

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 64TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (2012-2013) OF THE TENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON THURSDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER, 2013
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 (Absent – on leave)

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 (Absent – on leave)

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 (Absent – on leave)

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

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Hon. Dr. Bheri S. Ramsarran, M.P., Minister of Health (Absent – on leave)

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

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

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Minister of Education

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and Regional Development

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 (Absent)

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 (Absent)

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)

***Non-Elected Minister**

3.

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)

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

Dr. George Norton, M.P.

Mrs. Deborah Backer, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

****Non-Elected Member**

4.

Mr. Carl B. Greenidge, M.P.

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

Mr. Keith Scott, M.P.

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Mr. Desmond Trotman, M.P.

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Mr. James A. Bond, M.P.

Mr. Ronald A. Bulkan, M.P.

Mr. Jaipaul Sharma, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

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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.

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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 2.10 p.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read the prayers.

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PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS-

By the Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment:

Annual Report of the Environmental Protection Agency for the year 2012.

(Circulated)

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

For Written replies

1. **WORK PLANS OF DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS OF REGION # 8**

Member Asking: **Mr. Ronald Bulkan, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development**

Can the Hon. Minister provide the National Assembly with the current work plans of the District Development Officers in Region # 8 since December, 2011, village-by-village, in the Pakaraimas, and the associated back-to-office reports from each outreach activity and Officer, for each date in each village?

(Notice Paper No. 237 (Q 159 Opp. 157) published on 2013-10-04)

Answer:

“There are two (2) District Development Officers stationed in the North Pakaraimas, based at Monkey Mountain and Kurukubaru Villages. These officers have jurisdiction for the villages of:

- Monkey Mountain
- Taruka
- Tuseneng
- Bamboo Creek
- Kurukubaru
- Kopinang

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- Maikwak
- Kamana

These officers were appointed in October, 2012 and December, 2012. The job description of these officers includes:

Purpose:

Ensure that local authorities function within the various Acts and Regulations and that licence revenue is properly assessed for business.

Key Outputs:

- Properly accounted for revenue and expenditure of Local Authorities.
- Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure of local authorities presented as per requirement.
- Licensed premises.
- Adequately prosecute defaulting Businesses.
- Fairly assessed scales and weights.

Range of Activities

- Examine all vouchers from local authorities and certifies payments.
- Certifies ledger entries and advises local authority balances.
- Certifies revenue collections from local authorities and sign cheques for local authorities.
- Examine and certifies revenue and expenditure cash books and draft estimates from all local authorities.
- Check cash received from licence sales on a daily basis and certifies cash book.
- The preparation and submission of fortnightly and monthly revenue statement from licence sales to Commissioner of Inland revenue.
- Visit new business premises to determine value of licence.

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- Conduct visits on business premises to check licence, scales, weights and measures.
- Prepare summons to defaulting business persons and attend court to assist prosecution.

Nature and Scope

Qualification, Knowledge and Experience.

Diploma in Public Administration or Accountancy from recognized University or four subjects GCE/CXC or other equivalent qualification plus eight years experience in accounting work at least five of which must be in the Local Government Section.

Decision Making, Problem Solving, and Impact on Results;

The post holder is assisted in decision making using the Act and Regulations as guides. He is expected to use judgment in the granting of Licenses. Failure to assess business accurately can result in embarrassment to the authorities.

Resource Management;

The post holder supervises a minimum of five (5) persons and is responsible for office equipment. He is not a budget holder.

Communication:

Communicates regularly with the Assistant Regional Executive Officer and Deputy Regional Executive Officer (Development) and Executive of Local Authorities and staff. Must also communicate with other Senior Regional Officials and members of the Public from time to time.

Working Conditions;

Office and Field

Travels extensively within the Region

In interior Regions the DDO represents the REO at the District Levels.

The DDO monitors movement of Coast Landers within Amerindian Communities and ensures ejection in the absence of the legitimate permission for the Ministry of Local Government.

The DDO operates Sub Imprest at district offices which they surrender before December 15 of each year.

Offer advice where necessary, to Amerindian Councils. Effect payment to staff in the District area, but not in all instances.

Further, DDOs are required to document all issues relating to Health, Education, Administration and Public Works that affect Hinterland Communities and offer possible solution to these issues.”

2. PERMETHRIN-TREATED BED NETS

Member Asking: **Mr. Ronald Bulkan, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Health**

Can the Hon. Minister provide the National Assembly with a detailed programme for delivery of new permethrin-treated bed nets and for re-treatment of older bed nets in each of the Pakaraimas villages; how many nets, of what kind, on which date and to which village since December, 2011?

