

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 65TH 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, 12TH DECEMBER, 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

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

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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. Ganga Persaud, M.P., Minister of Local Government
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

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)

***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 (Absent)

****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.

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

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

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

Mr. James A. Bond, M.P.

Mr. Ronald A. Bulkan, M.P.

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

Mrs. Mabel Baveghems, M.P.

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

Mr. Christopher A. Jones, M.P.

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

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

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 2.10 p.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read the prayers.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

The Speaker made the following announcements:

Annual Children Christmas Party

“Hon. Members, our annual Christmas Party for children will be held on Wednesday, 18th December, 2013 in National Assembly’s forecourt and on the lawns. This year like the last we will cater for underprivileged children from the Sophia Care Centre, the Mahaica Care Centre, the Hadfield Street Drop in Centre and an addition this year children of the staff of the National Assembly. Accorded invitation is extended to Members of Parliament to be present, those Members led by the Prime Minister who came last year we thank you, we invite Members not only to come, but to bring your children as well, if you so desire. We plan to cater for approximately 250 children. Last year there was a Mr. and Mrs. Santa Clause and I am told that they will be back.”

Welcome back to Minister Ashni Singh and Mr. Basil Williams

“Hon. Members, we wish to welcome home and congratulate Minister of Finance and Mr. Basil Williams for successfully representing of course our Assembly and participating in an international conference on the Post 2015 Development Agenda for the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. From what I read this morning the conference seems to have gone very well. The Guyanese delegation made so much contribution that they even alter the agenda of the discussion. Thank you very much.”

Welcome back to Mr. Manzoor Nadir, Mrs. Volda Lawrence and Ms Garrido-Lowe and Ms Rennita Williams

“Hon. Members, I wish as well to welcome back Mr. Manzoor Nadir, Mrs. Volda Lawrence, Ms. Garrido-Lowe and Ms. Rennita Williams for representing us at a recently concluded seminar held in Port of Spain by GOPAC which is the Global Organisation of Parliamentarians Against Corruption. Thank you for your representations.”

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Congratulation to Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon. Carolyn Rogrigues-Birkett

“Hon. Members, we wish to congratulate most dearly our Hon. and esteem Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon. Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett for being the recipient of the grand cross of the order of the General Liberator of San Martin which was bestowed on our Minister by the Government and people of Argentina, a very high award and we thank you. We are both proud and happy that you have been properly recognised for your efforts, you know what they say a prophet is not recognise in his own country, so I hope something is done to correct that.”

Bills not Assented to by the President

“Hon. Members, also by way of announcement, I have written to the Hon. Prime Minister and Mr. Greenidge regarding Bills that were not assented to by His Excellency the President with a view to enquire whether these will be returned for consideration by the House in keeping with Article 170(4) which speaks to Bills being returned after six months for two third votes in favour. I have since been informed by way of a letter issued by the Head of the Presidential Secretariat that the Local Government (Amendment) Bill will not be returned for consideration by this House.”

Death of Mr. Nelson Mandela, former President of the Republic of South Africa

“Hon. Members, my last announcement which I saved for the last is a solemn one and that is of course to announce which we already know of is the death of Mr. Nelson Mandela more firmly known as Madiba who was a South African Anti-Apartheid Revolutionary, a politician and later in life became a philanthropist, who after serving continuous years in prison emerge to become the first President of a truly democratic South Africa from 1994 to 1999.

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President Mandela was undoubtedly a citizen of every nation of the world and an honorary and cherished Member of every Parliament, if I can put it that way. So we in Guyana are happy and privileged that we can join in the world wide celebration of the wonderful life of this amazing mortal man whose life and works are now immortal. As a sign and our respect to honour him at the time of his passing we have opened a book of condolences for the benefits of Members of Parliament and members of the public, who have found it inconvenient and not possible thus far to sign elsewhere. This book is in conjunction with the Clerk of the National Assembly and perhaps with the Government and will be handed over, to be placed alongside other books which are to be sent up. This is just a part of those arrangements.

