

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 76TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND
SESSION (2002-2005) OF THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON THURSDAY, 22ND DECEMBER, 2005
IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
BRICKDAM, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (69)

Speaker (1)

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

Members of the Government (38)

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

(ii) Non-elected Ministers (3)

(iii) The United Force (1)

The Hon. Samuel A.A. Hinds, M.P., Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works
and Communications

The Hon. Reepu Daman Persaud, O.R., J.P., M.P., Minister of Parliamentary Affairs

The Hon. Clement J. Rohee, M.P., Minister of Foreign Trade and International Co-operation

The Hon. Harripersaud Nokta, M.P., Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

The Hon. Gail Teixeira, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs

The Hon. Dr. Henry B. Jeffrey, M.P., Minister of Education

The Hon. Saisnarine Kowlessar, M.P., Minister of Finance

The Hon. Shaik K.Z. Baksh, M.P., Minister of Housing and Water

The Hon. Rev. Dr. Ramnauth D.A. Bisnauth, M.P., Minister of Labour, Human Services and
Social Security (Absent)

The Hon. Clinton C. Collymore, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Local Government and
Regional Development

- The Hon. Satyadeow Sawh, M.P., Minister of Fisheries, Other Crops and Livestock
(Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice) (Absent)
- * The Hon. S. Rudolph Insanally, O.R., C.C.H., M.P., Minister in the Office of the
President with responsibility for Foreign Affairs
- * The Hon. Doodnauth Singh, S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs
The Hon. Dr. Jennifer R.A. Westford, M.P., Minister of the Public Service (Absent)
The Hon. C. Anthony Xavier, M.P., Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport (Absent)
The Hon. Bibi S. Shadick, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Labour, Human Services and
Social Security (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)
- ** The Hon. Manzoor Nadir, M.P., Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce
The Hon. Carolyn Rodrigues, M.P., Minister of Amerindian Affairs
- * The Hon. Harry Narine Nawbatt, M.P., Minister of Transport and Hydraulics
The Hon. Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P., Minister of Health
Mr. S. Feroze Mohamed, M.P., Chief Whip
Mr. Cyril C.L. Belgrave, C.C.H., J.P., M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)
Mr. Donald R. Ramotar, M.P.
Mr. Husman Alli, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)
Mr. Komal Chand, C.C.H., J.P., M.P.
Mrs. Indranie Chandarpal, M.P.
Mr. Bernard C. DeSantos, S.C., M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)
Mrs. Shirley V. Edwards, J.P., M.P.
Mr. Odinga N. Lumumba, M.P.
Mr. Heeralall Mohan, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam)
Mr. Ramesh C. Rajkumar, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)
Dr. Bheri S. Ramsaran, M.D., M.P.
Mrs. Philomena Sahoye-Shury, C.C.H., J.P., M.P.,
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Water (Absent)
Mrs. Pauline R. Sukhai, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)
Dr. Moti Lall, C.C.H., M.P.
Mr. Zulfikar Mustapha, M.P.
Mr. Neendkumar, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)
Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne) (Absent)

*Non-Elected Minister

**Elected Member from The United Force

Members of the Opposition (30)**(i) People's National Congress/Reform (27)**

Mr. Robert H.O. Corbin, M.P.
 Mr. Winston S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P. (Absent – on leave)
 Mrs. Clarissa S. Riehl, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly (Absent)
 Mr. E. Lance Carberry, M.P., Chief Whip (Absent – on leave)
 Mr. Ivor Allen, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam)
 Mrs. Deborah J. Backer, M.P.
 Mr. Deryck M.A. Bernard, M.P. (Absent)
 Mr. C. Stanley Ming, M.P.
 Mr. Vincent L. Alexander, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)
 Mr. Basil Williams, M.P.
 Mrs. Volda A. Lawrence, M.P. (Absent – on leave)
 Dr. Dalgleish Joseph, M.D., M.P.
 Miss Amna Ally, M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)
 Miss Sandra M. Adams, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)
 Mr. Jerome Khan, M.P.
 Dr. George A. Norton, M.P.
 Miss Myrna E.N. Peterkin, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica) (Absent - on leave)
 Mr. James K. McAllister, M.P. (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)
 Dr. Carl Max Hanoman, M.P. (Absent – on leave)
 Miss Lurlene A. Nestor, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica) (Absent)
 Mr. Abdul Kadir, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)
 Mr. Ricky Khan, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini) (Absent – on leave)
 Mr. Raphael G.C. Trotman, M.P. (Absent)
 Mrs. Rajcoomarie Bancroft, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni)
 Mr. Nasir Ally, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)
 Miss Judith David, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)
 Miss Genevieve Allen, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)

