

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 20TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION

(2015-2016) OF THE ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON THURSDAY, 7th JANUARY, 2016,

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS,

BRICKDAM, GEORGETOWN

BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PRAYERS

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PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS-

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS-

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ORAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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-

Presentation and First Reading

1. CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) (No.2) BILL 2015 – BILL No. 20 of 2015

The Minister of Finance, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Third Schedule relating to Article 222A of the Constitution to insert The Parliament Office among the list of constitutional bodies.

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PUBLIC BUSINESS-

(i) GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

MOTIONS

1. APPROVAL OF THE 2016 CURRENT AND CAPITAL ESTAMITES OF CONSTITUTIONAL AGENCIES

In accordance with Article 222A of the Constitution, the Assembly to resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure of the Constitutional Agencies for the year 2016.

The Speaker to propose that the Estimates of the following Constitutional Agencies form part of the Estimates of the Public Sector for 2016:

- (i) Audit Office of Guyana – Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$790,077,000 for period ending 31st December, 2016.
- (ii) Chambers of the Director of Public Prosecution – Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$234,924,000 for the period ending 31st December, 2016.
- (iii) Constitutional Office of the Leader of the Opposition – Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$20,137,000 for the period ending 31st December, 2016.
- (iv) Ethnic Relations Commission – Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$131,558,000 for the period ending 31st December, 2016.

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- (v) Guyana Elections Commission – Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$3,574,487,800 for the period ending 31st December, 2016.
- (vi) Human Rights Commission – Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$53,141,200 for the period ending 31st December, 2016.
- (vii) Indigenous People’s Commission – Current Estimates totalling \$66,364,430 for the period ending 31st December, 2016.
- (viii) Judicial Service Commission – Current Estimates totalling \$10,020,000 for the period ending 31st December, 2016.
- (ix) Office of the Ombudsman – Current Estimates totalling \$43,912,000 for the period ending 31st December, 2016.
- (x) Parliament Office – Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$1,395,865,000 for the year ending 31st December, 2016.
- (xi) Rights of the Child Commission – Current Estimates totalling \$84,067,682 for the period ending 31st December, 2016.
- (xii) Public/Police Service Commission – Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$113,993,000 for the period ending 31st December, 2016.
- (xiii) Public Service Appellate Tribunal – Current Estimate totalling \$20,219,000 for the period ending 31st December, 2016.

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(xiv) Supreme Court of Judicature – Current and Capital Estimates totalling 1,967,243,835 for the period ending 31st December, 2016.

(xv) Teaching Service Commission – Current and Capital Estimates totalling \$120,774,000 for the period ending 31st December, 2016.

(xvi) Women and Gender Equality Commission – Current Estimate totalling \$53,217,339 for the period ending 31st December, 2016.

(ii) **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

MOTIONS

1. **FILING OF INCOME TAX RETURNS BY ALL MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT**

Bishop Juan Edghill, M.S., J.P., M.P., to move the following Motion:

WHEREAS all Members of Parliament are required to file annual income tax returns to the Guyana Revenue Authority in compliance with the Income Tax Act, Cap 81:01.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That all Members of this National Assembly, in the interest of transparency and accountability in public office, make available to the public their tax returns to the Guyana Revenue Authority for the last 10 years on or before December 31, 2015; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly urges the government to expeditiously table legislation to give effect to this motion.

Notice Paper No. 21(M16 Opp.2) published on 2015-10-23

2. **2015 ELECTION DAY VIOLENCE: COMPENSATION FOR VICTIMS**

Mr. Joseph Hamilton, M.P., to move the following motion:

WHEREAS Election Day violence occurred on May 11, 2015, and reports of election day violence were made to the Guyana Police Force and to the public;

AND WHEREAS the victims were, among other things, psychologically abused, physically assaulted, robbed and their properties damaged and destroyed;

AND WHEREAS Election Day violence took place at a number of polling stations on the East Coast of Demerara and Georgetown; and, in one instance, the victim required expensive emergency surgery and vehicles on the scene were damaged;

AND WHEREAS in another instance, Election Day violence occurred in “C” Field, Sophia where for over 12 hours the Guyana Police Force was unable to control a riotous crowd that encircled two homes, terrorised residents, fire bombed the homes and vehicles and engaged in looting of personal property;

AND WHEREAS the survivors were left traumatised and their properties, including 8 vehicles destroyed by arson, 2 vehicles vandalised and 2 homes looted and damaged;

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AND WHEREAS representation was made to the Government by the affected Sophia victims several months ago which ended in failure in obtaining relief for these victims.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly confirms the principle of the Government's compensation for victims of specified forms of Election Day violence as occurred on May 11, 2015;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly agrees that the Government compensate all the victims of Election Day violence who suffered psychologically, physical and materially due to the violence that was unleashed on them on May 11, 2015;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Government agrees to meet and consult the victims of Election Day violence and to have claims for compensation addressed as soon as possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Government will submit a Report to the National Assembly within three (3) months with regard to what action has been taken.

Notice Paper No. 24(M19 Opp.3) published on 2015-12-08)

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**3. NARCOTICS DRUG AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES (CONTROL)
(AMENDMENT) BILL 2015 -No. 17 of 2015**

Mr. Michael Carrington, M.P., to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order No. 52(1), grant leave for the introduction and first reading of the Narcotics Drug and Psychotropic Substances (Control) (Amendment) Bill 2015 -No. 17 of 2015

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Narcotic Drugs ad Psychotropic Substances (Control) Act 1988.

(Notice Paper No. 25 (M20 APNU/AFC Private Member.1) published on 2015-12-10)

(iii) GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

MOTION

**1. UNEQUIVOCAL SUPPORT FOR THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE
GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA IN DEFENSE OF GUYANA'S TERRITORIAL
INTEGRITY**

The First Vice-President and Prime Minister to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly expresses its sincere thanks to His Excellency President David A. Granger, M.S.S., for Addressing the National Assembly on the

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controversy which has arisen as a result of the Venezuelan 1899 Arbitral Award being null and void, and for informing the Assembly of the state of relations between Guyana and Suriname; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly expresses its unequivocal support for the action taken by the Government of Guyana in defense of Guyana's Territorial Integrity.

(Notice Paper No. 22 (M17 Govt.15) published on 2015-11-16)

BILLS – Second Readings

2. **CORONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2015 –Bill No. 11 of 2015 published on 2015 -11 -13**

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 Coroners Act.

(Read a first time 2015-12-17)

3. **LAW REFORM COMMISSION BILL 2015 –Bill No. 12 of 2015 published on 2015-11-13**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the establishment of a Law Reform Commission for reforming the law and for matters connected therewith.

(Read a first time 2015-12-17)

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4. **CREDIT REPORTING (AMENDMENT) BILL 2015 – Bill No. 13 of 2015**
published on 2015-11-26

The Minister of Finance to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Credit Reporting Act.

(Read a first time 2015-12-17)

(iii) COMMITTEES BUSINESS

MOTION

OUTSTANDING WORK OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE OF THE
TENTH PARLIAMENT

Mr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, M.P., to move the following Motion:

WHEREAS, in accordance with Standing Order 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 Tenth Parliament, was unable, owing to the prorogation and subsequent dissolution of Parliament on the 10th November, 2014 and 28th February, 2015, respectively, to conclude the work that was referred to it in that Session.

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BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Public Accounts Committee of the National Assembly for the first Session of the Eleventh Parliament take into account all outstanding work of the previous Committee.

(Notice Paper No. 24 (M19 Committee.1) published on 2015- 11-25)

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S.E. ISAACS
Clerk of the National Assembly

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

31st December, 2015.