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GUYANA WATER AUTHORITY BILL 1972

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A BILL

Intituled

AN ACT to provide for the Establishment of the Guyana Water Authority and for Matters Connected therewith.

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana :—

A.D. 1972.

Short title
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1. This Act may be cited as the Guyana Water Authority Act 1972, and shall come into operation on such day as the Minister may appoint by order.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires — Interpreta-
tion.
- “appointed day” means the day appointed by order of the Minister pursuant to section 1;
- “collecting sewer” means the common drain into which is discharged the sewage from two or more premises and which conveys that sewage to a street sewer, and includes all appliances and accessories thereto;
- “collecting sewage system” means a collecting sewer together with all the house-sewers by which sewage is conveyed into the collecting sewer;
- “house sewer” means any drain or pipe for the drainage of the sewage from a house or building, its areas, water closets, baths, offices, and stables, to a street sewer or to a collecting sewer, and includes gully traps, sinks, approved traps and other accessories;
- “local authority” has the meaning assigned to that expression by section 2 of the Local Authorities (Elections) Act, 1969;
- “member of the Authority” includes the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman, and any temporary member of the Authority. No. 28 of
1969.
- “Minister” means the Minister assigned general responsibility for public corporations or, if no Minister is so assigned, the Prime Minister;
- “owner” means the person for the time being receiving the rent of the premises in connection with which the word is used, whether on his own account or as agent or trustee for any other person or who would so receive the rent if the premises were let, and where the premises are not let includes any person in possession thereof;
- “premises” include land;
- “sewage” includes drainage, stormwater, domestic water, domestic wastes, commercial wastes and industrial wastes;
- “sewerage service” means the acceptance, collection, transmission, storage, treatment and disposal of sewage, or any one or more of them;
- “sewage works” means any works for the collection, transmission, treatment and disposal of sewage, or any part of any such works; but does not include plumbing or other works to which regulations made pursuant to section 26 (1) (e) apply.
- “water service” means the taking, collection, production, treatment, storage, supply, transmission, distribution, sale, purchase and use of water or any one or more of them;
- “waterworks” means any works for the collection, transmission, treatment and disposal of sewage or any part of any

such works, but does not include plumbing or other works to which regulations made under section 26 (1) (e) apply.

ESTABLISHMENT OF GUYANA WATER AUTHORITY

Establishment and incorporation of the Guyana Water Authority.

3. There is hereby established a body to be called the Guyana Water Authority (hereinafter referred to as "the Authority") which shall be a body corporate.

Constitution of the Authority.
No. 23 of 1962.

4. The Authority shall be constituted in like manner as if it were a public corporation established under section 34 of the Public Corporation Ordinance 1962, and the provisions of that Ordinance shall, save as otherwise provided by this Act, apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Authority as they apply to such a public corporation.

Functions of the Authority.

5. (1) Subject to this Act, it shall be the function of the Authority —

- (a) to control and regulate the collection, production, treatment, storage, transmission, distribution and use of water (including the supervision of surface waters and ground waters in Guyana), and to make orders with respect thereto;
- (b) to construct, acquire, provide, operate and maintain waterworks and to develop and make available supplies of water to the public;
- (c) to construct, acquire, provide, operate and maintain sewage works and to receive, treat and dispose of sewage;
- (d) to make agreements with any person with respect to the supply of water, or the reception, treatment and disposal of sewage;
- (e) to conduct research programmes for the purpose of their functions under this Act;
- (f) to disseminate information and advice with respect to the collection, production, transmission, treatment, storage, supply and distribution of water or sewage and to charge fees in respect thereof;
- (g) to advise the Minister assigned responsibility for the Authority on matters relating to the collection, production, transmission, treatment, storage, supply and distribution of water, and to the treatment and disposal of sewage;
- (h) to perform such other functions, not inconsistent with this Act, as may be assigned to them, from time to time, by the Minister assigned responsibility for the Authority;

- (i) to carry on such other activities as may appear to the Authority requisite, advantageous or conducive for or in connection with the performance of their functions under this Act.

(2) Every person who contravenes, or fails to comply with, any order made by the Authority pursuant to subsection 1 (a) shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars and, in addition, to a further penalty of fifty dollars for every day during which the offence continues.

6. (1) Subject to this Act, the Authority shall have the exclusive right to provide sewage services and water services in those areas of Guyana which, at the commencement of this Act, are not being provided with sewage services and water services or either of such services, by any person other than the Pure Water Supply Division of the Ministry of Works, Hydraulics and Supply by virtue of any law.

Exclusive right of Authority to provide sewage and water services.

(2) The Authority shall, within the areas mentioned in subsection (1), provide sewage services and water services or either of such services for any person requiring the provision of such services upon such terms and conditions as the Authority may determine:

Provided that until such time as the Authority are able to provide any such area with sewage services and water services they may in exercise of their powers under section 8 authorise any local authority or other body to provide those services on their behalf.

(3) Subject to this Act, the Authority shall, within the areas provided with sewage services and water services by the Authority, have the exclusive right to make connections of premises with the nearest water main in the roads of those areas, and any renewal of those connections and all repairs thereto, at any time the Authority find it necessary to do so.

7. (1) A member of the Authority, who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in a contract or proposed contract with the Authority shall disclose to the Authority the fact and nature of his interest at the first meeting of the Authority at which it is practicable for him to do so and shall not take part in any deliberation or decision of the Authority relating to such contract; and such disclosure shall be recorded in the minutes of the Authority.

Disclosure of interest.

(2) This section shall not apply to—

- (a) an interest in a contract which a member of the Authority may have by reason of making payments to the Authority in respect of water service or sewage service provided by the Authority; or
- (b) an interest in any matter relating to the terms on which the right to participate in any service provided by the Authority, is offered to the public.

(3) For the purpose of this section, a person —

- (a) who, or any nominee of whom, is a shareholder or partner in a company or other body of persons (other than a statutory authority), or
- (b) who is an employee thereof,

shall be treated as having indirectly a pecuniary interest in a contract, if such company or other body of persons is a party to the contract, or proposed contract under consideration.

(4) Nothing in subsection (3) shall apply to any person who, but for the provisions of the said subsection (3), would not fail to be treated as having indirectly a pecuniary interest in a contract if the total value of his shareholding or other interest does not exceed such amount of the total nominal value of the issued share capital of the company or body as may be prescribed by order of the Guyana State Corporation.

(5) Without prejudice to subsection (6), the President of the Guyana State Corporation may terminate the appointment of any member of the Authority appointed by him who fails to comply with the provisions of this section.

(6) A person who fails to comply with the provisions of this section shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of two hundred and fifty dollars for every offence, unless he proves that he did not know that a contract or proposed contract in which he has a pecuniary interest was the subject of consideration at the meeting.

Authority may delegate their functions to other bodies.

8. (1) The Authority may, if they think fit, by order delegate to any local authority or other body the power to carry out on their behalf in the area administered by the local authority or such other area as may be specified in the order, as the case may be, such of the functions of the Authority as may be specified in the order.

(2) Where the Authority delegate any of their functions pursuant to subsection (1), the local authority or other body shall, notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, have power to perform the functions so delegated.

Power of Authority to give directions to other bodies.

9. (1) The Authority shall have power to give directions of a general or special character to any statutory or other body as to the exercise by the statutory or other body of their functions by virtue of any enactment or otherwise, in connection with the provision of sewage services and water services as appear to the Authority to be requisite in the public interest and, anything in any such enactment or in any instrument conferring functions on such other body to the contrary notwithstanding, the statutory or other body shall give effect to any such directions.

(2) Where a statutory or other body fails or neglects to give effect to any direction given by the Authority pursuant to subsection (1), the Authority may themselves perform the necessary functions and any expenditure thereby incurred by the Authority shall be recoverable from the statutory or other body by action as a civil debt in a court of competent jurisdiction and the payment of any such expenditure shall be a purpose for which the statutory or other body may borrow money in accordance with the statutory or other provisions relating to borrowing by the statutory authority or other body.

(3) Without prejudice to the remedy provided by subsection (2), any statutory or other body which fails or neglects to give effect to any direction given by the Authority pursuant to subsection (1) shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of two thousand dollars.

(4) Every statutory or other body aforesaid shall afford to the Authority facilities for obtaining information with respect to their activities and shall furnish them with returns, accounts and other information with respect thereto in such manner and at such times as the Authority may require.

