

***NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION OF
THE TENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA (2012-2013)***

REPORT OF

***THE SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE
OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY***

ON THE

***GUYANA CRICKET ADMINISTRATION BILL 2012 –
BILL NO. 31/2012***

PRESENTED TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

BY

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE

ON

AUGUST 7, 2013.

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Publication of Bill

1. The Guyana Cricket Administration Bill- (Bill No. 31 of 2012) seeks to make provision for the incorporation of autonomous national cricket administrative organizations in Guyana and to provide for other matters connected therewith.
2. The Bill was published on Thursday, 20th December, 2012.

Introduction and First Reading

3. The Bill was introduced in the National Assembly and read for the first time on Thursday, 20th December, 2012.

Committal to Select Committee

4. Following its first reading, the Bill was committed by the National Assembly for consideration by a Special Select Committee.

Establishment of Special Select Committee

5. The Committee of Selection met on Thursday, 20th December, 2012 and nominated the following Members to comprise the Special Select Committee to consider the Guyana Cricket Administration Bill 2012 – Bill No. 31 of 2012.

Members from the People’s Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) (4)

The Hon. Dr. Frank C.S. Anthony, M.P.H., M.P.,
Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport.

The Hon. Mohabir A. Nandlall, M.P.,
Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs.

Mr. Odinga N. Lumumba, M.P.

Mr. Neendkumar, J.P., M.P.

Members from the A Partnership for National Unity (APNU)(4)

Dr. Rupert Roopnarine, M.P.

Mr. Basil Williams, M.P.

Lt. Col. (Ret’d) Joseph F. Harmon, M.S.M., M.P.

Mr. Christopher A. Jones, M.P.

Member from the Alliance For Change (AFC)(1)

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.

First Meeting of the Committee – Election of Chairman

6. At the 1st Meeting of the Special Select Committee, held on Thursday, 10th January, 2013, the Hon. Dr. Frank C.S. Anthony, M.P., M.P.H., was elected as Chairman of the Committee.

Statutory Meetings of the Committee

7. At the 2nd Meeting held on Monday 14th January, 2013, the Committee agreed to meet every Monday at 4.00 p.m., with a minimum of two hours deliberations.

Other Meetings of the Committee

8. The Committee met on eighteen (18) other occasions as follows:-

3rd Meeting held on 21st January, 2013.

4th Meeting held on 28th January, 2013.

5th Meeting held on 4th February, 2013.

6th Meeting held on 11th February, 2013.

7th Meeting held on 18th February, 2013.

8th Meeting held on 25th February, 2013.

9th Meeting held on 4th March, 2013.

10th Meeting held on 11th March, 2013.

11th Meeting held on 18th March, 2013.

12th Meeting held on 13th May, 2013.

13th Meeting held on 20th May, 2013.

14th Meeting held on 3rd June, 2013.

15th Meeting held on 10th June, 2013.

16th Meeting held on 17th June, 2013.

17th Meeting held on 8th July, 2013.

18th Meeting held on 15th July, 2013.

19th Meeting held on 22nd July, 2013.

20th Meeting held on 29th July, 2013.

(See Appendix I for the Attendance Record of the Committee.)

Methodology and Consultation Process

9. At the 2nd Meeting of the Committee, Members agreed on the methodology to be used in the consideration of the Bill. It was agreed:

- (i) that the Committee would strive to achieve consensus, hence, provisions would be made for stake holders to make written and oral submissions on the Bill;
- (ii) that a notice would be published in the print media to inform members of the public that the Committee had been established and had commenced its work on the Bill;
- (iii) that the notice should invite members of the public, professional individuals, and organizations to make written submissions and/or oral presentations, not later than Wednesday, 15th February, 2013;
- (iv) that the notice would be published (every Wednesday and Sunday), with effect from Wednesday, 16th January, 2013;
(See Appendix II (a) for copy of notice published in the print media)
- (v) that letters of invitation would be sent to the specific boards/associations and individuals inviting them to make submissions on the Bill not later than Monday, 4th February, 2013.

(See Appendix II (b) for copy of the letter sent to the special invitees)
(See Appendix II (c) for the list of persons to whom letters were sent)
- (vi) that the format for written submissions on the Bill should be in the form of a Memorandum; and
- (vii) that the submissions and/or oral presentations should address the modalities specific to the Guyana Cricket Administration Bill – Bill No. 31 of 2012.

Response to Invitations

10. The Committee received written submissions from the following individuals/boards/associations on the Bill:-

- (a) Mr. Keith Scott, M.P.
- (b) Mr. Basil F. Butcher
- (c) Dr. Rishie Thakur
- (d) Mr. Raj Singh
- (e) The Bartica Cricket Committee
- (f) The Stakeholders of Guyana Cricket
- (g) The West Indies Cricket Board
- (h) The Guyana Cricket Board
- (i) The Demerara Cricket Board
- (j) The Essequibo Cricket Board

Hearings

Oral Presentations

11. Oral presentations were made on the following dates:

Monday, 11th February, 2013

Mr. Basil F. Butcher, former Guyana and West Indian Cricketer.

Monday, 18th February, 2013

- (i) Mr. Keith Scott, M.P.,
- (ii) Dr. Rishie Thakur, and
- (iii) The Stakeholders of Guyana Cricket.

Monday, 25th February, 2013

- (i) Mr. Edward S. Skeete,
- (ii) The Essequibo Cricket Board, and
- (iii) The Guyana Cricket Board.

Consideration of the Bill

12. The Committee considered the Bill Clause by Clause. In considering the Bill, amendments were made to the STRUCTURE as well as the CONTENT of the Bill.

In addition, the constitutions of the County Boards were included, in the Bill, as follows:

SCHEDULE II – Constitution of the Demerara Cricket Board

SCHEDULE III – Constitution of the Berbice Cricket Board

SCHEDULE IV – Constitution of the Essequibo Cricket Board.

(See Appendix III for amended Bill with Schedules).

Report of the Special Select Committee

13 At its 20th meeting held on Monday, 29th July, 2013, the Special Select Committee on the Guyana Cricket Administration Bill – Bill No. 31/2012 agreed that this Report on its consideration of the Bill should be presented to the National Assembly.

14. The Report is accordingly hereby submitted.

Minutes of Proceedings

15. The Minutes of proceedings of the Committee can be seen at *Appendix IV*.

Verbatim Records

16. The Verbatim Records of the proceedings of the Committee would be prepared and made available at the Parliamentary Library of the Parliament Office.

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