

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 39TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION

(2006 - 2008) OF THE NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON THURSDAY, 3RD JANUARY, 2008

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PRAYERS

OATH OF A NEW MEMBER-

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT-

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER-

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS-

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS-

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES-

ORAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE-

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

For Oral Replies

1. NEW DIAMOND SECONDARY SCHOOL

Member Asking: Ms Anna Ally, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

Could the Honourable Minister of Education please inform this National Assembly:-

- (i) *What is the catchment area of students eligible to attend the New Diamond Secondary School?
- (ii) *Could the Honourable Minister state why students were taken from the Covent Garden Secondary School, which is an 'A' grade school, to be sent to the New Diamond Secondary?
- (iii) *Could the Minister state if he recognizes that this act of removing students will result in the disruption of classes at Covent Garden Secondary School?

(Notice Paper No. 199 (Q145 Opp 142) published on 2007-12-07)

2. NEW OPPORTUNITY CORP

Member Asking: Mrs. Volda Lawrence, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport

Could the Hon. Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport inform this National Assembly:-

- (i) *Whether persons who have served time at the New Opportunity Corp are monitored after they are released from that institution?

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- (ii) *The number of persons who, having served time at the New Opportunity Corp, repeatedly return to the custody of the New Opportunity Corp for the last three (3) years?
- (iii) *The number of persons who, having served time at the New Opportunity Corp, continue to commit offences against the law for the last three (3) years?
- (iv) *The number of persons who, having served time at the New Opportunity Corp, go on to lead criminal life styles for the last three (3) years?
- (v) *Whether there are any programs in place to assist those persons who have served time at the New Opportunity Corp to, on their release, find meaningful employment and/or enroll in a suitable educational institution?

(Notice Paper No. 200 (Q146 Opp 143) published on 2007-12-07)

3. JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER AT THE RUIMVELDT POLICE STATION

Member Asking: Mrs. Volda Lawrence, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Home Affairs

Could the Honourable Minister of Home Affairs inform this National Assembly:-

- (i) *What plans are there for the rehabilitation of the Juvenile Detention Center housed at the Ruimveldt Police Station?
- (ii) *When would the rehabilitation works begin?
- (iii) *What is the amount allocated in the National Budget for this line item?

(Notice Paper No. 201 (Q147 Opp 144) published on 2007-12-07)

4. SEPARATION OF JUVENILES AND ADULT PRISONERS

Member Asking: **Mrs. Volda Lawrence, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Home Affairs**

Could the Honourable Minister of Home Affairs inform this National Assembly:-

- (i) *Whether suitable arrangements have been made for the separation of Juveniles and adult prisoners at the Georgetown Magistrates Court?
- (ii) *Whether Juveniles prisoners are usually transported with adult prisoners to the Juvenile Detention Centers?
- (iii) *What arrangements are in place for the separation and transporting of Juveniles at Magistrate Courts outside of Georgetown?

(Notice Paper No. 202 (Q148 Opp 145) published on 2007-12-07)

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS, INCLUDING POLICY STATEMENTS-

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS-

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE-

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND MOVED BY A MINISTER-

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

PUBLIC BUSINESS-

(i) GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

MOTIONS

1. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 3/2007

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:

That this Assembly approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 3/2007 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$1,459,063,444 for the period 2007-11-21 to 2007-12-21

(Notice Paper No. 208 (M56 Govt 35) published on 2007-12-28)

(Paper presented on 2007-12-27)

2. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 4/2007

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:

That this Assembly approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 4/2007 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$7,939,310,524 for the period ending 2007-12-31.

(Notice Paper No. 209 (M57 Govt 36) published on 2007-12-28)

(Paper presented on 2007-12-27)

*3. **THE PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA MANUAL OF RULES AND PROCEDURE,
PRACTICES AND CONVENTIONS OF THE BUSINESS OF THE NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY**

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works and Communications to move the following motion:

WHEREAS on the 14th December, 2007 the Parliament of Guyana Manual of Rules of Procedure, Practices and Conventions of the business of the National Assembly was laid in the National Assembly;

AND WHEREAS the said Manual contains the rules, procedure, practices and conventions used by Parliamentarians in the conduct of the business of the National Assembly,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly accepts in general the rules, procedure, practices and conventions of the said Manual;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Manual of Rules, Procedure, Practices and Conventions of the business of the National Assembly be committed to the Special Select Committee on the Manual of Rules and Procedures and Operations of Committees to make recommendations to the National Assembly on the adoption of the said rules, procedure, practices and conventions.

(Notice Paper No. 206 (M54 Govt 34) published on 2007-12-24)

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*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

BILLS – Second Readings, Committee and Third Readings***4. ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING AND COUNTERING THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM BILL 2007 – Bill No. 18/2007 published on 2007-06-04**

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

**Not to be proceeded with at this sitting*

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the establishment and management of a Financial Intelligence Unit; to provide for unlawful proceeds of all serious offences to be identified, traced, frozen, seized and eventually forfeited; to provide for comprehensive powers for the prosecution of money laundering, terrorist financing and other financial crimes; and the forfeiture of the proceeds of crime and terrorist property; to require reporting entities to take preventive measures to help combat money laundering and terrorist financing; to provide for civil forfeiture of assets and for matters connected therewith.

(Read a first time on 2007-06-07)

(Committed to the Special Select Committee on 2007-06-07)

***5. THE FORESTS BILL 2007 – Bill No. 21 of 2007 published on 2007-07-24**

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 consolidate and amend the law relating to forests.

(Read a first time on 2007-08-02)

(Committed to the Special Select Committee on 2007-11-08)

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**Not to be proceeded with at this sitting*

(ii) **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and first Reading

***FREEDOM OF INFORMATION BILL 2006 – Bill No. 26/2006**

Mr. Raphael Trotman, M.P., is to seek leave to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to give access to information to members of the public,

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

6. **GUYANA POWER AND LIGHT CO. INC.**

Mr. Raphael Trotman, M.P., to move the following motion:

WHEREAS citizens continue to register dissatisfaction with the Guyana Power and Light Co.'s inefficient service and constant blackouts; the practice of estimating electricity bills at rates far above normal monthly billing amounts; back billing for suspected meter tampering and imposing pay-back arrangements that are burdensome to the consumer;

AND WHEREAS the Public Utilities Commission has had cause to enquire into the Guyana Power and Light's service, billing practices, disconnection practices and motives and procedures with respect to making arrangements for customers to repay amounts charged for back billing, but such enquiries have not led to a reduction of complaints and concerns pertaining to GPL's service;

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*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

BE IT RESOLVED:

That a Special Select Committee be established to enquire into and to investigate the services being provided by the Guyana Power and Light Co. and to make recommendations for its improvement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Special Select Committee be permitted to received evidence from Members of the public and organizations, including consumers, the Public Utilities Commission, Consumer Associations, the Private Sector and civil society organizations working with affected groups;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Special Select Committee report to this National Assembly within three months and the National Assembly communicates the findings and recommendations to the Guyana Power and Light Co. for their adoption.

(Notice Paper No. 196 (M50 Opp 13) published on 2007-12-06)

(iii) COMMITTEE BUSINESS

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S.E. ISAACS
Clerk of the National Assembly

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

31st December, 2007.