(Notice Paper No. 239 (Q 161 Opp. 159) published on 2013-10-04)

Answer:**“INTRODUCTION**

Malaria and certain other diseases are transmitted by the bite of mosquitoes. Pregnant women, babies and young children are at the greatest risk of dying of malaria. Sleeping under a bed net reduces the risk of man-vector contact as mosquitoes bite at night and is thus an effective preventive measure. But ordinary mosquito nets provide limited physical barrier between mosquito and man and protection as they may still bite through the net or get inside the net following improper use. The Insecticide Treated Bednets (ITNs) or Long Lasting Impregnated Bednets (LLINs) provide better and effective protection by keeping away mosquitoes as well as killing them. ITNs and LLINs also kills or keeps away other nuisance insects like cockroaches, bedbugs, houseflies, fleas, etc

LONG LASTING INSECTICIDAL NETS (LLINS)

LLINs are mosquito nets which have the insecticide incorporated in their fibre, so that it is not removed by as many as 20 washes. Because these nets have an even and quality controlled insecticide application, they are generally more effective than conventional ITNs. Furthermore the LLIN is more cost-effective (as it can be used for 3-5 years) than distribution of conventional bed nets and treating them with insecticide once or twice a year. Conventional ITNs are therefore only a rational option in areas, where the population already has so many nets that at least 50% of people sleep under one.

Re-treatment of LLINs is not necessary at this time as we will consider doing this in two to four years from now depending on the need. However when this need arises we are fully capable of doing so.

Please see table below for distribution of LLINs in the Pakaraimas from 2011-2013.

Village	No. of LLIN's	Brand	Date Delivered 2011	Total LLIN's
South Pakaraimas	JANUARY - JUNE			
Karisparu	8	Dawa	2011.07.18	8
Mountain Foot	16	Dawa	2011.07.23	16
Yawong	18	Dawa	2011.07.23	18
Echerak	26	Dawa	2011.07.23	26
Kato	16	Dawa	2011.07.19	16
Chenapou	26	Dawa	2011.07.23	26
Chenapou	4	Dawa	2011.07.23	4
McKenze Nazo Camp	18	Dawa	2011.07.23	18
Francesco Camp	8	Dawa	2011.07.23	8
Echerak	13	Dawa	2011.07.23	13
Paramakatoi	26	Dawa	2011.07.24	26
Paramakatoi	26	Dawa	2011.07.24	26
Paramakatoi	8	Dawa	2011.07.24	8
Bamboo Creek	18	Dawa	2011.07.20	18
Tuseneng	14	Dawa	2011.07.20	14
Taruka	18	Dawa	2011.07.14	18
Monkey Mountain	19	Dawa	2011.07.25	19
Chiung Mouth	17	Dawa	2011.07.18	17
TOTAL	299			299

Village	No. of LLIN's	Brand	Date Delivered	Year (2012)	Total LLIN's
South Pakaraimas	JANUARY - JUNE				
Fallstop	26	Yorkkool	21-02-2012	2012	26
Echerak	23	Yorkkool	27-02-2012	2012	23
Mountain foot	5	Yorkkool	27-02-2012	2012	5
Yawong	5	Yorkkool	27-02-2012	2012	5
Monkey Mountain	17	Yorkkool	28-02-2012	2012	17
Kato	8	Yorkkool	29-02-2012	2012	8
Tuseneng	7	Yorkkool	28-02-2012	2012	7
Chenapou	19	Yorkkool	28-02-2012	2012	19
Paramaktoi	11	Yorkkool	1/3/2012	2012	11
Chinung Mounth	9	Yorkkool	1/3/2012	2012	9