In keeping with our honouring of this great man, I have asked and the Clerk has ensured that the three flags flying over this building are being flown today, at half mass in recognition of the death of this great man. I am told that a formal motion to give due recognition to the contribution of this President and former Great States' Man of the world who worked to strengthen world peace and understanding between people will be tabled and debated in the House very shortly. I have been given this assurance by Members of both Government and Opposition.”

STATEMENT BY MINISTERS INCLUDING POLICY STATEMENTS

Honouring the life and legacy of the Late Nelson Mandela, former President of the Republic of South Africa

The Minister of Foreign Affairs made a statement on the life and legacy of the late Nelson Mandela, former President of the Republic of South Africa.

The following Members also made statements/paid tribute to Mr. Nelson Mandela:

Brig. (Ret'd) David Granger

Mr. Moses Nagamootoo

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS-

Mr. Odinga Lumumba, M.P., on behalf of the Constituent Members and Stakeholders of Guyana Cricket, presented a Petition respectfully requesting that the National Assembly expedite the passage of the Guyana Cricket Administration Bill 2012 – Bill No. 31 of 2012.

(Circulated)

In accordance with Standing Order No. 15(4), Mr. Basil Williams, M.P. rose on a Point of Order with respect to the Petition presented by Mr. Odinga Lumumba, M.P.

Thereafter, the question that the Petition be read was put and negatived on the following division:

AGAINST

Mr. T. Williams
Ms Marcello
Dr. Ramayya
Mrs. Garrido-Lowe
Mrs. Hughes
Mr. Nagamootoo
Mr. Ramjattan
Ms Ferguson
Mr. Morian
Ms Williams
Mr. Jones
Mr. Adams
Ms Baveghems

FOR

Mr. Jafarally
Mr. Damon
Dr. Persaud
Rev. Gilbert
Dr. Mahadeo
Mr. Seeraj
Mr. Neendkumar
Mr. Lumumba
Mr. Chand
Bibi Shaddick
Mrs. Chandarpal
Mr. Nadir
Ms Teixeira

Mr. Sharma	Bishop Edghill
Mr. Bulkan	Mr. Whittaker
Mr. Bond	Mr. Baksh
Ms Kissoon	Mrs. Campbell Sukhai
Mr. Trotman	Ms Webster
Ms Selman	Mr. G. Persaud
Mr. Allicock	Ms Manickchand
Ms Wade	Mr. Benn
Mr. Felix	Dr. Anthony
Ms Hastings	Mr. Ali
Mr. Scott	Dr. Ramsarran
Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Harmon	Dr. Westford
Mr. Greenidge	Mr. R. Persaud
Dr. Norton	Dr. Singh
Mrs. Lawrence	Mrs. Rodrigues-Birkett
Mr. B. Williams	Mr. Nandlall
Ms Ally	Dr. Ramsammy
Dr. Roopnarine	Mr. Rohee
Brig. (Ret'd) Granger	Mr. Hinds
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PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS-

(1) By the Speaker of the National Assembly:

(i) Annual Report of the Rights of the Child Commission for the year 2011.

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(ii) Minutes of Proceedings of the 12th Meeting of the Committee of Selection held on Thursday, 21st November, 2013.

(Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Finance:

(i) The Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Order 2013 – Nol. 37 of 2013.

(Circulated)

(ii) The Constitutional Offices (Remuneration of Holders) Order 2013 – No. 38 of 2013.

(Circulated)

(iii) Audited Financial Statements of the Institute of Applied Science and Technology for the year ended 31st December, 2004.

(Circulated)

(iv) Audited Financial Statements of the Institute of Applied Science and Technology for the year ended 31st December, 2005.

(Circulated)

(v) Audited Financial Statements of the Institute of Applied Science and Technology for the year ended 31st December, 2006.

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(vi) Audited Financial Statements of the Institute of Applied Science and Technology for the year ended 31st December, 2007.

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(vii) Audited Financial Statements of the Institute of Applied Science and Technology for the year ended 31st December, 2008.

(Circulated)

(viii) Audited Financial Statements of the Institute of Applied Science and Technology for the year ended 31st December, 2009.

