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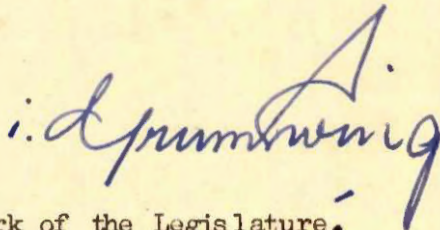
MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

held on

29TH DECEMBER, 1959.

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Adopted by the Legislative Council  
this *18th* day of January, 1960.

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Clerk of the Legislature.

## THIRD SESSION

1959

MINUTES of the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council of the Colony of British Guiana under the British Guiana (Constitution)(Temporary Provisions) Orders in Council, 1953 and 1956, held in the Chamber of the Legislature at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 5.05 P.M.

on

TUESDAY, 29TH DECEMBER, 1959.

PRESENT:

Hon. Financial Secretary, Mr. F.W. Essex, C.M.G. - Chairman.  
 Hon. Minister of Natural Resources - Mr. B.H. Benn.  
 Hon. Minister of Labour, Health and Housing - Mrs. Janet Jagan.  
 Hon. Minister of Communications and Works - Mr. Ram Karran.  
 Hon. Minister of Community Development and Education - Mr. B.S. Rai  
 Mr. S.M. Saffee  
 Mr. W.O.R. Kendall  
 Mr. A.L. Jackson  
 Mr. F. Bowman  
 Mr. R.C. Tello  
 Mr. A.G. Tasker, O.B.E.

with Mr. E.V. Viapree, Assistant Clerk of the Legislature,  
 Clerk to the Committee,  
 and Mr. E.D. Ford, Assistant Secretary, Finance Secretariat.

Absent:

Hon. Minister of Trade and Industry - Dr. C.B. Jagan.  
 Mr. Ajodha Singh.  
 Mr. L.F.S. Burnham.  
 Mr. S. Campbell - on leave.  
 Mr. Jai Narine Singh.  
 Mr. E.B. Beharry.  
 Mr. R.B. Gajraj.  
 Mr. R.E. Davis.  
 Mr. A.M. Fredericks.  
 Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard - on leave.

1. Schedule of Additional Provision - Recurrent Estimates - December,  
 1959 ..... \$200,982.25

Committee considered and approved the Schedule of Additional Provision on the Recurrent Estimates for the month of December, 1959 in the sum of \$200,982.25

2. Schedule of Additional Provision - Development Estimates - December,  
 1959 ..... \$516,963.00

Committee considered and approved the schedule of Additional Provision on the Development Estimates for the month of December, 1959, in the sum of \$516,963.00

SCHEDULE OF ADDITIONAL PROVISION

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To meet expenditure in excess of  
the provision made in the  
RECURRENT ESTIMATES for the year  
1959.

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December, 1959.

1. HEAD 3 - AGRICULTURE

Subhead 15: Veterinary Preventive Measures

Amount provided in Estimates	...	\$	30,600.00	
Previous additional provision	...		-	
Additional provision now sought	...		5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00

Underestimated.

(G.142)

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2. HEAD 3 - AGRICULTURE

Subhead 29: Central Produce Depot, including  
Ham and Bacon Factory and Processing  
Factory.

Amount provided in Estimates	...	\$	134,200.00	
Previous additional provision	...		-	
Additional provision now sought	...		20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00

Deficit underestimated. Increase due to reconsideration of  
decision to close retail shops and unforeseen increases in  
supplies of cassava and plantains.

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3. HEAD 3 - AGRICULTURE

Subhead 30: New Amsterdam Depot

Amount provided in Estimates	...	\$	4,431.00	
Previous additional provision	...		-	
Additional provision now sought	...		1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00

Deficit underestimated.

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4. HEAD 3 - AGRICULTURE

Subhead 31: Wholesale Fish Market

Amount provided in Estimates	...	\$	28,259.00	
Previous additional provision	...		-	
Additional provision now sought	...		40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00

Deficit underestimated.

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5. HEAD 3 - AGRICULTURE

Subhead 32: Milk Pasteurisation Plant.

Amount provided in Estimates	...	\$	95,600.00	
Previous additional provision	...		-	
Additional provision now sought	...		35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00

Brought forward \$ 101,000.00

6. HEAD 12C - EDUCATION - THE BISHOPS' HIGH SCHOOL

Subhead 4: Supplies and Equipment

Amount provided in Estimates	...	\$ 5,600.00	
Previous additional provision	...	200.00	
Additional provision now sought	...	200.00	200.00

To meet increased cost of indent for supplies and resultant increased import duty.