Bamboo Creek	10	Yorkkool	6/3/2012	2012	10
Oku	4	Yorkkool	7/3/2012	2012	4
Taruka	4	Yorkkool	29-02-2012	2012	4
Total	148				148
North Pakaraimas					
Kopinang	19	Yorkkool	17-06-2012	2012	19
Maik-Wak	12	Yorkkool	17-02-2012	2012	12
Kurukabaru	19	Yorkkool	20-06-2012	2012	19
Kamana	13	Yorkkool	17-06-2012	2012	13
Kaibarupai	21	Yorkkool	21-06-2012	2012	21
Waipa	11	Yorkkool	21-06-2012	2012	11
Tappa	11	Yorkkool	18-06-2012	2012	11
Itabac	12	Yorkkool	24-06-2012	2012	12
Ayangana	7	Yorkkool	22-06-2012	2012	7
Kanapang	19	Yorkkool	22-06-2012	2012	19
Potaro	8	Yorkkool	21-03-2012	2012	8
Total	152				152
North Pakarimas			JULY - DECEMBER		
Kopinang	8	Yorkkool	20-11-2012	2012	8
Maikwak	5	Yorkkool	20-11-2012	2012	5
Kamana	7	Yorkkool	21-11-2012	2012	7
Tappa	5	Yorkkool	21-11-2012	2012	5
Waipa	2	Yorkkool	20-11-2012	2012	2
Kaibarupai	3	Yorkkool	21-11-2012	2012	3
Kurukabaru	4	Yorkkool	24-11-2012	2012	4
Itabac	3	Yorkkool	24-11-2012	2012	3
Orinduik	3	Yorkkool	25-11-2012	2012	3
Total	40				40
Village	No. of LLIN's	Brand	Date Delivered	Year (2012)	Total LLIN's
South Pakarimas			JULY - DECEMBER		
Paramakatoi	5	Yorkkool	11-Nov-12	2012	5
Bamboo Creek	3	Yorkkool	11-Nov-12	2012	3
Karisparu	2	Yorkkool	12-Nov-12	2012	2
Taruka	2	Yorkkool	27-10-2012	2012	2
Kato	2	Yorkkool	22-11-2012	2012	2
Tuseneng	5	Yorkkool	10-Dec-12	2012	5
Chiung Mouth	3	Yorkkool	12-Dec-12	2012	3
Chenapau	2	Yorkkool	15-10-2012	2012	2
Monkey Mountain	2	Yorkkool	27-10-2012	2012	2
Echerak	10	Yorkkool	29-11-2012	2012	10

Yawong	2	Yorkkool	28-10-2012	2012	2
Mountain Foot	2	Yorkkool	16-11-2012	2012	2
Total	40				40

Village	No. of LLIN's	Brand	Date Delivered	Total LLIN's
2013				
North Pakarimas	January - June			
Kopinang	286	Perma Net	25-May-13	286
Maik-Wak	214	Perma Net	26-May-13	214
Waipa	139	Perma Net	27-May-13	139
Kaibarupai	133	Perma Net	28-May-13	133
Kamana	128	Dawa	29-May-13	128
Kurukabaru	121	Perma Net	3-Jun-13	121
Itabac	239	Dawa	4-Jun-13	239
Kanapang	155	Perma Net	5-Jun-13	155
Ayangana	103	Perma Net	6-Jun-13	103
Orinduik	26	Perma Net	8-Jun-13	26
Tappa	156	Dawa	10-Jun-13	156
Village	No. of LLIN's	Brand	Date Delivered	Total LLIN's
2013				
South Pakarimas	January - June			
Paramakatoi	195	Dawa	15-Jun-13	195
Bamboo Creek	129	Dawa	16-Jun-13	129
Karisparu	245	Perma Net	17-Jun-13	245
Taruka	52	Perma Net	18-Jun-13	52
Kato	164	Perma Net	19-Jun-13	164
Tuseneng	33	Perma Net	20-Jun-13	33
Chiung Mouth	21	Perma Net	21-Jun-13	21
Chenapau	56	Perma Net	23-Jun-13	56
Monkey Mountain	55	Perma Net	25-Jun-13	55
Echerak	203	Perma Net	24-Jun-13	203
Yawong	126	Perma Net	21-Jun-13	126
Mountain Foot	21	Dawa	22-Jun-13	21
Total	3000			3000

3. MEDICAL OUTREACH TO PAKARAIMA VILLAGES

Member Asking: **Mr. Ronald Bulkan, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Health**

Can the Hon. Minister provide the National Assembly with a detailed programme for supply of road transport for medical outreach; how many vehicles, of what kind, on what date and to which Pakaraima village since December, 2011?

(Notice Paper No. 240 (Q 162 Opp. 160) published on 2013-10-04)

Answer:

“The acquisition of vehicles for use in health by the Regions is usually done through budgetary allocations by the Regional Health Departments in consultation with the Central Ministry. For the time period under question, there were seven vehicles supplied, 5 ATVs and 2 pickups as indicated in the table below.

There is a plan to buy an ambulance for the Mahdia hospital in the 2014 budget.

Date	Vehicles/kind	How many?	Village	Comment
2011, March	Pickup	1	Kato	These vehicles are also utilized in the other villages to transport drugs and medical supplies, medical teams for outreaches and patients in the case of emergencies.
2013	ATV	2		
2013	ATV	1	Paramakatoi	
2011	ATV	1	Kopinang	
2013, March	ATV	1	Monkey Mountain	
			Korukabaru	
			Kanapang	
			Tosening	

			Waipa	
2011	Pickup	1	Mahdia	

4. **PROVISION OF DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLIES – VILLAGES IN REGION # 8**

Member Asking: **Mr. Ronald Bulkan, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Housing and Water**

- (i) Can the Hon. Minister provide the National Assembly with the current plan for providing and maintaining domestic water supplies through wells and standpipes in Region # 8, especially the villages in the Pakaraimas?
- (ii) Detail village-by-village, how this plan and the associated actions by Guyana Water Inc. addresses the needs of the rising population in these villages since December, 2011?
- (iii) Detail the training programme for Region # 8 since December, 2011 so that all villages learn how to maintain and repair their water supplies?