10. The Authority may erect, maintain and supply with water in such places within Guyana as they think fit, public stand pipes for the public use, and may remove any such stand pipe which, in their opinion, is no longer required, and may make regulations as to the use of and payment for water from public stand pipes. Public stand pipes.

11. ~~The Authority shall not be required to provide water services at any specific pressure but those persons requiring the provision of water services at a greater amount of pressure than that made available by the Authority, shall provide themselves at their expense with the means for that purpose, any device, equipment, apparatus or installation to be used by any person in connection therewith shall require the prior approval of the Authority.~~ Pressure of water.

12. (1) Subject to section 13, the charges made by the Authority for the provision of sewage services and water services shall be payable and recoverable in accordance with the provisions of this section. Recovery of Charges.

(2) Where water is supplied in bulk to any persons by the Authority any moneys payable to the Authority for the water so supplied shall be recoverable by the Authority from the person to whom the water has been supplied in bulk.

(3) The charges for any service rendered by the Authority on any premises in connection with any installation or apparatus used in connection with the provision of sewage services and water services, or any other service (including the cost of replacing any installation or apparatus) shall be borne by the owner of the premises and shall be recoverable from him by the Authority.

(4) Except where an owner of premises who is not himself the occupier thereof is liable by or under any law, or by agreement with

the Authority, to pay the charges for the provision of sewage services and water services, those charges shall be payable by the occupier of the premises.

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(5) The charges payable by any person may, after the demand therefor be recovered from the person liable therefor by the Authority by action as a civil debt, irrespective of the amount, under the Summary Jurisdiction (Petty Debt) Ordinance against the person liable for the payment of the charges.

(6) Subject as hereinafter provided in this section, where a person fails to pay within seven days after a demand therefor any charges payable by him by virtue of this Act for water services or sewage services the Authority may cut off the supply of water to the premises and recover the expenses reasonably incurred in so doing in the same manner as the charges due, save that if, before the expiration of the said seven days, notice in writing is given to them that there is a dispute as to the amount due in respect of the charges, the Authority shall not cut off the supply of water until the dispute has, on the application of either party, been settled by a court of summary jurisdiction, but only if the occupier tenders the amount due in respect of the charges, without prejudice to the dispute.

(7) Where at the date when any charges in respect of any premises become due, the owner of the premises is liable by or under any enactment, or by agreement with the Authority, to pay the charges for the provision of sewage or water services and is not himself the occupier thereof, the Authority shall not cut off the supply of water to the premises for a failure by him to pay any such charges, but the charges, without prejudice to the right of the Authority to enforce payment thereof by him, may be recovered by the Authority either from the owner for the time being, or, subject as hereinafter provided, from the occupier for the time being, of the premises in the manner in which charges for the provision of sewage services or water services are recoverable.

(8) Where the occupier of such premises is not the owner thereof —

- (a) proceedings shall not be commenced under subsection (7) against the occupier until notice has been served on him requiring him to pay the amount due or which may thereafter become due, from him, and he has failed to comply with the notice; and
- (b) no greater sum shall be recoverable at any one time from the occupier than the amount of rent, which is owing by him, or which has accrued since such notice as aforesaid was served on him; and
- (c) if the occupier, as between himself and the owner of the premises, is not liable to pay the charges he shall be

entitled to deduct from the rent payable by him any sum paid by him in compliance with the notice or so recovered from him.

13. Notwithstanding any agreement or rule of law to the contrary, where any premises is at the commencement of this Act, provided with sewage services or water services by the Authority, until the owner thereof gives notice in writing to the Authority of the name of the occupier and the Authority makes demand on such occupier therefor, the charges in respect of such premises shall be payable by the owner thereof.

Transitional provisions relating to charges.

14. Nothing in the Limitation Ordinance shall in any way affect any right of the Authority in respect of the recovery of any moneys due and payable to the Authority.

Limitation Ordinance not to apply to the Authority. Cap. 29.

15. (1) The Authority shall cause to be made physical, chemical, bacteriological and other examinations of, and experiments as to the condition of, the water to be supplied by them.

Provisions for securing the supply of pure and wholesome water.

(2) The Authority shall make available to the Minister assigned particular responsibility for the Authority the reports of any examinations or experiments aforesaid as may be required from time to time by him.