(Circulated)

ORAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Payment of 5% increase in wages and salaries to Public Officers

Mr. Basil Williams, M.P., asked the Minister of Finance a question on the payment of the 5% increase in wages and salaries for Public Officers.

Thereafter, the Minister of Finance replied.

Mr. Basil Williams, M.P., asked the Minister of Finance a supplementary question.

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P., asked the Minister of Finance a supplementary question.

The Speaker ruled that, in accordance with Standing Order No. 19(6), that this question be converted to a question for written answer.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

For Written Reply

**TEMPORARY COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS FOR AMERINDIAN
DEVELOPMENT FUND**

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

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

- (i) Can the Hon. Minister provide the National Assembly with the system for recruitment of temporary Community Support Officers associated with the pilot phase of the Amerindian Development Fund channeled through UNDP, financed by the Guyana REDD + Development Fund (GRIF), and focused on 27 pre-selected Amerindian communities?
- (ii) Provide the National Assembly with the advertisement(s) showing the eligibility criteria for recruitment of these CSOs?
- (iii) Demonstrate to the National Assembly how the recruitment process for these CSOs was actually operated?
- (iv) Provide the National Assembly with the exact instructions under which each of the CSOs are now operating, and to detail the areas and scope for which they been given administrative discretion?

(Notice Paper No. 243 (Q 165 Opp. 163) published on 2013-10-04)

Answer:

See Appendix

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Article in the Kaieteur Newspaper of 8th November, 2013

Mr. Basil Williams, M.P., gave a personal explanation re. an article in the Kaieteur Newspaper of 8th November, 2013 on a statement he made on the tabling of the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (Amendment) Bill 2013.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Readings

1. **WILDLIFE IMPORT AND EXPORT BILL 2013 –Bill No. 20/2013**

The Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to regulate international trade of Guyana's wildlife and to enable Guyana to fulfill its obligations under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, Washington, 1973.

2. **LOCAL AUTHORITIES (ELECTIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 21/2013**

The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Local Authorities (Elections) Act to provide for the postponement of elections of councilors of local democratic organs.

3. **ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING AND COUNTERING THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 22/2013**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Act.

4. **EVIDENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 23/2013**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Evidence Act.

5. **FIREARMS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 24/2013**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Firearms Act.

6. **SUMMARY JURISDICTION (PROCEDURE) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 25/2013**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Summary Jurisdiction (Procedure Act.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

(i) **GOVERNMENT'S BUSINESS**

MOTIONS

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

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:

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)

Current Estimates

Item 1 – Agency Code 01-011: Office of the President – Administrative Services; 6321 – Subsidies and Contributions to Local Organisations, was put and negatived on the following division:

AGAINST

Mr. T. Williams
 Ms Marcello
 Dr. Ramayya
 Mrs. Garrido-Lowe
 Mrs. Hughes
 Mr. Nagamootoo
 Mr. Ramjattan
 Ms Ferguson
 Mr. Morian
 Ms Williams
 Mr. Jones
 Mr. Adams
 Ms Baveghems
 Mr. Sharma
 Mr. Bulkan
 Mr. Bond
 Ms Kisoorn
 Mr. Trotman
 Ms Selman
 Mr. Allicock
 Ms Wade
 Mr. Felix
 Ms Hastings
 Mr. Scott
 Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Harmon
 Mr. Greenidge

FOR

Mr. Jafarally
 Mr. Damon
 Dr. Persaud
 Rev. Gilbert
 Dr. Mahadeo
 Mr. Seeraj
 Mr. Neendkumar
 Mr. Lumumba
 Mr. Chand
 Bibi Shaddick
 Mrs. Chandarpal
 Mr. Nadir
 Ms Teixeira
 Bishop Edghill
 Mr. Whittaker
 Mr. Baksh
 Mrs. Campbell Sukhai
 Ms Webster
 Mr. G. Persaud
 Ms Manickchand
 Mr. Benn
 Dr. Anthony
 Mr. Ali
 Dr. Ramsarran
 Dr. Westford
 Mr. R. Persaud

Dr. Norton
Mrs. Lawrence
Mr. B. Williams
Ms Ally
Dr. Roopnarine
Brig. (Ret'd) Granger

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Dr. Singh
Mrs. Rodrigues-Birkett
Mr. Nandlall
Dr. Ramsammy
Mr. Rohee
Mr. Hinds

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Assembly resumed

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.05 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 5.22 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to continue consideration of Finance Paper No. 1/2013.