(Notice Paper No. 241 (Q 163 Opp. 161) published on 2013-10-04)

Answers:

- “(i) The current plan for providing and maintaining domestic water supplies in the Region 8 communities is attached (See Appendix). It is targeted under the strategic plan (2012-2016) for 80% coverage to be achieved in the Hinterland communities. As can be seen on the plan, works were undertaken prior to 2011 and in 2012 and another project is scheduled for completion in 2013 (Bamboo Creek). The maintenance of the systems are usually done by the communities, who would have received training on managing and maintaining such system. GWI provides technical support upon the request of the communities.

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- (ii) As can be seen on the plan, projects are undertaken progressively as the villages are assessed and based on the water resources in the area. Assessment are scheduled to be undertaken of the areas without main facilities and based on the resources projects will be developed. It should be noted that challenges have been encountered in the drilling of medium depth wells due to challenging hydro geological formation in these locations.
- (iii) The training programme of GWI entails training the villages to manage and maintain the systems before hand over. In addition, training is usually done when GWI visits the communities upon the request of the villages to assist to solve any problem.”

5. **WORK PLANS OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS OF REGION # 8**

Member Asking: **Mr. Ronald Bulkan, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Amerindian Affairs**

Can the Hon. Minister provide the National Assembly with the current work plans of the Community Development Officers in Region # 8 since December, 2011, village-by-village in the Pakaraimas, and the associated back-to-office reports from each outreach activity and Officer, for each date in each village?

(Notice Paper No. 242 (Q 164 Opp. 162) published on 2013-10-04)

Answer:

“The Community Development Officers (CDO’s) fall under the Department of Governance and Community Development and their role is intended to provide support liaison with the Village Councils and the MoAA, assignments include mobilization and coordination of tasks that

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contribute to the effective delivery of the Ministry of Amerindian Affairs program activities related to villages development and prepare logistics for ministerial outreaches. Community Development Officers (CDO) assigned to region #8 is two in number. **Currently, the Community Development Officers serving under the Ministry are; (1) Mr. Matheson Williams – Paramakatoi (2007 – present) and (2) Mr. Deoram Peters – Itabac (July, 2013 to Present) and Ronald Thomas – Kurukabaru (Contract ended in March, 2013)**

Support and Coordinate Programme /Project Related Activities related to

- Presidential Grant
- ADF - Community Development Project
- School Uniform Programme
- YEAP
- Management Information System Project
- Specified Sectoral projects (UAEP -Household Solar Units Distribution and OLPF etc.)
- Heritage Celebrations Activities including Pageant
- Late registration for Birth Certificates
- Hinterland Component of the OLPF project (2013)
- ALT Project (2013)

Mobilization, Represent, Support, Communicate and Delivery Activities

- Mobilize for Field visits / Ministerial Outreaches
- Support village Council efforts related to Late Birth Registration
- Mobilize and communicate logistical arrangements for NTC executive and general meetings, National Heritage Activities, etc.
- Represent the MoAA at Village General meetings, and any major event held in the in the respective Sub region, among other activities

- Deliver supplies procured by the MoAA for various villages under the Capital Programme where required, including school uniform programme
- Gather data for updating the MIS
- Support Disaster Risk related activities if any e.g. flood response

Reporting and feedback

- Receive reports on issues from Toshaos and villagers and transmit to the Ministry
- Provide feedback on progress of project implementation relevant to their sub regional cluster

WORK PLAN AND VILLAGE BY VILLAGE OUTREACH BACK TO OFFICE REPORT

CDO Matheson is responsible for the following cluster; Paramakatoi, Bamboo Creek, Monkey Mountain, Karisparu, Chenapou, Taruka, Tuseneng, Kato and Chiung Mouth

Mouthy report as of December 2011, 2012 to 2013

YEA R	MONTH	COMMUNITY	WORKPLAN & RELATED ACTIVITIES
2011	December	Taruka <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monkey Mountain • Tuseneng • Bamboo Creek • Kato • Mountain Foot • Paramakatoi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitoring of Projects in the communities: Village Shop in M/Foot, Fuel - Dump and Village Shop in Tuseneng, Village Shop in Bamboo Creek, - Assisted in the distribution of first batch of Solar Panels - Assisted GRO Staff in registration of late Birth Certificates in Paramakatoi - Received reports from the communities on domestic violence, farming issues, and the condition of the dormitory in Paramakatoi and disseminate same to the head office in Georgetown - Attended public meeting as representative of the Ministry in Paramakatoi

