

PARLIAMENTARY AGENDA

FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, 7th July, 2014 - FRIDAY, 11th July 2014

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NATIONAL

HOLIDAY

Tuesday, 8th July, 2014

Sitting National of the Assembly

NIL

Meetings of Parliamentary Committees

***Special Select Committee on the Public Utilities Commission (Amendment) Bill 2012 – Bill No. 17/2012 and the Telecommunications Bill 2012 – Bill No. 18/2012**

TIME: 7.00 p.m.

VENUE: Committee Room No. 1, Committees Division, Parliament Office, Public Buildings, Brickdam, Georgetown.

BUSINESS: (i) Correction and confirmation of Minutes of the 27th Meeting held June, 1, 2014;

(ii) Matters arising; and

(iii) To continue consideration of the deferred Clauses of the Telecommunications Bill 2012 – Bill No. 18/2012.

Any Other Business

***Not Opened to the Public**

Wednesday, 9th July, 2014

Sitting of the National Assembly

NIL

Meetings of Parliamentary Committees

1. Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Economic Services

TIME: 2.00 p.m.

VENUE: Committee Room No. 2 (Ground Floor, west of main stairway), Public Buildings, Brickdam, Georgetown.

- BUSINESS:**
- (i) Correction and confirmation of Minutes of the 11th Meeting held on 30th June, 2014;
 - (ii) Matters arising;
 - (iii) To consider the line of questions and other matters pertaining to GUYSUCO; and
 - (iv) To consider the Committee's draft Sixth Periodic Report (2013-2014)

Any Other Business

2.*Committee on Appointments

TIME: 3.00 p.m.

VENUE: Committee Room No.1, Committees Division, Public Buildings, Brickdam, Georgetown.

- BUSINESS:**
- (i) Call to order;
 - (ii) Announcements;
 - (iii) Correspondence;
 - (iv) Confirmation of Minutes of 24th Meeting held on Wednesday, 25th June, 2014;
 - (v) Matters arising;
 - (vi) To consider the Sixth Draft Report and Motion for the appointment of Members to the Rights of the Child Commission; and
 - (vii) To continue consideration of the Draft Motion on the Women & Gender Equality Commission with amendments prepared by Ms. Teixeira.

Any Other Business

***Not Opened to the Public**

Thursday, 10th July, 2014

Sitting of the National Assembly

TIME: 2.00 p.m.

VENUE: Parliament Chamber, Public Buildings, Brickdam,
Georgetown.

BUSINESS:

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS-

By the Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment:

Annual Reports of the National Parks Commission for the years 2008 – 2012.

(To be Circulated)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES-

By Dr. George Norton, M.P. (Chairman of the Committee on Appointments):

Fifth Report of the Committee on Appointments in relation to the
Appointment of Members of the Ethnic Relations Commission.

(Circulated)

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

For Written Replies

1. **BENEFITS FOR THE FORMER PRESIDENT, DR. BHARRAT JAGDEO**

Member Asking: **Mr. Desmond Trotman, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Finance**

Would the Minister of Finance tell this House:-

- (i) What is the electricity charge paid under the Act for former President, Dr. Bharrat Jagdeo, for each month since he demitted office in 2011 up to the end of February, 2014?

- (ii) What is the total health expenses/claims met under the Act for former President, Bharrat Jagdeo and/or his dependents for each month since he demitted office in 2011 to 28th February, 2014?

- (iii) What is the cost of providing transportation (local and overseas) inclusive of cars and drivers, including air cost and road under the Act for former President, Bharrat Jagdeo and/or his dependents for each month since he demitted office in 2011 to 28th February, 2014?

- (iv) What is the monthly cost of providing security for personal and property(s) under the Act for former President, Bharrat Jagdeo since he demitted office in 2011 until 28th February, 2014?

