

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE  
EIGHTH PARLIAMENT (2002 – 2006)**

**SIXTH REPORT**

**OF THE**

**STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
TO ADDRESS MATTERS RELATING TO THE  
APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF COMMISSIONS**

**IN RELATION TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

***Committees Division  
Parliament Office  
Public Buildings  
Georgetown.***

***6<sup>th</sup> April, 2006.***

## **SIXTH REPORT**

The Standing Committee, to address matters relating to the appointment of members of commissions established under the Constitution, appointed by the Committee of Selection on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2003, as provided for by and pursuant to article 119C of the Constitution and under the provisions of Standing Order No. 70A, has agreed to the following as its Sixth Report:

### **MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO ADDRESS MATTERS RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF COMMISSIONS AT THE DATE OF THIS REPORT**

#### **Members from the People's Progressive Party/Civic:**

- (1) The Hon. Gail Teixeira, M.P. (Chairperson)
- (2) The Hon. Satyadeow Sawh, M.P.
- (3) The Hon. Clinton Collymore, M.P.
- (4) The Hon. C. Antohony Xavier, M.P.
- (5) The Hon. Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P.

#### **Members from the People's National Congress/Reform:**

- (1) Mr. Ivor Allen, M.P.
- (2) Mrs Amna Ally, M.P.
- (3) Mr. Basil Williams, M.P.
- (4) Mr. James K. McAllister, M.P.

#### **Member from the Guyana Action Party/Working People's Alliance:**

- Mrs. Sheila V.A. Holder, M.P.

## **2. Filling of Vacant Office in the Public Service Commission**

2.1 On 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2005, it was brought to the attention of the Committee that the Acting General Secretary of the Guyana Public Service Union wrote the Head of Committees Division informing him that a vacancy had been created in the office of the Public Service Commission by the resignation of Mr. David Leslie L. Melville who had been appointed in accordance with article 200 (1)(b) of the Constitution.

2.2 The letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2005 also indicated that the General Council of the GPSU had decided that Mr. Patrick Yarde, President of the GPSU, and a former public servant, was nominated to fill the vacant office.

2.3 The Committee in the first instance sought verification through the Secretary of the Public Service Commission of the existence of the vacancy of a member as it was not notified of a vacancy by the Office of the President.

2.4 An undated fax from Mr. Leslie Melville indicating his resignation as a member of the Commission satisfied it that there was indeed a vacancy. The Committee then proceeded to consider the mechanism through which the vacancy should be filled.

2.5 However the Committee agreed to the prescription of article 200 (6) of the Constitution which stipulates that article 200 (1) was applicable to the process of filling a vacancy in the office of a member of the Commission.

2.6 The Committee was unable to proceed further with this issue owing to the parliamentary recess, the delay in the resumption of meetings of the Committee thereafter and the intervention of the annual budgetary debate.



### **3. Allegation of Racial Discrimination**

3.1 While the Committee was exploring the various processes of selection of a person to fill the vacancy, the Ethnic Relations Commission brought to its attention a complaint by Ms. Chandrawattie Persaud of the Guyana Public Service Union against the Committee of employing racial discrimination in its nomination of persons for appointment to the Public Service Commission.

3.2 The Committee considered the Ethnic Relations Committee's letter dated January 24, 2006 and responded fully to its enquiries on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2006.

3.3 The records will show that at the Committee's meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2003, the names of Mr. David Leslie L. Melville, Mr. Earl Alloysius Welch and Dr Kisson were proposed for the nomination of two of these to be appointed as members of the Public Service Commission in accordance with article 200 (1)(b) of the Constitution. Mr. Melville was considered and unanimously nominated before any consideration was given to the other two persons.

3.4 Mr. Melville's nomination and Dr Kisson's, which was finalised on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2003 was presented to and unanimously adopted by the National Assembly on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2003.

3.5 The Committee sees the allegation of racial discrimination by Ms. Chandrawattie Persaud as a misrepresentation of its procedure and wishes to advise the National Assembly to examine the allegation to ascertain whether there has been a breach of privilege.

#### **4. Nomination Process**

4.1 The Committee decided to apply the consultative process used in 2003 in nominating the two members of the Public Service Commission under article 200 (1)(b) of the Constitution.

