

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 125TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION

(2006 - 2010) OF THE NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON THURSDAY, 10th JUNE, 2010

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-

Private Bill

***By Mr. Donald Ramotar, M.P.**

Petition on behalf of the Guyana and Trinidad Mutual Fire Insurance Company Limited seeking to have introduced in the Assembly a Private Bill to amend the Guyana Trinidad Mutual Fire Insurance Company Limited Ordinance, Chapter 210 of the Kingdom Edition of the Laws of British Guiana (Principal Ordinance).

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

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After the petition is read, the Speaker will put the question that the promoters be allowed to proceed.

(Circulated)

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS-

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES-

ORAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

For Written Replies

1. **WAGES AND SALARIES OF CONTRACT WORKERS**

Member Asking: Mrs. Sheila Holder, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of the Public Service

On behalf of the many who are curious about the tilt in the expenditure of wages and salaries in favour of contract workers as against fixed establishment workers, what explanation would the Minister give for this?

(Notice Paper No. 437 (Q316 Opp291) published on 2010-03-05)

2. **GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON WAGES AND SALARIES**

Member Asking: Mrs. Sheila Holder, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of the Public Service

Can the Honourable Minister state the Government's policy on wages and salaries in relation to a healthy diet vis a vis the cost of living, the percentage of expenditure and real increases?

(Notice Paper No. 438 (Q317 Opp292) published on 2010-03-05)

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3. **ACTING POSITIONS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE**

Member Asking: Mrs. Sheila Holder, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of the Public Service

Can the Honourable Minister tell us how many acting positions there are across the public service and the strategy to confirm these persons?

(Notice Paper No. 439 (Q318 Opp293) published on 2010-03-05)

4. **TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES FOR PUBLIC SERVANTS**

Member Asking: Mrs. Sheila Holder, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of the Public Service

Can the Honourable Minister say whether the travelling allowances for public servants, which have remained unchanged since 1995, will be reviewed in 2010?

(Notice Paper No. 440 (Q319 Opp294) published on 2010-03-05)

5. **CONTROL OF GUYANA POWER AND LIGHT BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Member Asking: Mrs. Sheila Holder, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works and Communications

Can the Honourable Prime Minister say if there is any intention to bring the GPL under real, rather than nominal, regulatory control of the PUC?

(Notice Paper No. 441 (Q320 Opp295) published on 2010-03-05)

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For Oral Replies

6. PRINTING OF GRADE SIX EXAMINATION PAPERS IN GUYANA

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

- (i) *Will the Hon. Minister state whether or not he is satisfied that the process relating to the printing of grade six examination papers in Guyana is not and has not been compromised?
- (ii) *Is the Minister satisfied that the Contractor(s) awarded contracts to print the grade six assessment papers are not related in anyway to senior teachers of schools who take this exam?
- (iii) *If such a relationship exists, will the Minister undertake to review/examine the results of schools at which the contractor(s) have relatives teaching from the time the contracts were awarded to present?
- (iv) *What steps have the Hon. Minister taken to ensure the integrity of the examination as well as the future well being of the students taking such exams?
(Notice Paper No. 462 (Q331 Opp306) published on 2010-04-29)

7. SALE OF ECO-SYSTEM SERVICES

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

Minister Answering: The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works and Communications

- 1. *Will the Hon. Prime Minister state whether an agreement has been made/signed with a private company and Iwokrama with respect to the sale of eco-system services in that area?

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2. *If an agreement is in force, when will these details be made public?

(Notice Paper No. 464 (Q333 Opp308) published on 2010-05-03)

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

BILLS – Committee and Third Readings

***1. MARITIME ZONES BILL 2009 – Bill No. 36/2009 published on 2009-10-08**

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 repeal and replace the Maritime Boundaries Act 1977, to incorporate certain provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the UNESCO Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage 2001, to provide for marine scientific research, maritime cultural area, eco-tourism, marine parks and reserves and mariculture, the protection and preservation of the marine environment and for related matters.

(Read a first time on 2009-10-15)

(Read a second time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-10-29)

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

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***2. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2009 – Bill No. 45/2009 published on 2009-11-26**

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 Legal Practitioners Act.

(Read a first time on 2009-11-26)

(Read a second time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-12-21)

BILLS – Second Readings, Committee and Third Readings

***3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 2009 – Bill No. 23/2009 published 2009-06-03**

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 Local Government Act.

(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-06-04)

***4. FISCAL TRANSFERS BILL 2009 - Bill No. 25/2009 published on 2009-06-11**

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 provide for the formulation and implementation of objective criteria for the purpose of the allocation of resources to and the garnering of resources by local democratic organs and for matters connected therewith.

(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-06-11)

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

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*5. **MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCILS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2009 – Bill No. 26/2009 published on 2009-06-11**

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 Municipal and District Councils Act.

(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-06-11)

*6. **CUSTODY, CONTACT, GUARDIANSHIP AND MAINTENANCE BILL 2009 – Bill No. 29/2009 published on 2009-06-25**

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 granting of custody, contact, guardianship and maintenance rights with respect to children and for connected purposes.

(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-06-25)

*7. **CHILDCARE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES BILL 2009 – Bill No. 31/2009 published on 2009-07-08**

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 regulate childcare services and to provide for parameters for the granting of licences for childcare and development services and connected matters.

(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-07-09)

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

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(ii) **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and first Readings

*1. **BROADCASTING BILL 2010 – Bill No. 3/2010**

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P., is to seek leave to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to make provision for the establishment of a Broadcasting Authority, to provide for their functions, and to provide for the licensing of broadcasting agencies and the encouragement of production and broadcasting of television and radio programmes having relevance generally to life and culture of the people and for consequential and related matters.

*2. **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.

(iii) **COMMITTEES BUSINESS**

MOTION

8. **ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES BILL 2009**

The Minister of Health, (Chairman of the Special Select Committee on Persons with Disabilities Bill 2009) to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Report of the Special Select Committee on Persons with Disabilities Bill 2009 – Bill No. 44 of 2009 be adopted.

(Notice Paper No. 466 (M134 Govt 84) published on 2010-05-18)

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

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BILL – THIRD READING

9. **PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES BILL 2009 – Bill No. 44/2009 published on 2009-11-19**

The Minister of Health, (Chairman of the Special Select Committee on Persons with Disabilities Bill 2009) to move the third reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide certain rights to persons with disabilities; to provide for the promotion and protection and full and equal enjoyment of the rights; to facilitate the enforcement of the rights; to eliminate discrimination on the basis of disability; to provide for the welfare and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities; to provide for the registration of persons with disabilities; to establish the National Commission on Disabilities; and for connected purposes.

(Read a first time on 2009-11-19)

(Read a second time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-11-26)

MOTIONS

10. **ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE ON CONCLUSION OF THE CONSIDERATION OF THE 2004 REPORT OF THE DISCIPLINED FORCES COMMISSION**

The Prime Minister, (Chairman of the 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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BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Report of the Special Select Committee on the Conclusion of the Consideration of the 2004 Report of the Disciplined Forces Commission be adopted.

(Notice Paper No. 468 (M135 Govt 85) published on 2010-06-03)

11. **ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE IMPACT OF GLOBAL FOOD PRICE INCREASES**

The Minister of Agriculture to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Report of the Special Select Committee on the Impact of Global Food Price Increases be adopted.

(Notice Paper No. 455 (M130 Govt 82) published on 2010-03-17)

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4th June, 2010.