

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**ORDER PAPER**

**FOR THE 17<sup>TH</sup> SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION**

**(2020-2021) OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD**

**AT 10.00 A.M.**

**ON THURSDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2021**

**IN THE DOME OF THE ARTHUR CHUNG CONFERENCE CENTRE,**

**LILIENDAAL, GREATER GEORGETOWN**

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**1. SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Member Asking:** Ms. Tabitha Sarabo-Halley, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of the Public Service

1. Can the Honourable Minister provide the programmes and cost of every local Scholarship awarded since August 2, 2020?
2. Can the Honourable Minister provide the programmes, country and cost of every overseas Scholarship awarded since August 2, 2020?
3. Can the Honourable Minister indicate how many of the overseas Scholarships awarded since August 2, 2020 are online Scholarships?
4. Can the Honourable Minister give an accurate breakdown of the geographic and demographic spread of the awardees for both local and overseas Scholarships?

**(Notice Paper No. 29 (Q15 Opp.15) published on 2021-01-11)**

**2. CONTRACTED EMPLOYEES**

**Member Asking:** Ms. Tabitha Sarabo-Halley, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of the Public Service

1. Can the Honourable Minister provide the designation, emoluments (salaries and other benefits) of each person employed on contract in the Ministry of the Public Service and its gazetted umbrella and associated Agencies since August 2, 2020?
2. Can the Honourable Minister advise if the salaries and allowances for these employees were catered for in the Budget 2020 and, if so, under which line item?

**(Notice Paper No. 30 (Q16 Opp.16) published on 2021-01-11)**

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**BILLS – Second Reading**

1. **THE FISCAL MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY (AMENDMENT)**

**BILL 2021 – Bill No. 1/2021 published on 2021-01-27**

The Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Fiscal Management and Accountability Act.

**(Read a first time on 2021-01-28)**

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## **MOTIONS**

2. **CONFIRMATION OF THE CUSTOMS (AMENDMENT OF FIRST SCHEDULE)  
(NO. 3) ORDER 2020 – NO. 82 OF 2020**

The Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance to move the following motion:

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

That this National Assembly, in accordance with Sections 8 and 9 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01, confirm the Customs (Amendment of First Schedule) (No. 3) Order 2020 (No. 82 of 2020) which was made on 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2020, under Section 8 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01 and published in the Official Gazette dated 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

**(Notice Paper No. 33 (M16 Govt 11) published on 2021-01-28)**

3. **CONFIRMATION OF THE PUBLIC LOAN (INCREASING OF LIMIT) ORDER  
2021 – NO. 2 OF 2021**

The Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance to move the following motion:

**WHEREAS** since assuming office in August 2020, the new Government has identified significant outstanding obligations that were accumulated by the previous administration including large overdrafts at the Bank of Guyana as well as payables owed to several other entities, along with significant contingent liabilities that were contracted and that have since materialized resulting in additional calls on the public purse;

**AND WHEREAS** these obligations are not currently classified as public debt but, had they been so classified or had they otherwise been settled or resolved through the fiscal accounts, they would have resulted in a breach of the prevailing statutory ceiling on domestic debt, but they were instead left outstanding and unresolved at the time the last administration demitted office;

5.

**AND WHEREAS** regularising and resolving these outstanding obligations will result in additional incurrence of fiscal deficits and additional issuance of domestic debt;

**AND WHEREAS** the new Government has outlined an ambitious programme of development aimed at transforming Guyana and delivering improved quality of life to all Guyanese, which will require new financing including through additional domestic debt,

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

That this National Assembly, in accordance with Section 2(2) of the Public Loans Act, Chapter 74:13, confirm the Public Loans (Increasing of Limit) Order 2021 (No. 2 of 2021) which was made on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2021, under Section 2(1) of the Public Loans Act, Chapter 74:13 and published in the Official Gazette dated 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.

**(Notice Paper No. 34 (M17 Govt 12) published on 2021-01-28)**

4. **CONFIRMATION OF THE EXTERNAL LOANS (INCREASING OF LIMIT)**  
**ORDER 2021 – NO. 3 OF 2021**

The Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance to move the following motion:

**WHEREAS** since assuming office in August 2020, the new Government has identified significant outstanding obligations that were accumulated by the previous administration including large overdrafts at the Bank of Guyana as well as payables owed to several other entities, along with significant contingent liabilities that were contracted and that have since materialized resulting in additional calls on the public purse;

**AND WHEREAS** the new Government has also identified significant external loans that were contracted and that are currently undisbursed, but were they to have been fully disbursed at the time the last administration demitted office, they would have utilised a significant amount of the room remaining within the prevailing statutory ceiling on external debt;

6.

**AND WHEREAS** the new Government has outlined an ambitious programme of development aimed at transforming Guyana and delivering improved quality of life to all Guyanese, which will require new financing including through additional external debt,

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

That this National Assembly, in accordance with Section 3(7) of the External Loans Act, Chapter 74:08, confirm the External Loans (Increasing of Limit) Order 2021 (No. 3 of 2021) which was made on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2021, under Section 3(1) of the External Loans Act, Chapter 74:08 and published in the Official Gazette dated 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.

**(Notice Paper No. 35 (M18 Govt 13) published on 2021-01-28)**

**BILLS – Second Readings**

**5. LAW REFORM COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2020 – Bill No. 11/2020**  
**published on 2020-11-20**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Law Reform Commission Act.

**(Read a first time on 2020-12-23)**

**6. ADOPTION OF CHILDREN (AMENDMENT) BILL 2020 – Bill No. 15/2020**

The Minister of Human Services and Social Security to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Adoption of Children Act.

**(Read a first time on 2020-12-23)**

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7. **DECEASED PERSONS ESTATES' ADMINISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL  
2020 – Bill No. 12/2020 published on 2020-11-10**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Deceased Persons Estates' Administration Act.

**(Read a first time on 2020-12-23)**

8. **SMALL BUSINESS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2020 – Bill No. 13/2020 published on  
2020-11-10**

The Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Small Business Act.

**(Read a first time on 2020-12-23)**

9. **HIRE-PURCHASE BILL 2020 – Bill No. 14/2020 published on 2020-11-10**

The Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to make provision for the regulation of hire-purchase, credit sale and conditional sale agreements; and for related purposes.

**(Read a first time on 2020-12-23)**

**BILL – Committee, Second and Third Readings**

**\*10. NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES (CONTROL)  
(AMENDMENT) BILL 2021 – Bill No. 2/2021 published on 2021-01-28**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Control) Act.

**(Read a first time and referred to a Special Select Committee on 2021-01-28)**

**(ii) PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

**MOTION**

**\*11. CONDEMN THE BRUTAL AND HORRIFIC KILLING OF JOEL HENRY, ISIAAH HENRY AND HARESH SINGH, BETWEEN THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 6 to 9, 2020**

Ms Geeta Chandan-Edmond, M.P. to move the following motion:

WHEREAS, Guyanese citizens, Joel Henry, Isiah Henry and Haresh Singh, all under the age of 20 years old, from the village of N0. 3 Village, West Coast Berbice, were brutally, barbarically and horrifically killed, and the bodies found at or near the Cotton Tree Back Dam in the Mahaica/ Berbice Region No. 5;

AND WHEREAS, the period September 6 to 9, 2020, will go down in the history of our country as the period when these unspeakable crimes left the nation numb and in a state of shock and sadness;

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**\*Not to be proceeded with at this Sitting**



**9.**

AND WHEREAS. these brutal, senseless, barbaric, depraved and horrific killings have caused untold pain, agony, grief, anguish, anger and despair to the surviving family members, fellow villagers and the entire Guyanese Community;

AND WHEREAS, these brutal and horrific killings have evoked unequivocal condemnation from Guyanese, living in Guyana and in the diaspora;

AND WHEREAS, the diplomatic community and civil society have also unequivocally condemned these brutal, barbaric and horrific killings;

AND WHEREAS, Parliament, of which the National Assembly is a part of the supreme legislative forum of our Republic wherein the people's elected representatives discuss and determine matters of national interest and is obliged to consider the grave threats to the public welfare and public security;

AND WHEREAS, Article 138(1) of the Constitution of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana prescribes that no person shall be deprived of his life intentionally save in the execution of the sentence of a court in respect of an offence under the Laws of Guyana of which he has been convicted;

AND WHEREAS, to date these horrific deaths which are of public importance, concern and welfare remain substantially unresolved.

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the National Assembly recommends to the Government to procure and finance the assistance of expert and competent professionals who can resolve these cases;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly condemns the killing of the three Citizens aforementioned, and extends sincerest condolences to the families of the deceased; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly calls on the Government to continue its earnest investigations, so as to ensure expeditious justice to the family.

**(Notice Paper No. 18 (M8 Opp 2) published on 2020-12-01)**

**(iii) COMMITTEES' BUSINESS**

**MOTIONS**

**12. OUTSTANDING WORK OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE OF THE ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT**

Mr. David Patterson, M.P. (Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee) to move the following motion:

WHEREAS, in accordance with Standing Order No. 104(1), every Committee shall before the end of the Session in which it was appointed, make a report to the Assembly upon matters referred to it;

AND WHEREAS, the Public Accounts Committee, a Standing Committee of the National Assembly of the First Session of the Eleventh Parliament, was unable, owing to the dissolution of Parliament on 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, to conclude the work that was referred to it in that Session,

11.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Public Accounts Committee of the National Assembly of the First Session of the Twelfth Parliament take into account all outstanding work of the previous Committee.

**(Notice Paper No. 28 (M14 Committee 1) published on 2021-01-06)**

13. **ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE  
ON ITS EXAMINATION OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF GUYANA FOR THE  
YEAR 2015**

Mr. David Patterson, M.P. (Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee) to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on its examination of the Public Accounts of Guyana for the year 2015, be adopted and refer the Report to the Government for consideration.

**(Notice Paper No. 31 (M15 Committee 2) published on 2021-01-18)**

**S. E. ISAACS, A.A.,  
Clerk of the National Assembly**

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Brickdam,  
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**28<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.**