2012	January		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information on the overall expectation of the Village Council, to be delivered to all Toshaos and the Councilors for the year 2012 - Logistical preparation for NTC Executive meetings - Verified updates on the overall community projects and issues
2012	February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monkey Mountain • Tuseneng • Bamboo Creek 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assisted the Village Council in preparation of Mashramamni activities - Represented MOAA in Monkey Mountain mash activity - Conducted meeting with the Village Council, check financial record - Conducted Late Registration of Birth Certificates - Compiled all matters arising from Villages - Compilation of population of schools for the Uniform Distribution Project
2012	March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuseneng • Taruka • Monkey Mountain • Bamboo Creek 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continuation of compilation of school population for uniform project - Updates on Old Age Pensions recipient with the Local Board of Guardians - To monitor projects and attend meetings with the Village Council
2012	April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monkey Mountain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Traveled to Georgetown for Training with UNDP - Investigated allegations with Toshao and His family doing mining on Village Lands - Check on Financial Record - Monitor work done on Village Market funded by MOAA Capital Project
2012	May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bamboo Creek • Mountain Foot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visits were conducted to conduct late registration of birth certificates - Radio contacts were made with all the Amerindian Villages and update on weather report - Visited to verify work done by GWI Representative in Mountain Foot - CDO WAS ON ANNUAL LEAVE
2012	June to July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paramakatoi • Bamboo Creek • Mountain Foot • Tuseneng • Taruka • Kato • Chiung Mouth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Distribution of School Uniforms to all the schools in areas of responsibility.

2012	August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assisted with Logistic arrangements for Toshaos to travel to Georgetown - Attended NTC Conference in Georgetown -
2012	September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuseneng • Monkey Mountain • Paramakatoi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CDO attended heritage activities in three villages
2012	October to November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clearing of all CDOs expenditures to Accounts at MOAA
2012	December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kato • Monkey Mountain • Taruka • Kaibarupai • Kurukabaru 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submission of final report to MOAA - CDO assisted the visiting team from MOAA in arranging meeting with the Hon. Minister from 8th-10th Dec. 2012 - Issues were raised at a public meeting - Toshao from Monkey Mountain raised an issue on the condition of the school in the community. - Issues were addressed with no payment of school uniforms 2011. Now this issue has been rectified to date. - Issues were raised on students who were suspended from Paramakatoi Secondary School.
2013	January		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No transportation available to conduct official business, however, contacts with villages via radio were made.
2013	February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mountain Foot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No transportation available to conduct official business. - Monitoring water project in Mountain Foot.
2013	March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Georgetown 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CDOs attended the GRIF Phase 1 Project Launch and Inception workshop in Georgetown. (one week in Georgetown)
2013	April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monkey Mountain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visited Monkey Mountain to do investigation on misconduct of Toshao and family and to monitor village finances. - Monitoring work done at the furniture workshop in Paramakatoi - Monitoring of Mountain Foot Health Centre
2013	May		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Poor and inclement weather conditions aborted visits to villages
2013	June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kato • Paramakatoi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CDO visited the site on the construction of Secondary School (Excavating on the site was ongoing) - It was reported to CDO that flood affected farmers were experiencing shortage of food. CDO reported the

			<p>matter to the head office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CDO received reports on the overcrowding of Secondary School in Paramakatoi. Situation was reported. - 5 Students were awarded to attend PK Sec. School - A report was made to CDO on “Hanta Banta” sickness faced by students in Mahdia, 13 were reported. CDO made report to Head Office - CDO was informed of 69 Cases of Malaria in Tuseneng, and there was shortage of drugs. This matter was reported to Head Office. - CDO assisted and accompanied Reps from OPM in disbursing funds to those who installed Solar Panels. - A situation was reported between Monkey Mountain and Tuseneng on the use of land
2013	July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kato • Tuseneng • Paramakatoi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CDO WAS ON EXTENDED SICK LEAVE IN JULY, but still accompanied the Ministry of Amerindian Affairs team to Bamboo Creek and Tuseneng
2013	August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Itabac • Kamana • Tuseneng • Paramakatoi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A meeting was conducted with CSOs on their placement - Presidential Grant was monitored with the Village Council (Cattle Ranch) - Itabac - Cassava Cash Crop (CDP Project) was monitored along with UNDP Representatives. (Itabac) - PG Project with Kamana was monitored, the Village Shop was scrutinized. - CDO was able to listen to concerns raised by the residents in Itabac and forward the report to Head Office - CDO was able to received 130 new applications for Birth Certificates which were submitted to Head Office to process - CDO joined the team from MOAA, GLSC and GGMC on Land Demarcation and Titling of Tuseneng verification. The consultation with the community members highlighted the environmental and social impacts of mining in area. - CDO represented MOAA at the District Pageant in Paramakatoi -
2013	September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monkey Mountain • Bamboo Creek • Mountain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CDO was involved in transporting of school uniforms to various communities - CDO traveled to Georgetown for the Amerindian Heritage Month 5 days of activities and to assist with the packaging of final School Uniforms.