4.2 Therefore on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2006, the Committee requested the Guyana Public Service Union, the Public Service Senior Staff Association and the Federation of Unions of Government Employees, bodies appearing to it to represent public officers or classes of public officers, to select a person separately or in collaboration with each other, to be considered by this Committee for nomination for appointment by the President to the vacant office in the Public Service Commission.

4.2 The Guyana Public Service union (GPSU) submitted the name of Mr. Patrick Mervin Yarde, President of the Union for consideration, while the Federation of Unions of Government Employees (FUGE) submitted the name of Mr. Earl Aloysius Welch, Government Pensioner and Secretary of FUGE.

4.3 The Public Service Senior Staff Association did not respond to the Committee's request.

4.4 The Committee considered the two names submitted by GPSU and FUGE, and nominated the name of **Mr. Earl Aloysius Welch**.

## **5. REPORT**

5.1 The Committee now reports to the National Assembly that it has consulted the Guyana Public Service Union, the Federation of Unions of Government Employees and the Public Service Senior Staff Association and recommends that Mr. Earl Aloysius Welch be signified as the Assembly's choice to the President for appointment to the vacant office of member in the Public Service Commission.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gail Teixeira', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.

**The Hon. Gail Teixeira, M.P.  
Minister of Home Affairs  
Chairperson**

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

**4<sup>th</sup> April, 2006**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND SESSION  
OF THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT (2002-2006)**

**REPORT OF THE  
SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE**

**OF THE**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON THE  
MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCILS  
(AMENDMENT) BILL 2005**

**BILL NO. 9/2005**

**PRESENTED TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**BY THE**

**CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE**

**ON**

**6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2006**



**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON THE MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT  
COUNCILS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2005 BILL NO. 9/2005**

**Publication of the Bill**

1. The Municipal and District Council (Amendment) Bill 2005 – Bill No. 9/2005 which seeks to amend the Municipal and District Councils Act, Chapter 28:01, was published on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2005.

**Introduction and First Reading**

2. The Bill was introduced in the National Assembly and read for the first time on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2005.

**Debate and Second Reading in the National Assembly**

3. The Bill was debated in the National Assembly and read the second time on 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2005.

**Committal to Select Committee**

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



### **Members of the Special Select Committee**

5. At a meeting held on 24th November, 2005 the Committee of Selection nominated the following Members to comprise the Special Select Committee on the Municipal and District Councils (Amendment) Bill 2005 Bill No. 9/2005:

#### **From the People's Progressive Party/Civic (5)**

- (i) The Hon. Clinton Collymore, M.P.
- (ii) Mr. Cyril Belgrave, M.P.
- (iii) Mr. Heeralall Mohan, M.P.
- (iv) Mrs. Philomena Sahoye-Shury, M.P.
- (v) Mr. Zulfikar Mustapha, M.P

#### **From the People's National Congress/Reform (4)**

- (i) Mr. Ivor Allen, M.P.
- (ii) Mr. Vincent Alexander, M.P.
- (iii) Mr. Basil Williams, M.P.
- (iv) Ms. Sandra Adams, M.P.

6. At the 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Committee of Selection held on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2006 Mrs. Shirley Edwards, M.P. was nominated to replace Mr. Zulfikar Mustapha, M.P. on the Committee.

### **First Meeting of the Committee – Election of Chairperson**

7. The first meeting of the Committee was held on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2006 for the purpose of electing a Chairperson. There was an equality of votes for the Hon. Clinton Collymore and Mr. Vincent Alexander for the office.

8. At its meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2006 the Committee elected the Hon. Clinton Collymore to be its Chairman.

### **Other Meetings of the Committee**

9. The Committee met on six (6) other occasions. At the first of those meetings the Committee agreed as follows:-

- (a) to examine the Bill clause by clause at 2 or 3 meetings of duration of one to one and a half hours with the last meeting being longer;
- (b) with the assistance of the Attorney General's Chambers, the Secretariat was to circulate to the Members copies of the District Councils Act (1969/70) Chapter 28:01 to be examined in conjunction with the amendments to the Bill;
- (c) members of the public were not to be invited;
- (d) the Committee was scheduled to meet on Fridays at 1.00 p.m.;
- (e) decisions to be made by consensus, as far as possible;

**Consideration of the Clauses of the Bill**

10. **Clauses 1 and 2 were agreed to as printed.**

**SCHEDULE:**

The following amendments were made:

**Provisions**

**Committee's Amendments**

**Section 8**

**8A: General Duties of City Councilors**

In the proposed new section 8A the following was substituted for paragraph (b)

*“(b) To contribute to the development and evaluation of policies and programme for the Municipality.”*

**Section 31 (2)**

Deletion of the proposed amendment.