(ii) **Guyana Action Party/Working People's Alliance (2)**

Mrs. Sheila V.A. Holder, M.P.

Mrs. Shirley J. Melville, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo) (Absent)

(iii) **Rise, Organise and Rebuild Party (1)**

Mr. Ravindra Dev, M.P. (Absent)

OFFICERS

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 2.08p.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

(1) **By the Speaker (Chairman of the Committee of Selection):**

Minutes of Proceedings of the 17th Meeting of the Committee of Selection of the National Assembly, held on Thursday, 15th December, 2005.

(Circulated)

(2) **By the Minister of Finance:**

Financial Paper No. 8/2005 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totaling \$1,413,400,000 for the period ending 2005-12-31.

(Circulated)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

For Written Replies

1. **CALL CENTRE TO BE LOCATED IN LINDEN**

Mr. Abdul Kadir, M.P., asked the Prime Minister the following question:

Would the Prime Minister state, what is the present status of implementation of the proposed 'Call Centre' to be located in Linden?

(Notice Paper No. 214 (Q125 Opp120) published on 2005-10-05)

Written reply submitted by the Prime Minister:

The new investor, Carib Call Centres Inc., commenced its training exercise with an aim of commencing operations by October, 2005. It did commence operations in October, but has had some start-up telecommunications problems.

2. **CUSTOMER CONTACT & HIGH TECH SERVICES CENTRE IN LINDEN**

Mr. Abdul Kadir, M.P., asked the Prime Minister the following question:

Would the Prime Minister state, whether he, on behalf of the Government of Guyana, signed a MOU with KAIZEN Solutions for the establishment of a Customer Contact & High Tech Services Centre in Linden?

(Notice Paper No. 215 (Q126 Opp121) published on 2005-10-05)

Written reply submitted by the Prime Minister:

Yes, the Government of Guyana had entered into a MOU on the 2nd December, 2004 with Kaizen Solutions.

3. **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNED WITH KAIZEN SOLUTIONS**

Mr. Abdul Kadir, M.P., asked the Prime Minister the following questions:

Would the Prime Minister state:

- (i) Whether the MOU that was signed with KAIZEN Solutions provided for the involvement of any other entities apart from KAIZEN Solutions?
- (ii) Whether KAIZEN Solutions violated any of the provisions in the signed MOU?
- (iii) Whether the Government of Guyana terminated the MOU signed with KAIZEN Solutions?

(Notice Paper No.216 (Q127 Opp122) published on 2005-10-05)

Written replies submitted by the Prime Minister:

- (i) Yes, the MOU provided that Kaizen was supposed to select and provide a mutually acceptable international partner.
- (ii) Yes, Kaizen Solutions failed to provide a mutually acceptable international partner, failed to provide evidence of clients and customers and failed to provide evidence of financing.
- (iii) Yes, following various consultations and meetings, the MOU was terminated.

4. **FORMER GUYANA STORES BUILDING IN LINDEN**

Mr. Abdul Kadir, M.P., asked the Prime Minister the following question:

Would the Prime Minister state, whether the Government of Guyana signed any other MOU, apart from that with KAIZEN Solutions, for the occupation and utilization of the premises and facilities of the former Guyana Stores building in Linden?