		Foot	- CDO represented MOAA at Tuseneng Amerindian Heritage village day
2013	October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuseneng • Georgetown 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CDOs attended the Monitoring and Evaluation training on CDPs with UNDP in Georgetown - CDO helped in the arrangement of transportation for Toshaos to travel to Georgetown to attend the NTC Conference

To validate the back-to-office reports, hard copies of the CDO's reports are available.

Mr. Thomas: Kaibarupai, Itabac, Orinduik, Kamana, Kopinang, Kanapang/Penack, Kurukubaru, Waipa. Maikwak

YEAR	MONTH	COMMUNITY	ACTIVITY
2011	December	Kurukubaru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attended Village Council meeting in Kurukabarau, assisted in planning of the season festivities. - Assist with the late registration of birth certificates.
2012	January – February	Kanapang Waipa Kaibarupai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attended the village council meetings in the communities and take note of the issues arising from the residents. - Represented the Ministry at Mashramani activities and Flag Raising ceremony. - Compiled all matters arising from Villages and report same to the Ministry of Amerindian Affairs. - Compilation of School population for School Uniform Distribution project
2012	March – April	Waipa Kopinang Kamana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Travelled to Georgetown for Training with UNDP. - Continuation of compiling of school population information for uniform distribution project. - Monitoring of Projects in the communities.
2012	May	Itabac	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitoring of Itabac Presidential Grant Project “Cattle Extension.”

			<p>The community raised their concern on training on basic Animal Training Management. Total number of cows reported in the community 53.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 31 persons over 18 years were reported with no Birth Certificates. CDO helped in preparation of applications and sent to MOAA.
2012	June – July	Kopinang Kaibarupai Kamana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitoring of projects in the communities - Attended village meetings and discussed the CDPs with the residents. - Make contacts with all the Toshaos on the upcoming NTC Conference in Georgetown.
2012	August September	Kaibarupai Kamana Kopinang Waipa Kaibarupai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Logistic arrangement for Toshaos to attend NTC Conference in Georgetown - CDO attended the NTC Conference - Distribution of school uniforms to all the communities - Participated in the Amerindian Heritage month activities in Georgetown - Represented MOAA in heritage activities in the communities - Submission of Contract Forms for Uniform sewing payment to MOAA
2012	October	Kaibarupai Kamana Waipa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow up on late registration of birth certificates. - Monitoring of projects in the communities - Final distribution of the outstanding uniforms. - Attended village meetings and compiled issues arising from the Villages.
2012	November	Itabac	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow up monitoring on “Cattle Rearing Project” and “Village Shop’ - Attended village meeting where issues were raised on acoushi ants, birth certificates, employment of youths in neighbouring Brazil.

2012	December	Kaibarupai Kamana Waipa Itabac	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attended Village Council meeting and contributed in planning for the Christmas festivities - Monitoring of projects under the Presidential Grant - Organised Toshaos to attend Regional meeting with Prime Minister in Kato concerning Hydro Power and Secondary School - Attended training on MIS in Kato with representative from MOAA - Handing over of ATV for Waipa Village was done by the Hon. Minister in Kaibarupai
2013	January	Kaibarupai Kamana Itabac Waipa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Compilation of school uniform population for 2013 Uniform distribution project. - Update population of Villages. - Continuation of late registration of Birth Certificates
2013	February	Kaibarupai Itabac Kamana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Represented MOAA at community Mashramani celebrations. - Attended meetings to assist in the planning of mash activities - Continuation of compiling population of schools.
2013	March	Georgetown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CDO worked at the MoAA office during the month of March
2013	April	Kaibarupai Kamana Itabac	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CDOs attended the GRIF Phase 1 Project Launch and Inception workshop in Georgetown.
2013	May – June	SICK LEAVE/ Resignation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CDO WAS ON MEDICAL SICE LEAVE, in Georgetown for two months. - CDO Resigned.

