

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 64TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION

(2012 - 2013) OF THE TENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON THURSDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER, 2013

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS,

BRICKDAM, 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-

By the Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment:

Annual Report of the Environmental Protection Agency for the year 2012.

(To be Circulated)

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REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES-

ORAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

For Written replies

1. **WORK PLANS OF DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS OF REGION # 8**

Member Asking: **Mr. Ronald Bulkan, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development**

Can the Hon. Minister provide the National Assembly with the current work plans of the District Development Officers in Region # 8 since December, 2011, village-by-village, in the Pakaraimas, and the associated back-to-office reports from each outreach activity and Officer, for each date in each village?

(Notice Paper No. 237 (Q 159 Opp. 157) published on 2013-10-04)

2. **PERMETHRIN-TREATED BED NETS**

Member Asking: **Mr. Ronald Bulkan, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Health**

Can the Hon. Minister provide the National Assembly with a detailed programme for delivery of new permethrin-treated bed nets and for re-treatment of older bed nets in each of the Pakaraimas villages; how many nets, of what kind, on which date and to which village since December, 2011?

(Notice Paper No. 239 (Q 161 Opp. 159) published on 2013-10-04)

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3. MEDICAL OUTREACH TO PAKARAIMA VILLAGES

Member Asking: **Mr. Ronald Bulkan, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Health**

Can the Hon. Minister provide the National Assembly with a detailed programme for supply of road transport for medical outreach; how many vehicles, of what kind, on what date and to which Pakaraima village since December, 2011?

(Notice Paper No. 240 (Q 162 Opp. 160) published on 2013-10-04)

4. PROVISION OF DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLIES – VILLAGES IN REGION # 8

Member Asking: **Mr. Ronald Bulkan, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Housing and Water**

- (i) Can the Hon. Minister provide the National Assembly with the current plan for providing and maintaining domestic water supplies through wells and standpipes in Region # 8, especially the villages in the Pakaraimas?
- (ii) Detail village-by-village, how this plan and the associated actions by Guyana Water Inc. addresses the needs of the rising population in these villages since December, 2011?
- (iii) Detail the training programme for Region # 8 since December, 2011 so that all villages learn how to maintain and repair their water supplies?

(Notice Paper No. 241 (Q 163 Opp. 161) published on 2013-10-04)

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5. **WORK PLANS OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS OF
REGION # 8**

Member Asking: **Mr. Ronald Bulkan, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Amerindian Affairs**

Can the Hon. Minister provide the National Assembly with the current work plans of the Community Development Officers in Region # 8 since December, 2011, village-by-village in the Pakaraimas, and the associated back-to-office reports from each outreach activity and Officer, for each date in each village?

(Notice Paper No. 242 (Q 164 Opp. 162) published on 2013-10-04)

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) PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

BILLS – Second Reading

1. **THE MARRIED PERSONS (PROPERTY) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 9 of 2013 published on 2013-06-14**

Mrs. Deborah Backer, M.P., to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled AN ACT to amend the Married Persons (Property) Act.

(Read a first time on 2013-06-13)

MOTIONS

2. **ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL VETERANS COMMISSION**

Brig. (Ret'd) David Granger, M.S.S., M.P., Leader of the Opposition to move the following motion:

WHEREAS Article 24 of the Constitution of the Co-Operative Republic of Guyana prescribes that “Every citizen has the right to free medical attention and also to social care in case of old age and disability;”

AND WHEREAS thousands of persons have served in the defence forces and disciplined services of Guyana in which they rendered essential national defence and public security services to the nation as a whole;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with Section 20 of the Defence Act, Ch. 15:01 certain members of the defence forces are required to retire after only twenty-two years of service and other veterans of the disciplined services may be discharged honourably from regular service or transferred to the reserve for various prescribed reasons;

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AND WHEREAS many ex-soldiers and servicemen have faced challenges which have had deleterious effects on their employment, health and welfare and of their dependants;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with Article 197 A (5) of the Constitution of the Co-Operative Republic of Guyana, “Disciplined Forces Commissions may be constituted by the National Assembly from time to time, as may be necessary, with power to examine any matter etc;”

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly, acting in accordance with the Constitution, appoint a commission, styled the National Veterans Commission, to examine the conditions and circumstances facing veterans of the defence forces and disciplined services to make recommendations to ensure their health and welfare and for the general administration of veterans affairs in Guyana.

