

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**ORDER PAPER**

**FOR THE 14TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST  
SESSION**

**(1998) OF THE SEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD**

**AT 2.00 P.M.**

**ON THURSDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 1998**

**IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN**

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**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, ETC. -**

**(1) By the Minister of Foreign Affairs:**

Joint Communique issued by Their Excellencies, The President of Venezuela, Dr. Rafael Caldera, and The President of Guyana, Mrs. Janet Jagan, O.E., on the occasion of her Official Visit to Venezuela - Caracas - July 23, 1998.

**(2) By the Minister of Finance:**

Guyana Enhanced Structural Adjustment Facility - Economic Policy Framework Paper for 1998 to 2000 - Dated June 16, 1998.

**QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS -**

**No. 1 - LINDEN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Mr. H. Desmond Hoyte to ask the Prime Minister the following question:

Would the Prime Minister say when the Government intends to establish the Linden Development Authority which was announced by the late President Cheddi Jagan on 14<sup>th</sup> January, 1995?

*(Notice Paper No. 11(Q1 Opp1) published 27.7.98)*

**No. 2 - GUYANA/SURINAME FERRY SERVICE**

Mr. H. Desmond Hoyte to ask the Minister of Transport and Hydraulics the following questions:

Could the Minister of Transport and Hydraulics say what is responsible for the delay in the commencement of the Guyana/Suriname Ferry Service?

Could the Minister say when the Service is likely to start?

*(Notice Paper No. 13(Q3 Opp3) published 27.7.98)*

**No. 3 - SEALS AND PACKAGING LIMITED (SAPIL)**

Mr. Dunstan Barrow to ask the Minister of Finance the following questions:

Could the Minister of Finance say what is the up-to-date position as it relates to the divestment of the Government's share-holding in Seals and Packaging Limited (SAPIL)?

What has the Government done to protect the interests of the minority shareholders?

*(Notice Paper No. 14(Q4 Opp4) published 27.7.98)*

**No. 4 - VACANCIES IN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS**

Mr. Dunstan Barrow to ask the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs the following questions:

Could the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs say how many vacancies there are for legal officers in the Attorney General's Chambers?

Would he also say what are the reasons for these vacancies and what action is being taken to have them filled?

*(Notice Paper No. 15(Q5 Opp5) published 27.7.98)*

**No. 5 - THE BAUXITE INDUSTRY**

Mr. Andy Goveia to ask the Prime Minister the following question:

Would the Prime Minister say precisely what plans the Government has to ensure the viability and profitability of the Bauxite Industry?

*(Notice Paper No. 18(Q8 Opp8) published 27.7.98)*

**No. 6 - SUPERNUMERARY CONSTABLES**

Mr. Sherwood A.J. Lowe to ask the Prime Minister the following questions.

Would the Prime Minister give the number of Supernumerary Constables currently employed by the Guyana Police Force?

How many of them were employed -

- (a) during the period 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1997 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1997, and
- (b) during the period 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1998 to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 1998?

*(Notice Paper No. 19(Q9 Opp9) published 27.7.98)*

**No. 7 - SECONDARY SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMINATION (SSEE)**

Mr. Andy Goveia to ask the Minister of Education the following question.

\*Would the Minister of Education inform this Assembly what modifications are being made to the SSEE so that it could better serve the purposes of secondary education and remedy the poor performance of first-formers in transition from primary to secondary education?

*(Notice Paper No. 16(Q6 Opp6) published 27.7.98)*

**No. 8 - PROGRAMMES AND PLANS FOR CHILDREN 14 AND 15 YEARS**

Mr. Andy Goveia to ask the Minister of Education the following questions:

\*Would the Minister of Education say what programmes are being put in place to stop the increasing flow of over 60 per cent of children aged 14-15 years from dropping out of school?

\*Would the Minister further state the plans for children 15 years of age who complete the Community High School programme but have no entry requirements for a secondary education?

*(Notice Paper No. 17(Q7 Opp7) published 27.7.98)*

**STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS -**

**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 -**

**MOTION**

**1. SELECT COMMITTEE RE: CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM**

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

WHEREAS the Herdmanston Accord dated 17<sup>th</sup> January, 1998, provides that a Constitution Reform Commission shall be established by law and that its terms of reference and membership will be determined by the National Assembly after a process of consultations with the political parties:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of the appointment of a Special Select Committee to determine the terms of reference and the composition of the Constitution Reform Commission after a process of consultations with the political parties.

*(Notice Paper No. 24(M12 Govt11) published 29.7.98)*

**2. EXTENDED STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT FACILITY WITH IMF**

Mr. H. Desmond Hoyte to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Government signed an Extended Structural Adjustment Facility with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 1998;

AND WHEREAS a copy of this Agreement has not been tabled in the National Assembly:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly call upon the Government to table in the National Assembly forthwith a copy of the Extended Structural Adjustment Facility signed with the IMF on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 1998

*(Notice Paper No. 23(M11 Opp1) published 27.7.98)*

**3. UG's BACHELOR OF LAWS GRADUATES**

Mr. Manzoor Nadir to move the following motion:

WHEREAS automatic admission is denied to University of Guyana's Bachelor of Laws graduates at the Hugh Wooding Law School;

AND WHEREAS the current entrance examination requirement is highly restrictive and serves an exclusionary purpose;

AND WHEREAS two groups of students who previously gained automatic entry have excelled but might have been unable to do so had the requirement of an examination been in place;

AND WHEREAS a backlog of LLB graduates who are desirous of completing their legal training exists;

AND WHEREAS there is no avenue for training locally;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Government of Guyana take immediate steps to provide for professional certification locally as a means of resolving the issue and that negotiations continue at the wider Caricom level for an expansion of facilities to allow for automatic entry to the Regional Law schools even if it means recognising the proposed Guyana initiative as such.

*(Notice Paper No. 25 (M13 Opp2 published 29.7.98)*

**BILLS - Second Reading**

**\*4. GUYANA SHIPPING BILL 1998 - Bill No. 6/1998**

The Minister of Transport and Hydraulics to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the regulation of ships, and the property therein and owners thereof, the behaviour of the master and mariners and their respective rights, duties and liabilities as regards the carriage of passengers and goods by ships, collision between ships, salvage, rights, liabilities, claims, contracts, and matters arising in respect of ships and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto.

(Read a first time on 21.5.98)

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\*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

**\*5. RICE FACTORIES BILL 1998 - Bill No. 7/1998**

The Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs to move second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to repeal and re-enact the Rice Factories Act to provide for the establishment of the rice factories, the regulation and control of rice factories and the manufacture of rice.

(Read a first time on 11.6.98)

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F.A. NARAIN

Clerk of the National Assembly

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Public Buildings,  
Georgetown

31<sup>st</sup> July, 1998

\*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting