

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 71ST SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION

(2006 - 2009) OF THE NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON THURSDAY, 15TH JANUARY , 2009

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PRAYERS

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

For Written Reply

1. **NUMBER OF PERSONS DETAINED FOR 72 HOURS OR MORE**

Member Asking: Mrs. Deborah Backer, M.P.

Minister Answering: Minister of Home Affairs

Could the Honourable Minister of Home Affairs provide this National Assembly with a list of the number of persons detained for the year 2007, at each Police Station listed below, for 72 hours or more, who were subsequently released without any charges being preferred against them:-

- (i) Sparendam Police Station
- (ii) Beterverwagting Police Station
- (iii) Vigilance Police Station
- (iv) Cove and John Police Station
- (v) Brickdam Police Station
- (vi) Providence Police Station

(Notice Paper No. 309 (Q225 Opp 220) published on 2008-11-05)

For Oral Replies

2. **BARBARA STOEN'S APPEAL**

Member Asking: Mr. Moses Nagamootoo, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

*Would the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs inform this National Assembly on what grounds the Guyanese judiciary denied Barbara Stoen's appeal to gain custody of her child and remove the child from Jonestown?

(Notice Paper No. 332(Q247 PPP/C No. 12) published on 2008-11-28)

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3. **PREVAILING SANITARY CONDITIONS AT THE BRICKDAM AND ALBERTTOWN LOCKUPS**

Member Asking: Mr. Overall Franklin, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Health

- (i) *Can the Hon. Minister assure this Assembly that the prevailing sanitary conditions at the Brickdam and Alberttown lockups pose no threat to the public health safety of Citizens?
- (ii) *Is the Minister satisfied with the prevailing sanitary conditions at these lockups?

Notice Paper No. 347 (Q261 Opp246) published on 2008-12-18)

4. **PERIODIC FLOODING OF THE CITY'S SEWERAGE SYSTEM**

Member Asking: Mr. Overall Franklin, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Health

*Since sections of Old Georgetown have experienced periodic flooding and the City's sewerage system is severely compromised when this occurs, can the Minister tell this House, what measures are being undertaken by the Ministry to prevent the spread of infectious diseases in Georgetown?

Notice Paper No. 348 (Q262 Opp247) published on 2008-12-18)

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS, INCLUDING POLICY STATEMENTS-

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MOVED BY A MINISTER-**

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS-

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(i) GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

MOTIONS

1. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 5/2008

The Minister of Finance to move the following motion:

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 National Assembly approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 5/2008 – Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totaling \$1,573,421,169 for the period 2008-10-23 to 2008-12-31.

(Notice Paper No. 355 (M85 Govt 51) published on 2009-01-08)

(Paper presented on 2009-01-08)

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2. **CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 6/2008**

The Minister of Finance to move the following motion:

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 National Assembly approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 6/2008 – Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totaling \$2,484,483,876 for the period ended 2008-12-31.

(Notice Paper No. 356 (M86 Govt 52) published on 2009-01-08)

(Paper presented on 2009-01-08)

BILLS – Second Readings, Committee and Third Readings

*3. **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:

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

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***Not to be proceeded at this sitting**

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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)

*4. **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)

*5. **COURT OF APPEAL (AMENDMENT) BILL 2008 – Bill No. 12 of 2008 published on 2008-07-11**

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 Court of Appeal Act to provide for appeals by the Director of Public Prosecutions to the Court of Appeal and the Caribbean Court of Justice and for connected matters.

(Read a first time on 2008-07-17)

(Committed to the Special Select Committee on 2008-07-25)

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***Not to be proceeded at this sitting**

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*6. **MONEY TRANSFER AGENCIES (LICENSING) BILL 2008 – No. 15 of 2008**
published on 2008-07-23

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 provide for the licensing of persons carrying on the business of money transfer agencies; to make provision for the registering of money transfer agents and for connected purposes.