(Notice Paper No. 317 (Q 217 Opp. 214) published on 2014-04-07)

2. MAINTENANCE OF THE KURUPUNG AIRSTRIP IN REGION NO. 7

Member Asking: **Dr. Karen Cummings**

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Public Works**

- (i) In 2013, 67.2 million dollars was disbursed for the maintenance of hinterland airstrips. Could the Hon. Minister say, if the Kurupung Airstrip was upgraded and what was the cost for this upgrade?
- (ii) Is there a maintenance team that examines these airstrips periodically and who are the members of the team?
- (iii) What mechanisms will be put in place to prevent another event of “hard landing” of a commercial plane at the Region 7 airstrip?

(Notice Paper No. 325 (Q 223 Opp. 220) published on 2014-06-02)

2. VICTORIA HEALTH CENTRE

Member Asking: **Dr. Karen Cummings, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Health**

Could the Hon. Minister say:-

- (i) In light of the addition of 278 new Cuban trained Doctors to the Health Care System, when will the Victoria Health Centre open its doors to the public for a five-day a week service? Presently, clinics are held once weekly.
- (ii) When will the sanitary facilities be improved at this health facility? At present the health care providers and the patients are using the same sanitary facility.

(Notice Paper No. 328 (Q 224 Opp. 221) published on 2014-06-18)

**THE ALARM INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME TO REDUCE
MATERNAL, NEONATAL MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY**

Member Asking: Dr. Karen Cummings, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Health

Could the Hon. Minister say:-

- (i) How many health care workers have been trained in the ALARM Programme to reduce maternal, neonatal mortality and morbidity to date?
- (ii) What category of health care workers have been trained to date?
- (iii) Where the health care workers are deployed or are located?

(Notice Paper No. 330 (Q 226 Opp. 223) published on 2014-06-18)

For Oral Reply

4. PROFESSIONAL TUNER WORKSHOP

Member Asking: Mr. Christopher Jones, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport

- (i) *Could the Hon. Minister inform this House of the date, venue and cost that was used for Trinidadian Tuner Mario Joseph to conduct his workshop?

- (ii) *Could the Hon. Minister inform this House which of the following Guyana Steel Pan Tuners benefited from the ‘Professional Tuner Workshop for all local tuners’:-
- (a) Mr. Roy Geddes, M.S., A.A.
 - (b) Mr. Frank Lynch
 - (c) Mr. Calvin Whyte, M.S.
 - (d) Mr. Aubrey Bryan
 - (e) Mr. Ivan Chapman
 - (f) Mr. Matthew Lewis
 - (g) Mr. Oliver Pross?
- (iii) *Could the Hon. Minister inform this House how was the ‘Professional Tuner Workshop for local tuners’ advertised?
- (iv) *Could the Hon. Minister inform this House whether any of the above named Guyanese Steel Pan Tuners were unavailable to chord and blend the ‘state owned’ Steel Pan Instruments before or during the 2014 Mashramani competition?

(Notice Paper No. 331 (Q 227 Opp. 224) published on 2014-06-18)

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND MOVED BY A MINISTER-
SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS NOS. 69 AND 26(e)

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

WHEREAS the Customs (Amendment) Bill 2013 – Bill No. 2/2013 was negatived at the Sitting of the National Assembly on 22nd May, 2013;

AND WHEREAS, due to the importance of the Bill with regards to the recent ruling by the Caribbean Court of Justice, the Government is desirous of proceeding with the second and third readings of the Customs (Amendment) Bill 2014 – Bill No. 11/2014;

AND WHEREAS Standing Order No. 112 makes provision for the suspension of one or more Standing Orders to facilitate the work of the National Assembly;

AND WHEREAS Standing Order No. 69 states, “once the second reading of any Bill has been agreed to or negatived, no question shall be proposed during the same Session for the second reading of any other Bill containing substantially the same provision”;

AND WHEREAS Standing Order No. 26(e) states that a motion shall not revive discussion of a matter which has been discussed in the same Session,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Standing Orders Nos. 69 and 26(e) be suspended to allow the National Assembly to proceed with the second and third readings of the Customs (Amendment) Bill 2014 – Bill No. 11/2014.