Captial Estimates

Item 1 – Agency Code 02-021: Office of the Prime Minister – Prime Minister’s Secretariat; 2601100 – Electrification Programme, was put and carried.

Item 2 – Agency Code 31-313: Ministry of Public Works – Transport; 1600200- Hinterland/Coastal Airstrip and 1600300- Equipment-Civil Aviation, were put and carried.

Item 2 – Agency Code 31-313: Ministry of Public Works – Transport; 1600900- CJIA Modernisation Project, was put and negatived on the following division:

AGAINST

Mr. T. Williams
Ms Marcello
Dr. Ramayya
Mrs. Garrido-Lowe
Mrs. Hughes
Mr. Nagamootoo
Mr. Ramjattan
Ms Ferguson
Mr. Morian
Ms Williams
Mr. Jones
Mr. Adams
Ms Baveghems
Mr. Sharma
Mr. Bulkan
Mr. Bond
Ms Kissoon
Mr. Trotman
Ms Selman
Mr. Allicock
Ms Wade
Mr. Felix
Ms Hastings

FOR

Mr. Jafarally
Mr. Damon
Dr. Persaud
Rev. Gilbert
Dr. Mahadeo
Mr. Seeraj
Mr. Neendkumar
Mr. Lumumba
Mr. Chand
Bibi Shaddick
Mrs. Chandarpal
Mr. Nadir
Ms Teixeira
Bishop Edghill
Mr. Whittaker
Mr. Baksh
Mrs. Campbell Sukhai
Ms Webster
Mr. G. Persaud
Ms Manickchand
Mr. Benn
Dr. Anthony
Mr. Ali

Mr. Scott
Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Harmon
Mr. Greenidge
Dr. Norton
Mrs. Lawrence
Mr. B. Williams
Ms Ally
Dr. Roopnarine
Brig. (Ret'd) Granger

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Dr. Ramsarran
Dr. Westford
Mr. R. Persaud
Dr. Singh
Mrs. Rodrigues-Birkett
Mr. Nandlall
Dr. Ramsammy
Mr. Rohee
Mr. Hinds

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Item 3 – Agency Code 47-474: Ministry of Health – Regional & Clinical Services; 1213000-Speciality Hospital Project, was put and carried on the following division:

AGAINST

Mr. T. Willams
Ms Marcello
Dr. Ramayya
Mrs. Garrido-Lowe
Mrs. Hughes
Mr. Nagamootoo
Mr. Ramjattan
Ms Ferguson
Mr. Morian
Ms Williams

FOR

Mr. Jafarally
Mr. Damon
Dr. Persaud
Rev. Gilbert
Dr. Mahadeo
Mr. Seeraj
Mr. Neendkumar
Mr. Lumumba
Mr. Chand
Bibi Shaddick

Mr. Jones
 Mr. Adams
 Ms Baveghems
 Mr. Sharma
 Mr. Bulkan
 Mr. Bond
 Ms Kissoon
 Mr. Trotman
 Ms Selman
 Mr. Allicock
 Ms Wade
 Mr. Felix
 Ms Hastings
 Mr. Scott
 Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Harmon
 Mr. Greenidge
 Dr. Norton
 Mr. B. Williams
 Ms Ally
 Dr. Roopnarine
 Brig. (Ret'd) Granger

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Mrs. Chandarpal
 Mr. Nadir
 Ms Teixeira
 Bishop Edghill
 Mr. Whittaker
 Mr. Baksh
 Mrs. Campbell Sukhai
 Ms Webster
 Mr. G. Persaud
 Ms Manickchand
 Mr. Benn
 Dr. Anthony
 Mr. Ali
 Dr. Ramsarran
 Dr. Westford
 Mr. R. Persaud
 Dr. Singh
 Mrs. Rodrigues-Birkett
 Mr. Nandlall
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After consideration of the Schedule, the motion, as amended, 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 doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

RESOLVED,

Financial Paper No. 1/2013 – Statement of Excess (Current and Capital) Estimates totalling \$2,038,772,325 for the period ended 31st December, 2013.