(Notice Paper No. 245 (M 79 Opp. 48) published on 2013-10-07)

3. **SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF MRS. MARGRET ACKMAN, C.C.H.**

Ms Amna Ally, M.P., Opposition Chief Whip, to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly records its deep regret at the death of Mrs. Margret Ackman, C.C.H., on Thursday, 29th August, 2013 and pays tribute to her dedicated service as a Member of Parliament from 1969 to 1980 and to the people of Guyana; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly directs that an expression of its sympathy be conveyed to her sorrowing children and relatives.

(Notice Paper No. 251 (M 83 Opp 50) published on 2013-11-08)

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4. **SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF MR. SHIW SAHAI NARAIN, C.C.H.**

Mr. Carl B. Greenidge, M.P., to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly records its deep regret at the death of Mr. Shiw Sahai Naraine, C.C.H., on Tuesday, 30th July, 2013 and pays tribute to his dedicated service as a Member of Parliament from 1972 to 1983 and to the people of Guyana; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly directs that an expression of its sympathy be conveyed to his sorrowing children and relatives.

(Notice Paper No. 252 (M 84 Opp 51) published on 2013-11-08)

*5. **THE APPOINTMENT OF A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY TO INVESTIGATE THE INCIDENCE OF CRIMINAL VIOLENCE FROM 2004 TO 2010 IN GUYANA**

Brig. (Ret'd) David Granger, M.S.S., M.P., Leader of the Opposition, to move the following motion:

WHEREAS, Article 138(1) of the Constitution of the 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;

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

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AND WHEREAS in accordance with the Commission of Inquiry Act, Chapter 19:03, “The President may issue a commission appointing one or more commissioners and authorizing such commissioner or commissioners to inquire into any matter in which an inquiry would, in the opinion of the President, be for the public welfare”;

AND WHEREAS this country has witnessed a pattern of unlawful killing of undetermined numbers of persons – including assassinations; executions; murders; extra-judicial killings by members of the Guyana Police Force Target Special Squad and other forms of criminal violence in Guyana during a period of ‘troubles’ on the East Coast and East Bank of Demerara and elsewhere – which were harmful to the public welfare;

AND WHEREAS several of these killings have been of a deliberate and systematic nature – particularly those which occurred at Agricola; Bartica; Buxton; Eccles; Lindo Creek; Lusignan and Bel Air, Bourda and Kitty in Georgetown – which can be classified as massacres and have engendered alarm and despondency among the population;

AND WHEREAS some killings involved members of the Guyana Police Force, the Guyana Defence Force and unidentified criminal gangs in which gangsters were equipped with a variety of electronic ‘eavesdropping’ equipment, weapons and vehicles that were provided with assistance and support by members of the Guyana Police Force;

AND WHEREAS commissions of inquiry and coroners’ inquests have not been conducted into some unnatural deaths and criminal investigation reports by the Guyana Police Force, with regard to the most egregious of these crimes, have often been inconclusive;

AND WHEREAS the National Assembly is the supreme legislative forum of our Republic wherein the people’s elected representatives discuss and determine matters of national interest and which is obliged to consider the grave threats to the public welfare and public security which prevailed during the aforesaid period of the ‘troubles’ and which remain substantially uninvestigated,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly condemns the killing of citizens of Guyana which occurred during the period of the 'troubles' and expresses its concern that commissions of inquiry have not been convened to investigate the unlawful killings, including the assassination of a Minister of the Government in April, 2006, on the East Coast of Demerara;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly calls upon the President of Guyana, in accordance with the Commission of Inquiry Act, Chapter 19:03, to appoint a Commission of Inquiry to inquire into the unlawful killing of citizens during the years 2004 to 2010.

