

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE 79<sup>th</sup> SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND**  
**SESSION (2002-2005) OF THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD**  
**AT 2.00 P.M.**  
**ON MONDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2006**  
**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 (Absent)

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. Haripersaud 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

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

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**The Hon. Satyadeow Sawh, M.P., Minister of Fisheries, Other Crops and Livestock  
(Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)**

**\* 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**

**The Hon. C. Anthony Xavier, M.P., Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport**

**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. (Absent)**

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

**Mrs. Pauline R. Sukhai, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini) (Absent - on leave)**

**Dr. Moti Lall, C.C.H., M.P.**

**Mr. Zulfikar Mustapha, M.P.**

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

**Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)**

**\*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. (Absent)

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

Mrs. Clarissa S. Riehl, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly (Absent – on leave)

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.

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.

Dr. Dalgleish Joseph, M.D., M.P.

Miss Anna 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. (Absent)

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.

Mr. Joseph Hamilton, M.P.

Mr. Abdul Kadir, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)

Mr. Ricky Khan, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)

Mr. Dave Danny, M.P.

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)

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**(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)

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

Mr. Ravindra Dev, M.P.

**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 2.04p.m.

**PRAYERS**

The Clerk read prayers.

**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.**

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

Estimates of the Revenues and Expenditure of Guyana for the financial year  
2006.

(Circulated)

**(2) By the Minister of Health (Chairman of the Special Select Committee on the Needs  
Assessment of the Guyana National Assembly):**

Interim Report of the Special Select Committee on the Needs Assessment of the  
Guyana National Assembly.

(Circulated)

5.

**MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE NATIONAL  
ASSEMBLY AND MOVED BY A MINISTER-  
SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS NOS. 9(2) AND 32(9)(a)**

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, moved the following motion:

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

That Standing Orders Nos. 9(2) and 32(9)(a) be suspended to enable the Minister of Finance to complete uninterrupted the reading of the Budget Speech for 2006 at the sitting of the Assembly on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2006.

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**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**MOTION**

**BUDGET FOR 2006**

In accordance with Article 171(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance signified that Cabinet had recommended that the National Assembly should proceed upon the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 2006.

The Minister then moved the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 2006 of the total sum of \$92,166,938,000 excluding \$10,755,301,000 which is chargeable by law. (See Appendix)

The motion was then proposed.

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs informed the Assembly that the debate on the Budget would commenced on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2006.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4.53 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, the sitting was adjourned to 2.00 p.m., on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2006.



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

**Speaker of the National Assembly**

**PARLIAMENT OFFICE,**

**Public Buildings,**

**Georgetown.**

**23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2006.**