ITEM 3 - CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 2/2013

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:

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)

Current Estimates

Item 1 Agency Code: 01-012 Office of the President – Presidential Advisory (Cabinet and Other Services) was put and carried.

Item 2 Agency Code: 07-071 Parliament Office – National Assembly was put and carried.

Item 3 Agency Code: 21-211 Ministry of Agriculture – Ministry Administration was put and carried.

Item 4 Agency Codes 51-512 Ministry of Home Affairs – Guyana Police Force

51-513 Ministry of Home Affairs – Guyana Prison Service

51-514 Ministry of Home Affairs – Guyana Fire Service

51-516 Ministry of Home Affairs – General Register Offices,

were put and carried on the following division:

AGAINST**DECLINE
TO VOTE****FOR**

Ms Ferguson

Mr. Morian

Ms Williams

Mr. Jones

Mr. Adams

Ms Baveghems

Mr. Sharma

Mr. Bulkan

Mr. Bond

Ms Kissoon

Mr. Trotman

Mr. T. Williams

Ms Marcello

Dr. Ramayya

Mrs. Garrido-Lowe

Mrs. Hughes

Mr. Nagamootoo

Mr. Ramjattan

Mr. Jafarally

Mr. Damon

Dr. Persaud

Rev. Gilbert

Dr. Mahadeo

Mr. Seeraj

Mr. Neendkumar

Mr. Lumumba

Mr. Chand

Bibi Shaddick

Mrs. Chandarpal

Ms Selman		Mr. Nadir
Mr. Allicock		Ms Teixeira
Ms Wade		Bishop Edghill
Mr. Felix		Mr. Whittaker
Ms Hastings		Mr. Baksh
Mr. Scott		Mrs. Campbell-Sukhai
Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Harmon		Ms Webster
Mr. Greenidge		Mr. G. Persaud
Dr. Norton		Ms Manickchand
Mr. B. Williams	Mrs. Lawrence	Mr. Benn
Ms Ally		Dr. Anthony
Dr. Roopnarine		Mr. Ali
Brig. (Ret'd) Granger		Dr. Ramsarran
		Dr. Westford
		Mr. R. Persaud
		Dr. Singh
		Mrs. Rodrigues-Birkett
		Mr. Nandlall
		Mr. Rohee
		Mr. Hinds
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Capital Estimates

Item 1 Agency Code 13-133: Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development – Regional Development, was put and carried.

Item 2 Agency Code 47-471: Ministry of Health – Ministry Administration; 1201700 Ministry of Health-Buildings was put and carried on the following division:

AGAINST

Ms Ferguson
 Mr. Morian
 Ms Williams
 Mr. Jones
 Mr. Adams
 Ms Baveghems
 Mr. Sharma
 Mr. Bulkan
 Mr. Bond
 Ms Kissoon
 Mr. Trotman
 Ms Selman
 Mr. Allicock
 Ms Wade
 Mr. Felix
 Ms Hastings
 Mr. Scott
 Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Harmon
 Mr. Greenidge
 Dr. Norton
 Mr. B. Williams
 Ms Ally

**DECLINE
TO VOTE**

Mr. T. Williams
 Ms Marcello
 Dr. Ramayya
 Mrs. Garrido-Lowe
 Mrs. Hughes

 Mrs. Lawrence

FOR

Mr. Jafarally
 Mr. Damon
 Dr. Persaud
 Rev. Gilbert
 Dr. Mahadeo
 Mr. Seeraj
 Mr. Nagamootoo
 Mr. Ramjattan
 Mr. Neendkumar
 Mr. Lumumba
 Mr. Chand
 Bibi Shaddick
 Mrs. Chandarpal
 Mr. Nadir
 Ms Teixeira
 Bishop Edghill
 Mr. Whittaker
 Mr. Baksh
 Mrs. Campbell-Sukhai
 Ms Webster
 Mr. G. Persaud
 Ms Manickchand
 Mr. Benn
 Dr. Anthony