(Notice Paper No. 336 (M 106 Govt. 36) published on 2014-06-23)

(i) **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

MOTIONS

**1. SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF MRS. DEBORAH BACKER,
FORMER DEPUTY SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly records its deep regret on the death of Mrs. Deborah Backer, former Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, on 21st March, 2014 and pays tribute to her dedicated service to the Parliament of Guyana from July, 1998 – February 7, 2014, 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 widower, children and relatives.

(Notice Paper No. 335 (M 105 Opp. 59) published on 2014-06-23)

**2. THE BROADCASTING (AMENDMENT) BILL 2014 – BILL NO. 13
OF 2014**

Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Joseph Harmon, M.S.M., 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 Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2014 – Bill No. 13 of 2014:-

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Broadcasting Act.

(Notice Paper No. 337 (M 107 Opp. 60) published on 2014-06-25)

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

(i) GOVERNMENT'S BUSINESS

BILLS – Second Readings

3. SUMMARY JURISDICTION (APPEALS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2014-Bill No. 9/2014 published on 2014-06-19

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend Summary Jurisdiction (Appeals) Act.

(Read a first time on 2014-06-19)

4. **EDUCATION BILL 2014- Bill No. 10/2014 published on 2014-06-19**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to repeal the Education Act, to reform the legal framework of education in Guyana and provide an effective system of education related to the needs of the people.

(Read a first time on 2014-06-19)

5. **CUSTOMS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2014 – Bill No. 11/2014 published on 2014-06-19**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Customs Act.

(Read a first time on 2014-06-19)

(ii) **COMMITTEES BUSINESS**

MOTION

6. **ADOPTION OF THE FIFTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS IN RELATION TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE ETHNIC RELATIONS COMMISSION**

Dr. George Norton, M.P. (Chairman of the Committee on Appointments) to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Standing Committee on Appointments to Commissions in keeping with Resolution No. 68 of 2014, consulted the approved lists of entities for nomination to the Ethnic Relations Commission;

AND WHEREAS the entities met and made submissions of their nominations between April 30, 2014 and June 6, 2014;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the following persons from the following categories as Members of the Ethnic Relations Commission established under the Constitution, and signify to the President that:

Christian Religion

Dr. John O. Smith

Hindu Religion

Ms. Rajkumarie Singh

Muslim Religion

Shaykh Moeenul Hack

Labour Movement

Mr. Norris Emanuel Witter

Private Sector Organisations

Mr. Ravindra Dev

Youth Organisations

Ms. Gomattie Kalicharran

Women Organisations

Ms. Ruth Howard

Cultural/Ethnic Organisations

Afro-Guyanese

Mr. Barrington Braithwaite

Indo-Guyanese

Mr. Neaz Subhan

Indigenous/Amerindian

Mr. Peter Persaud

have been nominated in accordance with Resolution No. 68 of 2014, and Article 212 B (1)(a) of the Constitution to be appointed Members of the Ethnic Relations Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly adopts the Fifth Report of the Standing Committee to address matters relating to the nomination and appointment of Members to the Ethnic Relations Commission.

(Notice Paper No. 349 (M 109 Committees 11) published on 2014-07-02)

Meetings of Parliamentary Committees

***Committee of Selection**

TIME: During the suspension of the Sitting of the National Assembly for refreshments.

VENUE: Speaker's Chamber, Public Buildings, Brickdam, Georgetown.

BUSINESS: - For the purpose of nominating Members to the following Committees of the National Assembly:

The Special Select Committee on the Wildlife Import and Export Bill 2014; and

The Special Select Committee on the payment of Pensions to retired employees of the Guyana Telephone and Telegraph Company (GT&T) and former employees of the Guyana Telephone Corporation (GTC).

Any Other Business

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Friday, 11th July, 2014

Sitting of the National Assembly

NIL

Meetings of Parliamentary Committees

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**Parliament Office,
Public Buildings,
Brickdam,
Georgetown.**

8th July, 2014