(Read a first time on 2008-07-24)

(Committed to the Special Select Committee on 2008-08-07)

(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.

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***Not to be proceeded at this sitting**

MOTIONS

7. **LIVE AND UNEDITED BROADCAST OF THE SITTINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

The Assembly to resume the debate on the following motion:

WHEREAS the Constitution of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana enshrines the protection of Freedom of Expression in Article 146 (1) and guarantees the Guyanese citizen the “freedom to receive ideas and information without interference, freedom to communicate ideas and information without interference”;

AND WHEREAS the people of Guyana are entitled to hear and/or see the presentations and representations made on their behalf in the National Assembly and be able to assess the contributions of all and make their own judgment;

AND WHEREAS the National Communication Network (NCN) is owned by the People of Guyana and has the widest coverage and is in a position to broadcast live and uninterrupted the proceedings of the National Assembly;

AND WHEREAS the Opposition Members of Parliament are entitled to have their views heard in an unedited way by the people of Guyana;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly agrees that the sittings of the National Assembly be broadcast live and unedited to the people of Guyana by the National Communication Network and that the cost of the broadcast be borne by the State;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly calls on the Government to allocate a broadcast frequency for a parliamentary channel as happens in most democratic countries;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly calls on the Government to begin the live and unedited broadcast of the sittings of the National Assembly no later than one month after the adoption of this Motion.

(Notice Paper No. 320 (M82 Opp23) published on 2008-11-27)

8. **FORT CANJE HOSPITAL**

Dr. John Austin, M.P., to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Fort Canje Hospital is the only Psychiatric Hospital in Guyana, administered by the Government of Guyana;

AND WHEREAS the standard of sanitation and hygiene at the Fort Canje Hospital is below internationally acceptable practices;

AND WHEREAS there is a severe shortage of all categories of trained staff at the Fort Canje Hospital;

AND WHEREAS there is inadequate security at the Fort Canje Hospital for members of staff, inmates and visiting members of the public;

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AND WHEREAS the living and working conditions for staff and inmates of the Fort Canje Hospital are inadequate;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly urges the Ministry of Health to take immediate action to correct the unsatisfactory level of sanitation and hygiene, the severe staff shortages, the lack of adequate security and the lack of adequate working and living conditions for staff and inmates at the Fort Canje Hospital;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly requests the Honourable Minister of Health to provide to this Honourable House, within six months of the passing of this Motion, a written report on the actions taken by his Ministry to improve the aforesaid conditions that presently exist at the Fort Canje Hospital.

(Notice Paper No. 350 (M85 Opp 24) published on 2008-12-30)

(iii) COMMITTEE BUSINESS

MOTION

9. THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONSIDERATION OF THE 2004 REPORT OF THE DISCIPLINED FORCES COMMISSION

The Hon. Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works and Communication (Chairman of Special Select Committee on the Conclusion of the Consideration of the 2004 Report of the Disciplined Forces Commission) to move the following motion:

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WHEREAS by Resolution No. 33 dated 26th July, 2007 the National Assembly appointed a Special Select Committee to conclude the examination of the Report and recommendations of the Disciplined Forces Commission and report to the National Assembly six months from its establishment;

AND WHEREAS the National Assembly stipulated that the Special Select Committee of the Ninth Parliament takes cognizance of the work done by the Special Select Committee of the Eighth Parliament that considered the Report and its recommendations;

AND WHEREAS the Special Select Committee was required to presents its Final Report to the National Assembly six months from the date of establishment;


AND WHEREAS the Special Select Committee had requested an extension of the deadline for the submission of its final Report to 15th December, 2008;

AND WHEREAS the Special Select Committee was unable to complete its work by the deadline stipulated;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves a further extension of the deadline for the submission of its Report to 6th August, 2009.

(Notice Paper No. 349 (M84 Gov 50) published on 2008-12-23)


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S.E. ISAACS
Clerk of the National Assembly

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

9th January, 2009.