(Notice Paper No. 217 (Q128 Opp123) published on 2005-10-05)

Written reply submitted by the Prime Minister:

Yes, the Government of Guyana subsequently entered into another MOU with Carib Call Centre (Lintel) for the occupation and utilisation of the premises and facilities of the former GSL building in Linden as of the 16th May, 2005.

**MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND MOVED BY A MINISTER-
SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS NO. 68**

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion, which was put and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approve of the suspension of Standing Orders No. 68 to enable Financial Paper No. 8/2005 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totaling \$1,413,400,000 for the period ending 2005-12-31 to be considered at the sitting on Thursday, 22nd December, 2005.

(Notice Paper No. 237(M100 Govt90) published on 2005-12-16)

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

ITEM 1 - CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 6/2005

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Minister of Finance signified the recommendation or consent of the Cabinet and moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Assembly approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 6/2005 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totaling \$1,327,227,625 for the period 2005-10-15 to 2005-12-13.

(Paper presented on 2005-12-15)

(Notice Paper No. 234(M97 Govt87) published on 2005-12-16)

After consideration of the Schedule, the motion was put and carried.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

RESOLVED,

That this Assembly approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 6/2005 – Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totaling \$1,327,227,625 for the period 2005-10-15 to 2005-12-13.

ITEM 2 - CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 7/2005

Assembly to resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Minister of Finance signified the recommendation or consent of the Cabinet and moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Assembly approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 7/2005 - Supplementary Estimate (Capital) totaling \$1,714,452,190 for the period ending 2005-12-31.

(Paper presented on 2005-12-15)

(Notice Paper No.235(M98 Govt88) published on 2005-12-31)

After consideration of the Schedule, the motion was put and carried.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

RESOLVED,

That this Assembly approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 7/2005 - Supplementary Estimate (Capital) totaling \$1,714,452,190 for the period ending 2005-12-31.

ITEM 3 - CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 8/2005

Assembly to resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Minister of Finance signified the recommendations or consent of the Cabinet and moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Assembly approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 8/2005 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totaling \$1,413,400,000 for the period ending 2005-12-31.

(Notice Paper No. 236(M99 Govt89) published on 2005-12-16)

After consideration of the Schedule, the motion was put and carried.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

RESOLVED,

That this Assembly approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 8/2005 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totaling \$1,413,400,000 for the period ending 2005-12-31.

BILL - **First, Second and Third Readings**

ITEM 4 - **SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (NO. 4 FOR 2005) BILL**

2005 – Bill No. 20/2005 published on 2005-12-19

With the leave of the Speaker, and on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Standing Orders Nos. 12 and 46 were suspended to enable the Supplementary Appropriation (No. 4 for 2005) Bill No. 20/2005 to be introduced at this stage.

The Minister of Finance, in accordance with paragraph (2) of Article 171 of the Constitution, signified Cabinet's recommendation for the Supplementary Appropriation (No. 4 for 2005) Bill No. 20/2005 for consideration by the National Assembly.

Thereafter, on motions by the Minister of Finance, the following Bill was introduced and was read the first, second and third times and passed as printed:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the issue from the Consolidated Fund of the sums necessary to meet the expenditure (not otherwise lawfully charged on the Consolidated Fund) of Guyana for the fiscal year ending 31st December, 2005, estimated

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whereof have been approved by the National Assembly, and for the appropriation of those sums for the specified purposes in conformity with the Constitution.

**ITEM 5 - ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY
SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS**

Mr. Bernard DeSantos, M.P., (Chairman of the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Foreign Relations) moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

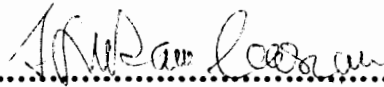
That the Report of the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Foreign Relations be adopted.

(Notice Paper No. 233 (M96 Govt86) published on 2005-12-14)

The motion was then put and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4.15 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, the sitting of the National Assembly was adjourned to Thursday, 29th December, 2005.



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

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

22nd December, 2005