**CDO D. Peters: Kaibarupai, Itabac, Orinduik, Kamana, Kopinang,
Kanapang/Penack, Kurukubaru, Waipa, Maikwak**

Mr. Peters joined the Ministry of Amerindian Affairs team in **July of 2013** and had compiled the following reports:

YEAR	MONTH	COMMUNITY	Mode of Transportation	ACTIVITY
2013	July	Itabac	uncertainty of inclement weather Used radio communication to be in contact with MoAA	Attended the village meeting and observed the meeting process in the capacity of a Community Development Officer (CDO). Urgent need for rehabilitation of Health Post Village farm – A CDP was stalled due to inclement weather.
	July	Kanapang	Walked 2hrs to Kanapang from Itabac	To attend general village meeting. Issues raised; The misconduct of Toshao Presidential Grants&Villages asset
	August	Itabac	Unable to do community visits due to weather condition	Verified village projects; Cattle rearing- growth in cattle number, needs training for veterinarian. Urgent need to repair solar panel for water pump. Birth Certificate issue – number of incorrect spelling received
	September	Waipa	Two wheel motor cycle from Itabac to Waipa (approx. 30miles)	To attend general meeting; CDO was invited to the general meeting where the birth certificates, village finances and ATV repairs were discussed. The main topic of discussion was on Education as the Annex Primary School was in need of its floor to be repaired.

		Kaibarupai	Motorcycle to Waipa and walked 4hours to Kaibarupai.	To attend general meeting. Issues raised; Birth Certificate and request for solar panels Education- No trained teachers Health- one health officer Distributes school uniform to various schools Rehabilitation of Health Centre
	October	Monkey Mountain Georgetown	Accompanied Admin of Region 8 on ATV	UNDP workshop – SCOPE mission of CDP projects Attended the Village General meeting Organized the arrangement for Toshaos travel to Georgetown to attend the National Toshaos Conference.

To validate the back-to-office reports, hard copies of the CDO’s reports are available.”

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS, INCLUDING POLICY STATEMENTS-

Re: Guyana’s position with the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (Amendment) Bill at a Plenary Meeting of the Caribbean Financial Action Task Force (CFATF)

The Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs made a statement on Guyana’s position with the Anti-Money Launder and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (Amendment) Bill 2013 at a Plenary Meeting of the Caribbean Financial Action Task Force (CFATF) held on 20th -21st November, 2013 in the Bahamas.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

(i) **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

MOTIONS

ITEM 1 - SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF MRS. MARGRET ACKMAN, C.C.H.

Ms Amna Ally, M.P., Opposition Chief Whip, moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly records its deep regret at the death of Mrs. Margret Ackman, C.C.H., on Thursday, 29th August, 2013 and pays tribute to her dedicated service as a Member of Parliament from 1969 to 1980 and to the people of Guyana; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly directs that an expression of its sympathy be conveyed to her sorrowing children and relatives.

(Notice Paper No. 251 (M 83 Opp 50) published on 2013-11-08)

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mr. Odinga Lumumba

Mr. Trevor Williams

Thereafter, Ms Amna Ally replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

ITEM 2 - SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF MR. SHIW SAHAI NARAIN, C.C.H.

Mr. Carl B. Greenidge, M.P., moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly records its deep regret at the death of Mr. Shiw Sahai Naraine, C.C.H., on Tuesday, 30th July, 2013 and pays tribute to his dedicated service as a Member of Parliament from 1972 to 1983 and to the people of Guyana; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly directs that an expression of its sympathy be conveyed to his sorrowing children and relatives.

(Notice Paper No. 252 (M 84 Opp 51) published on 2013-11-08)

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Dr. Veersammy Ramayaa

The Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs

Thereafter, Mr. Carl Greenidge replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

BILLS – Second Reading

ITEM 3 - THE MARRIED PERSONS (PROPERTY) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 9 of 2013 published on 2013-06-14

At the request of Mrs. Deborah Backer, M.P., the second reading of the following Bill was deferred:

A Bill intituled AN ACT to amend the Married Persons (Property) Act.