(G. 155)

7. HEAD 18 - FIRE PROTECTION

Subhead 2: Transport and Travelling.

Amount provided in Estimates	...	\$ 10,500.00	
Previous additional provision	...	-	
Additional provision now sought	...	1,063.00	\$ 1,063.00

Underestimated.

(G.160)

8. HEAD 27A - MEDICAL - BACTERIOLOGICAL

Subhead 3: Instruments, Supplies, etc.

Amount provided in Estimates	...	\$ 20,000.00	
Previous additional provision	...	-	
Additional provision now sought	...	2,118.00	\$ 2,118.00

To pay for urgently needed supplies and repairs to equipment.

(G.171/2)

9. HEAD 27C - MEDICAL HOSPITALS & DISPENSARIES

Subhead 5: Furniture and Equipment.

Amount provided in Estimates	...	\$ 33,555.00	
Previous additional provision	...	-	
Additional provision now sought	...	2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00

To pay for badly needed supplies for the Mental Hospital.

(G.171/2)

10. HEAD 32 - MISCELLANEOUS

Subhead 23: Leave Passages, Public Officers.

Amount provided in Estimates	...	\$225,000.00	
Previous additional provision	...	-	
Additional provision now sought	...	50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00

Underestimated.

11. HEAD 32 - MISCELLANEOUS

Subhead 44: Rice Lands Assessment Tribunals.

Amount provided in Estimates	...	\$ 40,000.00	
Previous additional provision	...	-	
Additional provision now sought	...	832.00	\$ 832.00

Brought forward \$ 157,713.00

12. HEAD 38 POST OFFICE

Subhead 8: Cost of Supplying Stamps.

Amount provided in Estimates	...	\$ 24,000.00	
Previous additional provision	...	2,700.00	
Additional provision now sought	...	4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00

Increased cost of Indent for supplies of stamps.  
(G.178<sup>II</sup>)

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13. HEAD 38 - POST OFFICE

Subhead 11: Miscellaneous.

Amount provided in Estimates	...	\$ 15,000.00	
Previous additional provision	...	-	
Additional provision now sought	...	2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00

Electricity charges underestimated and maintenance of  
accounting machines not provided for.  
(G.178<sup>II</sup>)

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14. HEAD 39 - POST OFFICE - TELECOMMUNICATIONS & ELECTRICAL  
INSPECTORS' BRANCH.

Subhead 9: Maintenance and Operation of  
Electrical Plants.

Amount provided in Estimates	...	\$ 65,646.00	
Previous additional provision	...	-	
Additional provision now sought	...	8,354.00	\$ 8,354.00

Underestimated. Increased demands for current have resulted  
in greater fuel consumption. Expenditure has also had to be  
incurred on new switch gear to make the best use of existing  
plant. There have also been heavy maintenance costs in some  
cases.

(G.179)

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15. HEAD 27 - MEDICAL

Subhead 1: Personal Emoluments.

Amount provided in Estimates	...	\$996,816.00	
Previous additional provision	...	2.00	
Additional provision now sought	...	1.00	\$ 1.00

To provide for the regrading from F12: \$7,680 to F8: \$8,640 with  
effect from 1st September, 1959 of 2 of the 4 posts of Medical  
Officers of Health, the holders having qualified by length of  
service in their specialty to be placed on the Senior Specialist  
grade.

(G.1/59<sup>(27)</sup>)

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16. HEAD 18 - FIRE PROTECTION

Subhead 22(New): Repairs to Damaged Water Tender.

Provision sought	...	\$ 7,414.25	\$ 7,414.25
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Cost of repairs to Water Tender damaged in an accident on  
30th March 1959

Brought forward \$ 179,982.25

17. HEAD 32 - MISCELLANEOUS

Subhead 21: Advertisements, Cost of Local

Amount provided in Estimates	...	\$ 10,000.00	
Previous additional provision	...	5,000.00	
Additional provision now sought	...	4,500.00	4,500.00

Further provision necessary to meet cost of local advertisement.

18. HEAD 37 - POLICE

Subhead 37: Special Constabulary

Amount provided in Estimates	....	\$ 12,000.00	
Previous additional provision	...	-	
Additional provision now sought	...	2,500.00	2,500.00

Necessary to meet cost of embodying the Special Constabulary during the period of the strike of Government employees.

19. HEAD 53 - PUBLIC WORKS - NON RECURRENT

Subhead 56 (New): River Defences, Pln. Nismes

Provision sought	...	\$ 14,000.00	14,000.00
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To provide for sheet piling a portion of the river dam, near the koker, at Pln. Nismes, West Bank Demerara.

TOTAL \$ 200,982.25