16. For the purpose of laying down, extending, inspecting, maintaining, altering, renewing or repairing any water main, sewer, or any branch thereof, or any pipes or works in connection therewith, the Authority may open or break up any street or road or portion thereof subject to the following conditions —

Power to open streets and roads.

- (a) the Authority shall give to the local authority in whose area the street or road is situate or such other person in whom the maintenance of the street or road is vested, not less than two days' notice of the intention of opening or breaking up the street or road, specifying the time of beginning and the portion of street or road to be opened or broken up; but in cases of urgency the Authority may open or break up a street or road and shall forthwith inform the local authority or other person of the fact;
- (b) until the street or road is restored, the place where it is opened or broken up shall be adequately fenced, and lighted in such manner as to give proper warning to the public during the period between six o'clock in the evening of any day and five o'clock in the morning of the following day.
- (c) the Authority shall not, without the consent of the local authority or other person, open or break at any one

time a greater length than one hundred yards of a street or road;

- (d) the Authority shall restore the street or road to the satisfaction of the local authority or other person.

Drilling and boring of wells prohibited in certain areas.

17. (1) No person shall make a well or hole in the ground for the purpose of obtaining water, except by digging, in any area designated by the regulations without a permit issued by the Authority.

(2) A permit issued under subsection (1) may be issued subject to such terms and conditions as the Authority may deem fit to impose and may be revoked at any time by the Authority.

(3) Every person who contravenes subsection (1) or any of the terms and conditions of a permit shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine five hundred dollars and to imprisonment for six months.

Licence for carrying on the business of boring or drilling wells.

18. (1) No person shall carry on the business of boring or drilling wells for water unless he is the holder of a licence therefor from the Authority.

(2) Upon application therefor in the prescribed form and upon payment of the prescribed fee, the Authority may issue or renew, as the case may be, a licence to carry on the business of boring or drilling wells for water.

(3) Subject to subsection (4), every such licence shall expire on the 31st December in every year.

(4) The Authority may suspend or revoke a licence at any time.

(5) Every person to whom a licence has been issued under this section shall, within one month after the boring or drilling of a well for water, make a return to the Authority in the manner required by the Authority.

(6) Every person who contravenes any provision of this section shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars, and to imprisonment for six months.

Power of Authority to grant licences to plumbers.

19. (1) The Authority may grant licences authorising persons (to be known as "licensed plumbers") to construct, execute, repair or perform work in connection with the provision of water and sewage services, to any premises from water works and sewage works as the Authority think fit.

(2) It shall be the duty of licensed plumbers to act in accordance with this Act and to carry out the orders of the Authority or any person authorised by the Authority; licensed plumbers shall be

responsible for the acts and omissions of all those persons employed by them.

(3) The Authority may by regulations made under section 26 prescribe the fees to be paid for examinations and licences of plumbers.

(4) The Authority may, in their discretion, suspend or cancel the licence of a licensed plumber who is guilty of misconduct in the performance of his duties under this Act.

(5) The grant, suspension or cancellation of a licence shall be published in the Gazette and a newspaper circulating in Guyana.

(6) No person other than a licensed plumber may do any act mentioned in subsection (1), and any unlicensed person who does any such act or any person who causes it to be done by such unlicensed person shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of two hundred and fifty dollars:

Provided that any person employed by the Authority shall be deemed to be a licensed plumber with regard ^{cap.} to the work done by him that is authorised by the Authority.

(7) Nothing in that section shall affect any licence to execute any work mentioned in subsection (1) granted by the Georgetown Sewerage and Water Commissioners under section 24 of the Georgetown Sewerage and Water Commissioners Ordinance, or by the Mayor and Town Council of New Amsterdam, and in force at the commencement of this Act.

(8) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, no licence to execute any work mentioned in subsection (1) shall be granted by any person other than the Authority after the commencement of this Act without the approval of the Authority.

20. (1) Anything in any other law to the contrary notwithstanding, no person shall construct any sewage works or water works, or extend or alter any sewage works or water works unless the plans, specifications and an engineer's report of the works to be undertaken, together with such other information as the Authority may require, have been submitted to the Authority for their approval, and no such works shall be undertaken or proceeded with without the approval of the Authority.