Dr. Roopnarine
Brig. (Ret'd) Granger

Mr. Ali
Dr. Ramsarran
Dr. Westford
Mr. R. Persaud
Dr. Singh
Mrs. Rodrigues-Birkett
Mr. Nandlall
Mr. Rohee
Mr. Hinds

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Item 3 Agency Code 51-511 Ministry of Home Affairs – Secretarial Services; 1208500 Citizen Security was put and carried on the following division:

AGAINST

Ms Ferguson
Mr. Morian
Ms Williams
Mr. Jones
Mr. Adams
Ms Baveghems
Mr. Sharma

**DECLINE
TO VOTE**

FOR

Mr. T. Williams Mr. Jafarally
Ms Marcello Mr. Damon
Dr. Ramayya Dr. Persaud
Mrs. Garrido-Lowe Rev. Gilbert
Mrs. Hughes Dr. Mahadeo
Mr. Nagamootoo Mr. Seeraj
Mr. Ramjattan Mr. Neendkumar

Mr. Bulkan		Mr. Lumumba
Mr. Bond		Mr. Chand
Ms Kissoon		Bibi Shaddick
Mr. Trotman		Mrs. Chandarpal
Ms Selman		Mr. Nadir
Mr. Allicock		Ms Teixeira
Ms Wade		Bishop Edghill
Mr. Felix		Mr. Whittaker
Ms Hastings		Mr. Baksh
Mr. Scott		Mrs. Campbell-Sukhai
Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Harmon		Ms Webster
Mr. Greenidge		Mr. G. Persaud
Dr. Norton		Ms Manickchand
Mr. B. Williams	Mrs. Lawrence	Mr. Benn
Ms Ally		Dr. Anthony
Dr. Roopnarine		Mr. Ali
Brig. (Ret'd) Granger		Dr. Ramsarran
		Dr. Westford
		Mr. R. Persaud
		Dr. Singh
		Mrs. Rodrigues-Birkett
		Mr. Nandlall
		Mr. Rohee
		Mr. Hinds

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Item 3 Agency Code 51-512: Ministry of Home Affairs – Guyana Police Force; 2600100 Equipment-Police was put and carried.

Item 4 Agency Code 53-531: Guyana Defence Force – Defence Headquarters; 2404600 Air, Land and Water Transport was put and carried.

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 doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

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.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 8.35 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.45 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

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

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:

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)

Current Estimates

Item 1 Agency Code 21-211 Ministry of Agriculture-Ministry Administration was put and carried.

Assembly resumed

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 10(1)

At 9.45 p.m., the Prime Minister moved that Standing Order No. 10(1) be suspended to enable the Assembly to continue and conclude consideration of Financial Paper No. 3/2013.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to continue consideration of Financial Paper No. 3/2013.

Capital Estimates

Item 2 Agency Code 31-312: Ministry of Public Work – Public Works; 6251 Maintenance of Roads and 6255 Maintenance of other Infrastructure, were put and carried.

Capital Estimates

Item 1 Agency Code 16-161: Ministry of Amerindian Affairs – Amerindian Development; 1400100 Amerindian Development Fund.

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P., and seconded by Mrs. Valerie Garrido-Lowe, M.P., moved the following amendment, which was put and negatived on the following division:

“Item 1 Agency Code 16-161: Ministry of Amerindian Affairs – Amerindian Development; 1400100 Amerindian Development Fund sum total \$500,000,000 be reduced by \$300,000,000.”