(Notice Paper No. 112 (M47 Opp 29) published on 2012-12-12)

*6. **PREVENTING HONOURABLE CLEMENT ROHEE, M.P., MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS FROM SPEAKING IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

The Assembly to resume the debate on the following motion after the Committee of Privileges has reported thereon:

WHEREAS Article 171(1) of the Constitution provides that subject to the provisions of this Constitution and of the rules of procedure of the National Assembly, any member of the Assembly may introduce any Bill or propose any motion for debate in, or may present any Petition to the Assembly and the same shall be debated and disposed of according to the rules of the procedure of the Assembly;

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

AND WHEREAS Article 165(1) of the Constitution provides that, subject to the provisions of this Constitution the National Assembly may regulate its own procedure and may make rules for that purpose;

AND WHEREAS on the 25th day of July, 2012, Brig. (Ret.'d) David Granger moved a motion in the National Assembly of No Confidence in the Hon. Clement Rohee, M.P., as Minister of Home Affairs and called for his immediate removal, and dismissal from office;

AND WHEREAS on the 30th day of July, 2012, Resolution No. 18 of 2012, was passed by the National Assembly in accordance with the said motion;

AND WHEREAS the Hon. Clement Rohee, M.P., is a member of the Cabinet of Guyana with the portfolio of the Minister of Home Affairs;

AND WHEREAS Standing Order No. 47 Rule 10 of the Standing Orders of the National Assembly provides that “Nothing in this Standing Order shall be taken to deprive the Assembly of the power of proceeding against any Member according to any Resolution of the Assembly”;

AND WHEREAS Standing Order No. 113 of the said Standing Orders of the National Assembly provides that “In any matter not herein provided for, resort shall be had to the usage and practice of the House of Commons Assembly of Parliament of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, which shall be followed as far as the same, may be applicable to the Assembly, and not inconsistent with these Standing Orders or with the practice of the Assembly”;

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AND WHEREAS the practice and convention in the House of Commons of England is that a Minister who loses a no confidence motion, resigns as Minister,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That since the National Assembly, by National Assembly Resolution No. 18 of 2012, has expressed no confidence in the performance of the Honourable Clement Rohee, M.P. as Minister of Home Affairs, that he be prevented from speaking in the National Assembly so long as he is purporting to carry out the functions of Minister of Home Affairs as published in the Official Gazette.

(Notice Paper No. 104 (M45 Opp 27) published on 2012-11-22)

(Referred to Committee of Privileges on 2012-11-22 in accordance with Standing Order No. 91)

*7. **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – No. 15/2012**

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, 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 Public Utilities Commission (Amendment) Bill 2012 – Bill No. 15/2012 –

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Public Utilities Commission Act.

(Notice Paper No. 96 (M38 Opp 22) published on 2012-08-02)

If leave is granted, the Clerk shall read aloud the title of the Bill.

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

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*8. **TELECOMMUNICATIONS BILL 2012 – Bill No. 16/2012**

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, 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 Telecommunications Bill 2012 – Bill No. 16/2012 –

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the establishment of the Telecommunication Agency and for a regular, coordinated, open and competitive telecommunications sector and for matters incidental thereto or connected therewith.

(Notice Paper No. 97 (M39 Opp 23) published on 2012-08-02)

If leave is granted, the Clerk shall read aloud the title of the Bill.

BILL – Committee and Third Reading

*9. **OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL 2012 – No. 8/2012 published on 2012-08-10**

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 set out the responsibilities and authority of the Clerk and Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly of Guyana and to provide for the establishment and administration of an independent Office of the Clerk of the National Assembly.

(Read a first time on 2012-08-09)

(Read a second time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2012-12-17)

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

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(ii) **GOVERNMENT'S BUSINESS**

MOTIONS

10. **CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1/2013**

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:

Financial Paper No. 1/2013 – Statement of Excess (Current and Capital)
Estimates totalling \$3,384,528,708 for the period ended 31st December, 2013.