Approval
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works.

(2) The approval of the Authority may be granted subject to such terms and conditions as the Authority deem necessary.

(3) Where any person undertakes or proceeds with the establishment of any sewage works or water works, or the extension or alteration of any sewage works or water works, without first obtaining

the approval of the Authority, the Authority may order that person to afford at his own expense such facilities as the Authority may deem necessary for the investigation of the works and may direct such changes to be made in the works as the Authority may deem necessary, and any changes directed by the Authority to be made in the works shall be carried out by the person at his own expense.

(4) Every person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (1), or fails to comply with any term or condition imposed by the Authority pursuant to subsection (2), or fails to comply with any direction given by the Authority under subsection (3), shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of two thousand dollars and to imprisonment for twelve months.

Entry on premises.

21. It shall be lawful for the Authority, their agents, officers and employees so authorised by the Authority, at any time for their purposes to enter into any premises provided with water services and sewage services or either of such services by the Authority for the purpose of examining the pipes or means by which such premises are provided with such services, or any apparatus or thing used on such premises in connection therewith.

Obstructing members of the Authority and other persons.

22. Any person who assaults, molests, obstructs or in any other manner whatever hinders any member of the Authority or any authorised agent, officer or employee of the Authority, in the exercise of any of the functions conferred upon them by this Act, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of two hundred and fifty dollars or to imprisonment for three months.

Unauthorised taking of water an offence.

23. Any person who not being supplied with water by the Authority shall take water from any installation operated by or on behalf of the Authority, other than such as may have been provided for the use of the public, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of two hundred and fifty dollars and to imprisonment for a term of three months.

Owner or occupier of premises disposing of water supplied by the Authority.

24. The owner or occupier of any premises supplied with water by the Authority who uses such water or permits the same to be used for the purposes of any other premises or who shall apply or dispose of such water to any other person shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of one hundred dollars.

Offences by corporate bodies.

25. Where a person convicted of an offence against this Act is a body corporate, every person who at the time of the commission of the offence was a director or officer of the body corporate shall be guilty of that offence unless he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge, or that he exercised all due diligence to prevent the commission of the offence.

26. (1) The Authority, with the approval of the Minister, may ^{Regulations.} make regulations for giving effect to and for carrying out the provisions of this Act and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions, such regulations may—

- (a) prescribe the charges to be made for the provision of sewage services and water services by the Authority;
- (b) make provision for the inspection, testing and maintenance of installations and apparatus and in respect of the fixing, testing and renting of motors, and of any other services rendered by the Authority in pursuance of their functions under this Act;
- (c) prescribe the charges to be made by the Authority for the laying and construction of house sewers (not being part of a collecting sewer system) and of the requisite appliances and accessories thereto;
- (d) prescribe the form of application for the provision of sewage services and water services;
- (e) regulate the types of fittings that may be used;
- (f) prescribe the conditions for the discontinuance of the supply of water in cases otherwise than as provided in this Act;
- (g) regulate the use of water from public stand pipes;
- (h) provide for the proper use and conservation of water, including the prevention of waste, contamination or pollution of water.

(2) Nothing in subsection (1) shall prevent the Authority from charging by special agreement other charges where the charges prescribed pursuant to subsection (1) are inapplicable.

(3) There may be annexed to any regulation for a breach thereof a fine on summary conviction of two hundred dollars and imprisonment for a term of three months.

27. (1) Where any person other than the Authority (hereinafter referred to as "the undertaker") provides sewage and water services in any area of Guyana and the Minister considers it to be in the public interest that the undertaking carried on by the undertaker in so far as it relates to the provision of sewage and water services should be acquired by the Authority, the Minister may, by order, declare that with effect from such day, being not earlier than one month after the date of the making of the order as may be specified in the order (hereinafter in this section referred to as "the vesting day") the said undertaking shall be transferred to and vested in the Authority.

Acquisition of other undertakings in the public interest.

(2) An order made under subsection (1) may contain —

- (a) such provisions relating to the vesting of property, transfer of assets and liabilities, the employment of persons employed by the undertaker, monetary arrangements, the preservation of rights and liabilities existing immediately prior to the vesting day;
- (b) provision amending, modifying or repealing any enactment which in the opinion of the Minister is necessary to give effect to the order;
- (c) such other provisions as the Minister may consider necessary or expedient for the purpose of giving effect to the order.