(Read a first time on 2013-06-13)

MOTION

ITEM 4 - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL VETERANS COMMISSION

Brig. (Ret'd) David Granger, M.S.S., M.P., Leader of the Opposition,
moved the following motion:

WHEREAS Article 24 of the Constitution of the Co-Operative Republic of Guyana prescribes that “Every citizen has the right to free medical attention and also to social care in case of old age and disability;”

AND WHEREAS thousands of persons have served in the defence forces and disciplined services of Guyana in which they rendered essential national defence and public security services to the nation as a whole;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with Section 20 of the Defence Act, Ch. 15:01 certain members of the defence forces are required to retire after only twenty-two years of service and other veterans of the disciplined services may be discharged honourably from regular service or transferred to the reserve for various prescribed reasons;

AND WHEREAS many ex-soldiers and servicemen have faced challenges which have had deleterious effects on their employment, health and welfare and of their dependants;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with Article 197 A (5) of the Constitution of the Co-Operative Republic of Guyana, “Disciplined Forces Commissions may be constituted by the National Assembly from time to time, as may be necessary, with power to examine any matter etc;”

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly, acting in accordance with the Constitution, appoint a commission, styled the National Veterans Commission, to examine the conditions and circumstances facing veterans of the defence forces and disciplined services to make recommendations to ensure their health and welfare and for the general administration of veterans affairs in Guyana.

(Notice Paper No. 245 (M 79 Opp. 48) published on 2013-10-07)

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mr. Odinga Lumumba

Mrs. Catherine Hughes

The Minister of Public Works

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 3.50 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 5.10 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

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The Assembly resumed the debate on the motion.

The following Members also spoke to the motion:

Mr. Winston Felix

The Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs

Thereafter, Brig. (Ret'd) David Granger replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

(ii) **GOVERNMENT'S BUSINESS**

MOTIONS

ITEM 5 - CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1/2013

At the request of the Prime Minister, on behalf of the Minister of Finance, consideration of the following motion was deferred:

Assembly to resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Minister of Finance to signify the recommendation or consent of the Cabinet and to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

Financial Paper No. 1/2013 – Statement of Excess (Current and Capital) Estimates totalling \$3,384,528,708 for the period ended 31st December, 2013.

(Notice Paper No. 253 (M 85 Govt 27) published on 2013-11-08)

(Paper presented on 2013-11-07)

ITEM 6 - CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 2/2013

At the request of the Prime Minister, on behalf of the Minister of Finance, consideration of the following motion was deferred:

Assembly to resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Minister of Finance to signify the recommendation or consent of the Cabinet and to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

Financial Paper No. 2/2013 – Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) - Advances made from the Contingencies Fund, totalling \$1,261,596,480 for the period 13th August, 2013 to 5th November, 2013.

(Notice Paper No. 254 (M 86 Govt 28) published on 2013-11-08)

(Paper presented on 2013-11-07)

ITEM 7 - CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 3/2013

At the request of the Prime Minister, on behalf of the Minister of Finance, consideration of the following motion was deferred:

Assembly to resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Minister of Finance to signify the recommendation or consent of the Cabinet and to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

Financial Paper No. 3/2013 – Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$7,737,984,510 for the period ended 31st December, 2013.

(Notice Paper No. 255 (M 87 Govt 29) published on 2013-11-08)

(Paper presented on 2013-11-07)

BILLS – Second Readings

ITEM 8 - GUYANA CRICKET ADMINISTRATION BILL 2012 – Bill No. 31/2012

published on 2012-12-20

At the request of the Prime Minister, on behalf of the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport, the second reading of the following Bill, which was referred to a Special Select Committee, was deferred:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to make provisions for the incorporation of autonomous national cricket administrative organizations in Guyana and to provide for other matters connected therewith.

(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2012-12-20)

Please note that the abovementioned Report was laid in the National Assembly on 7th August, 2013.

ITEM 9 - LAND SURVEYORS (PROFESSION) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 16/2013

published on 2013-06-26

At the request of the Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment the second reading of the following Bill was deferred:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to make provision for the establishment of a Board of Land Surveyors, the registration and licensing of land surveyors, the regulation of the practice of land surveying and for connected matters.

(Read a first time on 2013-06-27)

ITEM 10 - PROCUREMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 17/2013 published on 2013-11-07

At the request of the Prime Minister, on behalf of the Minister of Finance, the second reading the following Bill was deferred:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Procurement Act.

(Read a first time on 2013-11-07)

(iii) COMMITTEES BUSINESS

MOTION

ITEM 11 - . ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE DEEDS REGISTRY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – BILL NO. 11 OF 2012

At the request of the Prime Minister, on behalf of the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs (Chairman of the Special Select Committee on the Deeds Registry (Amendment) Bill 2012), consideration of the following motion was deferred:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Report of the Special Select Committee on the Deeds Registry (Amendment) Bill 2012 – Bill No. 11/2012 be adopted.

(Notice Paper No. 226 (M 78 Committee 4) published on 2013-07-18)

ADJOURNMENT

At 6.05 p.m., on a motion by the Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m., on Thursday, 12th December, 2013.

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HON. RAPHAEL G.C. TROTMAN, M.P.,
Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
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Brickdam,
Georgetown.

21st November, 2013.