(Notice Paper No. 253 (M 85 Govt 27) published on 2013-11-08)

(Paper presented on 2013-11-07)

11. **CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 2/2013**

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:

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BE IT RESOLVED:

Financial Paper No. 2/2013 – Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) - Advances made from the Contingencies Fund, totalling \$1,261,596,480 for the period 13th August, 2013 to 5th November, 2013.

(Notice Paper No. 254 (M 86 Govt 28) published on 2013-11-08)

(Paper presented on 2013-11-07)

12. **CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 3/2013**

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:

Financial Paper No. 3/2013 – Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$7,737,984,510 for the period ended 31st December, 2013.

(Notice Paper No. 255 (M 87 Govt 29) published on 2013-11-08)

(Paper presented on 2013-11-07)

BILLS – Second Readings

13. **GUYANA CRICKET ADMINISTRATION BILL 2012 – Bill No. 31/2012 published on 2012-12-20**

The Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport to move the second reading of the following Bill, which was referred to a Special Select Committee:

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A BILL intituled AN ACT to make provisions for the incorporation of autonomous national cricket administrative organizations in Guyana and to provide for other matters connected therewith.

(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2012-12-20)

Please note that the abovementioned Report was laid in the National Assembly on 7th August, 2013.

14. **LAND SURVEYORS (PROFESSION) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 16/2013 published on 2013-06-26**

The Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to make provision for the establishment of a Board of Land Surveyors, the registration and licensing of land surveyors, the regulation of the practice of land surveying and for connected matters.

(Read a first time on 2013-06-27)

15. **PROCUREMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 17/2013 published on 2013-11-07**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Procurement Act.

(Read a first time on 2013-11-07)

MOTION

*16. **COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE OF SELECTION**

The Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the House selected nine (9) members to the Parliamentary Committee on Selection of the 10th Parliament on February 10, 2012;

AND WHEREAS the House selected four (4) members for the governing PPP/C, four (4) members for the opposition APNU and one (1) member for the opposition AFC;

AND WHEREAS the allocation of a nine (9) member Committee of Selection was by way of an amendment by the combined APNU/AFC opposition to the motion tabled by the Leader of the House for a ten (10) member Committee with five (5) for PPP/C, four (4) APNU and one (1) AFC;

AND WHEREAS Standing Order No. 94(1) provides for “each Select Committee being so constituted to ensure that, as far as possible, the balance of parties in the National Assembly be reflected in the Committee”;

AND WHEREAS the existing balance of the parties in the 10th Parliament is as follows:

PPP/C:	32 seats
APNU:	26 seats
AFC:	7 seats

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

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AND WHEREAS the balance of the parties in the existing Committee of Selection does not conform to Standing Order No. 94(1),

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the decision of the House on the composition of the Parliamentary Committee of Selection be declared inconsistent with Standing Order 94(1);

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:

That the House takes immediate steps to ensure that the composition of the Parliamentary Committee of Selection is brought into conformity with Standing Order No. 94(1); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the currently constituted Committee of Selection be prevented from discharging its functions under Standing Order No. 81.

(Notice Paper No. 24 (M7 Govt 4) published on 2012-03-07)

(iii) COMMITTEES BUSINESS

MOTION

17. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE DEEDS REGISTRY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – BILL NO. 11 OF 2012

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs (Chairman of the Special Select Committee on the Deeds Registry (Amendment) Bill 2012) to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Report of the Special Select Committee on the Deeds Registry (Amendment) Bill 2012 – Bill No. 11/2012 be adopted.

(Notice Paper No. 226 (M 78 Committee 4) published on 2013-07-18)

BILLS – THIRD READING

18. THE DEEDS REGISTRY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – Bill No. 11/2012 published on 2012-07-10

In accordance with Standing Orders No. 58(4), the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs (Chairman of the Special Select Committee on the Deeds Registry (Amendment) Bill 2012) to move the third reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Deeds Registry Act.

(Read a first time on 2012-07-12)

(Read a second time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2012-08-02)

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S.E. ISAACS
Clerk of the National Assembly

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15th November, 2013.