(3) To such extent, if any, as may be required by the provisions of article 8 of the Constitution, provision is hereby made in terms of sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (1) of that article in relation to any undertaking (including any interest in or right over such undertaking) acquired by the Authority by virtue of an order made by the Minister under subsection (1).

(4) Where the Authority acquire the undertaking of any undertaker under this section or otherwise, the Authority shall have the exclusive right to provide sewage services and water services in the area provided with such services by the undertaker immediately prior to the acquisition of the undertaking by the Authority.

Transitional provisions.

28. (1) On the appointed day, all assets (including rights and interests) of the undertaking shall be transferred to and vested in the Authority.

(2) Liabilities incurred by the Government exclusively for the purposes of the undertaking prior to, and subsisting immediately before, the appointed day shall be discharged by, and be enforceable against, the Authority as if the said liabilities had been incurred by the Authority.

(3) Nothing in subsection (1) or (2) shall apply to rights or liabilities under any contract of service.

(4) Subject to this section, all contracts, agreements, deeds, bonds and other documents subsisting immediately before the appointed day and affecting the undertaking shall be of full force and effect against or in favour of the Authority and may be enforced as fully and effectively as if, instead of the undertaking, the Authority had been a party thereto:

Provided that any contract for the supply of water to a consumer and any charge therefor in force immediately before the appointed day shall continue in force until new contracts and charges are made by the Authority under this Act.

(5) The Authority shall, from the appointed day, as successors of the undertaking supply water in such areas of Guyana as are immediately before the appointed day supplied with water by the undertaking and that supply of water shall be provided by the Authority in exercise of their powers under this Act.

(6) Subject to this Act, the Authority may, as from the appointed day, continue to employ on such terms and conditions as may be agreed on between the Authority and him, any person employed with the undertaking immediately before the appointed day:

Provided that any person who is so employed by the Authority shall be employed on terms and conditions which taken as a whole are no less favourable than those applicable to him immediately before the appointed day.

(7) The Authority shall be the successor of the undertaking in relation to any person so employed in the matter of any leave which may have accrued to him.

(8) Where a public officer is seconded or temporarily transferred from a pensionable office within the meaning of the Pensions (Consolidation) Ordinance 1957 to an office with the Authority, section 6 of that Ordinance shall apply to him as if his service with the Authority were public service.

(9) Where a public officer is appointed to an office with the Authority, his service with the Authority shall be other public service within the meaning of, and for the purposes of such provisions applicable in relation thereto as are contained in, the Pensions (Consolidation) Ordinance 1957 (including the Pensions Regulations 1957). No. 38 of 1967.

(10) In this section, "undertaking" means the undertaking carried on by the Pure Water Supply Division of the Ministry of Works, Hydraulics and Supply the assets whereof are the property of the State or the Government immediately before the appointed day.

29. The Municipal and District Councils Act 1969 is hereby amended in the following respects — Minor amendment of the Municipal and District Councils Act 1969. No. 24 of

- (a) by the substitution of the words "Guyana Water Authority" for the word "Minister" wherever it appears in section 282 (1);
- (b) by the repeal of sections 283 and 284.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the Guyana Water Authority in like manner as a public corporation established under the Public Corpora-

tions Ordinance 1962. Clause 5 of the Bill specifies the functions of the Authority and clause 6 confers on the Authority the exclusive right to provide sewage and water services in those areas of Guyana not served by other agencies (excluding the Pure Water Supply Division of the Ministry of Works, Hydraulics and Supply) at the coming into operation of the legislation. Clause 8 empowers the Authority to delegate their functions to other bodies and clause 9 confers power on the Authority to give directions to other bodies in relation to the provision of sewage and water services. On failure to comply with any directions so given the Authority is authorised to perform the function and to recover any expenditure thereby incurred from any such body. Clause 26 authorises the Minister to make regulations for a number of purposes relating to the Act including the power to make charges for the provision of the services provided by the Authority. Clause 27 seeks to make provision for the acquisition in the public interest of other undertakings by the Authority.

HAMILTON GREEN,
Minister of Works, Hydraulics and Supply