

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE 84<sup>TH</sup> SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST**  
**SESSION (2012-2014) OF THE TENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD**  
**AT 2.00 P.M.**  
**ON WEDNESDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2014**  
**IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS,**  
**BRICKDAM, GEORGETOWN.**

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

**Speaker (1)**

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

**MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT (34)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hon. Robert M. Persaud, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne),  
Minister of Natural Resources and Environment

Hon. Dr. Jennifer Westford, M.P. (Region No. 7 – Cuyuni/Mazaruni),  
Minister of the Public Service

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Manzoor Nadir, M.P.

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

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

Mr. Ganga Persaud, M.P.

**\*Non-Elected Minister**

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

Mr. Odinga Lumumba, M.P.

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

Mr. Dharamkumar Seeraj, M.P.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Members of the Opposition (33)**

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

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

Dr. Rupert Roopnarine, M.P.

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

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

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

Dr. George Norton, M.P.

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

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Mr. Carl B. Greenidge, M.P.

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

Mr. Ronald A. Bulkan, M.P.

Mr. Keith Scott, M.P.

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

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

Dr. Karen Cummings, M.P.

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

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

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

Mr. Desmond Trotman, M.P.

Mr. James A. Bond, M.P.

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

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

Mrs. Mabel Baveghems, M.P.

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

Mr. Christopher A. Jones, M.P.

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

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

Miss Annette N. Ferguson, M.P.

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**(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 2.00 p.m.

**PRAYERS**

The Clerk read the prayers.

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## **PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

### **News Item in the Guyana Times Newspaper**

Mr. Neendkumar gave a personal explanation re. a news item in the Guyana Times Newspaper of Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2014, about his salary.

## **PUBLIC BUSINESS**

### **(i) GOVERNMENT'S BUSINESS**

## **MOTION**

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

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

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

### **In Committee of Supply**

The following Agencies and Programmes in the Estimates of Expenditure were considered and approved by the Committee as presented with the respective amounts allocated thereto:

#### **44 - MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT**

##### **Current Expenditure**

441 Ministry Administration

442 Culture

443 Youth

444 Sport

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**Capital Expenditure**

- 441 Ministry Administration
- 442 Culture
- 443 Youth
- 444 Sport

**23 - MINISTRY OF TOURISM,  
INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE**

**Current Expenditure**

- 231 Main Office
- 232 Ministry Administration
- 233 Commerce, Industry and  
Consumer Affairs

**Capital Expenditure**

- 231 Main Office
- 232 Ministry Administration
- 233 Commerce, Industry and  
Consumer Affairs

**Assembly resumed**

**SUSPENSION OF SITTING**

At 4.57 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

**RESUMPTION OF SITTING**

At 5.55 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

**In Committee of Supply**

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### **03 - MINISTRY OF FINANCE**

#### **Current Expenditure**

031 Policy and Administration

#### **Capital Expenditure**

031 Policy and Administration

#### **Presiding by Mr. Basil Williams, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly**

At 7.22 p.m., the Speaker withdrew from the Chamber and Mr. Basil Williams took the Chair.

#### **Return of Speaker**

At 7.45 p.m., the Speaker returned to the Chamber.

#### **Capital Expenditure**

031 Policy and Administration

Line Item 031- Policy and Administration 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

Dr. Persaud

Rev. Gilbert

Dr. Mahadeo

Mr. Seeraj

Mr. Neendkumar

Mr. Lumumba

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

Mr. Chand  
 Mr. G. Persaud  
 Bibi Shadick  
 Mrs. Chandarpal  
 Mr. Nadir  
 Ms Teixeira  
 Bishop Edghill  
 Mr. Whittaker  
 Mr. Baksh  
 Mrs. Campbell-Sukhai  
 Ms Webster  
 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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**03 - MINISTRY OF FINANCE**

**Current Expenditure**

032 Public Financial Management

**Capital Expenditure**

032 Public Financial Management

**Assembly resumed**

The Minister of Finance reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 2014 and had approved of them as amended.

Thereafter, the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 2014 was put and carried.

**BILL – FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS**

**ITEM 2 - APPROPRIATION BILL 2014 – Bill No. 6/2014 published on 2014-03-25**

With the Leave of the Speaker, and on a motion by the Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Standing Order Nos. 13 and 54 were suspended to enable the Appropriation Bill 2014 to be introduced at this stage and to be further proceeded with at that sitting.

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 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2014, 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.

**Easter Greetings**

The Speaker extended Easter Greetings to all Guyanese and thanked the staff of the Parliament Office, other Ministries and the Media. Brig. (Ret'd) David Granger, M.S.S., M.P., Leader of the Opposition, the Minister of Finance and the Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs joined the Speaker in extending Easter Greetings to all Guyanese and thanked all the officials who worked during the consideration of the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for 2014.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8.05 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, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2014.

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

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

**16<sup>th</sup> April, 2014.**

