#### **NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# OF THE 82<sup>ND</sup> SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION (2012-2014) OF THE TENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD AT 2.00 P.M.

# ON MONDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2014

## IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, BRICKDAM, GEORGETOWN.

#### MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (68)

#### Speaker (1)

The Hon Raphael G.C. Trotman, M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly

#### **MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT (34)**

#### (i) People's Progressive Party/Civic (34)

Hon. Samuel A.A. Hinds, O.E., M.P., Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs

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

Hon. Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P., Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Mohabir A. Nandlall, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica), Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

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

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

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

Minister of Natural Resources and Environment

Hon. Dr. Jennifer Westford, M.P. (Region No. 7 – Cuyuni/Mazaruni),

Minister of the Public Service

Hon. Dr. Bheri S. Ramsarran, M.P., Minister of Health

Hon. Mohamed I. Alli, M.P., Minister of Housing and Water

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

Hon. Brindley H.R. Benn, M.P., Minister of Public Works

Hon. Priya D. Manickchand, M.P. (Region No. 5 – Mahaica/Berbice), Minister of Education

Hon. Jennifer I.M. Webster, M.P., Minister of Human Services and Social Security

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

\*Hon. Dr. Nanda K. Gopaul, M.P., Minister of Labour

Hon. Alli Baksh, M.P. (Region No. 2 – Pomeroon/Supernaam), Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture

Hon. Norman A. Whittaker, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 1 – Barima/Waini), Minister in the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development

Hon. Bishop Juan A. Edghill, M.S., J.P., M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Finance

Ms Gail Teixeira, M.P., Government Chief Whip

Mr. Manzoor Nadir, M.P.

Mrs. Indranie Chandarpal, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

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

Mr. Ganga Persaud, M.P.

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

Mr. Odinga Lumumba, M.P.

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

Mr. Dharamkumar Seeraj, M.P.

Dr. Vishwa D.B. Mahadeo, M.P.

Rev. Dr. Kwame A. Gilbert, M.P.

\*\*Mr. Joseph Hamilton, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Health

Dr. Vindhya Vasini Persaud, M.S., M.P.

Mr. Cornel Damon, M.P. (Region No. 2 – Pomeroon/Supernaam)

Mr. Faizal M. Jafarally, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne)

#### Members of the Opposition (33)

#### (ii) Members of A Partnership for National Unity(26)

Brigadier (Ret'd) David A. Granger, M.S.S., M.P., Leader of the Opposition

Dr. Rupert Roopnarine, M.P.

Ms Amna Ally, M.P., Opposition Chief Whip

Mr. Basil Williams, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica), Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Mrs. Volda Lawrence, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Dr. George Norton, M.P.

#### \*\*Non-Elected Member

Mr. Carl B. Greenidge, M.P.

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret'd) Joseph F. Harmon, M.S.M., M.P.

Mr. Ronald A. Bulkan, M.P.

Mr. Keith Scott, M.P.

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

Mr. Winston Felix, D.S.M., M.P.

Dr. Karen Cummings, M.P.

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

Mr. Sydney Allicock, M.S., M.P.

Ms Africo Selman, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. Desmond Trotman, M.P.

Mr. James A. Bond, M.P.

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

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

Mrs. Mabel Baveghems, M.P.

Mr. John Adams, M.P. (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

Mr. Christopher A. Jones, M.P.

Mr. Renis Morian, M.P. (Region No. 10 – Upper Demerara/Upper Berbice)

Ms Rennita L. Williams, M.P. (Region No. 1 – Barima/Waini)

Miss Annette N. Ferguson, M.P.

### (iii) Members of The Alliance For Change (7)

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.

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

Mrs. Catherine Hughes, M.P.

Mrs. Valerie Garrido-Lowe, M.P.

Dr. Veersammy Ramayya, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne)

Ms June Eula Marcello, M.P. (Region No. 8 – Potaro/Siparuni)

Mr. Trevor Williams, M.P.

#### **OFFICERS**

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

Ms Hermina Gilgeours, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly (a.g.)

#### **COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING**

The Sitting commenced at 2.05 p.m.

#### **PRAYERS**

The Clerk read the prayers.

#### **PUBLIC BUSINESS**

#### (i) GOVERNMENT'S BUSINESS

#### **MOTION**

# BUDGET SPEECH 2014 – MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2014

The Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 2014.

(Moved by the Minister of Finance on 2014-03-24)

#### **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:

#### 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

#### **Assembly resumed**

#### **SUSPENSION OF SITTING**

At 5.05 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SITTING**

At 6.05 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:

#### 78 - REGION 8: POTARO/SIPARUNI

#### **Capital Expenditure**

781 Regional Administration and Finance

#### **Current Expenditure**

- 782 Public Works
- 783 Education Delivery
- 784 Health Services

#### **Capital Expenditure**

- 782 Public Works
- 783 Education Delivery
- 784 Health Services

#### 79 - REGION 9: UPPER TAKATU/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

#### **Assembly resumed**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8.48 p.m., on a motion by the Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m., on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2014.

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HON. RAPHAEL G.C. TROTMAN, M.P.,

**Speaker of the National Assembly** 

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,

Public Buildings,

Brickdam,

Georgetown.

14th April, 2014.