghems
Ms Wade
Dr. Austin
Ms Selman
Mrs. David-Blair

FOR

Rev. Gilbert
Dr. Mahadeo
Mr. Whittaker
Mr. Seeraj
Mr. Parmamand Persaud
Mr. Neendkumar
Mr. Lumumba
Mr. Nandlall
Mr. Khan
Mr. DeSantos
Mr. Atkinson

Mr. Danny
Ms Sampson
Mrs. Lawrence
Dr. Norton
Mr. Basil Williams
Mrs. Riehl

Miss Shadick
Mr. Nokta
Mrs. Chandarpal
Miss Teixeira
Mr. Ali
Ms Webster
Mr. Nadir
Mr. Benn
Dr. Anthony
Mr. Lall
Dr. Westford
Mrs. Rodrigues-Birkett
Mr. Rohee

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Thereafter the motion was passed as amended.

(iii) COMMITTEES BUSINESS

MOTION

ITEM 2 - STAFF ISSUES RELATING TO THE AUDIT OFFICE

Mrs. Volda Lawrence, M.P. (Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee)
moved the following motion:

WHEREAS the Public Accounts Committee in examining staff issues relating to the Audit Office noted that the Works and Structure Division and the staff therein were omitted from the Rationalised Job/Position Titles and the Manning Level Chart of the Regulations, the Rules, Policies and Procedures Manual;

AND WHEREAS in order to correct the omission, the Chief Parliamentary Counsel advised that the amendment be published in the Gazette and that the Public Accounts Committee shall, thereafter, lodge the Regulations with the Clerk of the National Assembly together with a notice of motion for confirmation by the National Assembly;

AND WHEREAS the amendment was published in an Extraordinary copy of the Official Gazette dated *15th February, 2011*, Legal Supplement B *No. 1 of 2011* dated *14th February, 2011*,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Rationalised Job/Position Titles and the Manning Level Chart of the Rules, Policies and Procedures Manual be confirmed, as correct, by the National Assembly.

(Notice Paper No. 485 (M147 Opp 40) published on 2011-04-01)

Ms Bibi Shadick spoke to the motion.

The motion was then put and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.48 p.m., the Speaker adjourned the sitting to a date to be fixed.

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

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Brickdam,
Georgetown.

28th April, 2011.