FOR

Mr. T. Willams
Ms Marcello
Dr. Ramayya
Mrs. Garrido-Lowe
Mrs. Hughes
Mr. Nagamootoo
Mr. Ramjattan
Ms Ferguson
Mr. Morian
Ms Williams
Mr. Jones
Mr. Adams

AGAINST

Mr. Jafarally
Mr. Damon
Dr. Persaud
Rev. Gilbert
Dr. Mahadeo
Mr. Seeraj
Mr. Neendkumar
Mr. Lumumba
Mr. Chand
Bibi Shaddick
Mrs. Chandarpal
Mr. Nadir

Ms Baveghems
 Mr. Sharma
 Mr. Bulkan
 Mr. Bond
 Ms Kissoon
 Mr. Trotman
 Ms Selman
 Mr. Allicock
 Ms Wade
 Mr. Felix
 Ms Hastings
 Mr. Scott
 Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Harmon
 Mr. Greenidge
 Dr. Norton
 Mrs. Lawrence
 Mr. B. Williams
 Ms Ally
 Dr. Roopnarine
 Brig. (Ret'd) Granger

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Ms Teixeira
 Bishop Edghill
 Mr. Whittaker
 Mr. Baksh
 Mrs. Campbell Sukhai
 Ms Webster
 Mr. G. Persaud
 Ms Manickchand
 Mr. Benn
 Dr. Anthony
 Mr. Ali
 Dr. Ramsarran
 Dr. Westford
 Mr. R. Persaud
 Dr. Singh
 Mrs. Rodrigues-Birkett
 Mr. Nandlall
 Dr. Ramsammy
 Mr. Rohee
 Mr. Hinds

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Thereafter, Item 1 Agency Code 16-161: Ministry of Amerindian Affairs – Amerindian Development; 1400100 Amerindian Development Fund was put and carried on the following division:

AGAINST**DECLINE****FOR****TO VOTE**

Ms Ferguson

Mr. T. Williams

Mr. Jafarally

Mr. Morian

Ms Marcello

Mr. Damon

Ms Williams Dr. Ramayya

Dr. Persaud

Mr. Jones Mrs. Garrido-Lowe

Rev. Gilbert

Mr. Adams Mrs. Hughes

Dr. Mahadeo

Ms Baveghems Mr. Nagamootoo

Mr. Seeraj

Mr. Sharma Mr. Ramjattan

Mr. Neendkumar

Mr. Bulkan

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Item 2 Agency Code 31-312: Ministry of Public Works – Public Works; 1208200 Bridges Rehabilitation II – Transport Infrastructure Project was put and carried.

Item 2 Agency Code 31-312: Ministry of Public Works – Public Works; 1401800 Miscellaneous Roads was put and carried.

Item 2 Agency Code 31-312: Ministry of Public Works – Public Works; 14002900 Amaila Access Road was put and negatived on the following division:

AGAINST

Mr. T. Williams

Ms Marcello

Dr. Ramayya

Mrs. Garrido-Lowe

Mrs. Hughes

Mr. Nagamootoo

Mr. Ramjattan

Ms Ferguson

FOR

Mr. Jafarally

Mr. Damon

Dr. Persaud

Rev. Gilbert

Dr. Mahadeo

Mr. Seeraj

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Mr. Chand
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 Dr. Anthony
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 Mr. R. Persaud
 Dr. Singh
 Mrs. Rodrigues-Birkett
 Mr. Nandlall
 Dr. Ramsammy
 Mr. Rohee
 Mr. Hinds

Item 3 Agency Code 51-511 Ministry of Home Affairs – Secretariat Services; 1208500 Citizen Security was put and carried.

After consideration of the Schedule, the motion, as amended, 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 doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

RESOLVED,

Financial Paper No. 3/2013 – Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$7,237,984,510 for the period ended 31st December, 2013.

BILL – FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS

ITEM 4 - SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (NO.1 FOR 2013) BILL 2013 – Bill

No. 18/2013 published on 2013-11-07

With the leave of the Speaker, and on a motion by the Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Standing Orders Nos. 13(n) and 54 were suspended to enable the Supplementary Appropriation (No. 1 for 2013) Bill No. 18/2013 to be introduced at that stage.

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The Minister of Finance, in accordance with paragraph (2) of Article 171 of the Constitution, signified Cabinet's recommendation for the Supplementary Appropriation (No. 1 for 2013) Bill No. 18/2013 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 amended:

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, 2013, estimates whereof have been approved by the National Assembly, and for the appropriation of those sums for the specified purposes, in conformity with the Constitution.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.10 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, 19th December, 2013.

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

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Brickdam,
Georgetown.

12th December, 2013.

