

R E P O R T
of the
MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
held on
.. 26TH FEBRUARY, 1960.

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Adopted by the Legislative Council
this 16th day of June, 1960.

A. G. M. Downing
Clerk of the Legislature.

THIRD SESSION

1959 - 1960

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 2.25 P.M.

on

FRIDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY, 1960.

PRESENT:

Hon. Financial Secretary, Mr. W.P. D'Andrade, (Ag.) - 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. Ajodha Singh
 Mr. S. Campbell
 Mr. R.C. Tello
 Mr. A.M. Fredericks
 Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard
 Mr. A.G. Tasker, O.B.E.

with Mr. E.V. Viapree, Assistant Clerk of the Legislature, Clerk to the
 Committee,
 and Mr. G.W. Williams, Assistant Secretary (Ag.), Finance Secretariat.

Absent

Hon. Minister of Trade and Industry - Dr. C.B. Jagan - on leave.
 Mr. W.O.R. Kendall - absent.
 Mr. L.F.S. Burnham - on leave.
 Mr. A.L. Jackson - absent.
 Mr. Jai Narine Singh - on leave.
 Mr. E.B. Beharry - absent.
 Mr. F. Bowman - absent
 Mr. R. B. Gajraj - absent.
 Mr. R.E. Davis - absent.

1. Approval of Record of Proceedings.

The Record of Proceedings of the Meetings held on the 4th and the 29th of December, 1959, were approved.

2. Schedule of Additional Provision on the Recurrent Estimates, -
January/February, 1960.

Committee considered and approved of the schedule of additional provision on the Recurrent Estimates, for the months of January and February, 1960, in the sum of \$126,420:-

3. Public Works Non-Recurrent Estimates, 1960.

Committee considered and approved of the works which should be carried out during the current year on HEAD 53 - PUBLIC WORKS NON-RECURRENT, Subhead 1 - Revotes\$300,000.

4. Schedule of Additional Provision on the Development Estimates - January/February, 1960.

Committee considered and approved of the schedule of additional provision on the Development Estimates for the months of January and February, 1960, in the sum of \$340,563:-

5. St. Ignatius Livestock Station - Application for Colonial Development and Welfare Assistance. (Finance Committee memorandum No. 1/1960.)

Members of the Committee were informed that an application (copies of which had been circulated to them) for a further grant of £51,250 (\$246,000) to meet 50% of the estimated expenditure of £102,500 (\$492,000) of continuing work on the Livestock Station, St. Ignatius, for two years commencing 1st April, 1960, had been transmitted to the Secretary of State and that the remaining 50% would be met from local funds.

Committee approved of the action taken.

6. Investigational Surveys for Drainage and Irrigation Projects, Mahaica/Berbice and Canje, - Application for Colonial Development and Welfare Assistance, (Finance Committee Memorandum No. 2/1960).

Members of the Committee were informed that an application (copies of which had been circulated to them) for a grant of £43,612 (\$209,239) to meet 90% of the estimated expenditure of £48,458 (\$232,598:-) on continuing the surveys of Mahaica/Berbice and Canjee areas beyond the 31st March, 1960, had been transmitted to the Secretary of State and that the remaining 10% (£4,846 or \$23,259) of the cost of the surveys would be met from local funds.

Committee approved of the action taken.

7. Agricultural Staff Training - Application for Colonial Development and Welfare Assistance. (Finance Committee Memorandum No. 3/1960).

Members of the Committee were informed that an application (copies of which had been circulated to them) for a grant of £17,232 (\$82,711) to meet 90% of the estimated expenditure of £19,146 (\$91,901) on continuing the training of students from this Colony at the Eastern Caribbean Farm Institute, Trinidad, for two years commencing 1st April, 1960, had been transmitted to the Secretary of State and that 10% (£1,914:- or \$9,190:-) would be met from local funds.

Committee approved of the action taken.

8. Ebini Experiment Station - Application for Colonial Development and Welfare Assistance. (Finance Committee Memorandum No. 4/1960).

Members of the Committee were informed that an application (copies of which had been circulated to them) for a grant of £12,499:- (\$60,000) to meet 30% of the estimated expenditure of £41,666 (\$200,000) of continuing work of the Ebini Livestock Station for two years commencing 1st April, 1960, had been transmitted to the Secretary of State and that 70% (£29,167 or \$140,000) would be met from local funds.

Committee approved of the action taken.

9. Hydrographic and Hydrological Surveys - Application for Colonial Development and Welfare Assistance. (Finance Committee Memorandum No. 5/1960)

Members of the Committee were informed that an application (copies of which had been circulated to them) for a grant of £33,281 (\$159,749) to meet 90% of the estimated expenditure of £36,979 (\$177,499) on hydrographic and hydrological surveys during 1960 had been transmitted to the Secretary of State and that 10% (£3,698 or \$17,750) of the cost of the works would be met from local funds.

Committee approved of the action taken.

There being no further business, the Meeting terminated at 3.10 p.

Confirmed this 27th day of May , 1960.

(Sgd.) W. P. D'ANDRADE

Chairman,
Finance Committee.

(Sgd.) ELWYN V. VIAPREE.

Assistant Clerk of the Legislature,
Clerk to the Committee.