**Section 33B**

Substitution of the words “Town Councils” for the words “Town Councillors” in the first line

**Section 68 (3)**

Deletion of the proposed amendment

**Section 80 (1)(a)**

For the word “twenty-one” substitute the word “eighteen”

**Section 149 (d)**

For the words “two thousand” substitute the words “twenty thousand.”

11. The Committee decided that the *status-quo* of those **sections** under Provisions of the Schedule which were deferred by it were to remain as presented in the Bill. It further decided that those issues should be revisited after the reform process on the Electoral System on Local Government.

**Report of the Special Select Committee**

12. At its meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2006 the Special Select Committee on the Municipal and District Councils (Amendment) Bill 2005 agreed that this Report on its consideration of the Bill be presented to the National Assembly.


13. The Report is accordingly hereby submitted to the National Assembly.

**Minutes**

14. The Minutes of the meetings of the Committee are at Appendix I.

**Verbatim Records**

15. Verbatim Recordings of the Proceedings of meetings of the Committee have been prepared and can be seen at the Parliament Office.

  
**CLINTON C. COLLYMORE, M.P.**  
**MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**  
*Clinton C. Collymore*  
*Minister within the Ministry of Local Government  
and Regional Development*  
*Chairman - Special Select Committee on the  
Municipal and District Council (Amendment) Bill 2005*

**Committee Division  
Parliament Office  
Public Buildings  
Georgetown**

**29<sup>th</sup> March, 2006**



**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE EIGHTH  
PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA (2002 – 2006)**

**MINUTES OF THE  
1<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF THE SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE  
MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCILS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2005  
HELD AT 4.05 P.M  
ON THURSDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2006  
IN THE SPEAKER'S CHAMBER  
PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Chairman**

The Hon. Hari N. Ramkarran, S.C., M.P., Speaker  
(As Presiding Officer for the election of the Chairperson)

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE (9)**

**From the People's Progressive Party/Civic (5)**

**Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 15.12.05**

The Hon. Clinton Collymore, M.P.  
Minister in the Ministry of Local Government & Regional Development

Mrs. Philomena Sahoye-Shury, M.P.

Mr. Zulfikar Mustapha, M.P. - (Absent)

Mr. Cyril Belgrave, M.P.

Mr. Heeralall Mohan, M.P.

**From the People's National Congress/Reform (4)**

**Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 15.12.05**

Mr. Vincent Alexander, M.P.

Mr. Basil Williams, M.P.

Mr. Ivor Allen, M.P.

Ms Sandra Adams, M.P.

**Officers**

Mr. Oscar E. Moore - Clerk of Committee  
Ms. Sherene Warren - Assistant Clerk of Committee.

**ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER**

1.1 The Hon. Speaker in the capacity of Presiding Officer for the election of a Chairperson of the Committee called the meeting to order at 4.05 p.m.

**ITEM 2: ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON OF THE MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCILS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2005 – BILL NO. /2005**

**2.1 Nominations**

2.1.1 The Speaker called for nomination of a Chairperson of the Committee.

2.1.2 Mr. Cyril Belgrave proposed and Mrs. Philomena Sahoye-Shurry seconded the nomination of the Hon. Clinton Collymore.

2.1.3 Thereafter Mr. Basil Williams proposed and Mr. Ivor Allen seconded the nomination of Mr. Vincent Alexander.

2.1.4 The Presiding Officer informed the Committee that since there were two nominations, he would have to put the issue to a vote.

2.1.5 He further stated that in his capacity as Presiding Officer he was not qualified to vote.

2.1.6 A division was then called:-

Those in favour of the Hon. Clinton Collymore were:

The Hon. Clinton Collymore

Mrs. Philomena Sahoye-Shurry

Mr. Cyril Belgrave

Mr. Heeralall Mohan

<b>Total</b>	<u>4</u>
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Those in favour of Mr. Vincent Alexander were:

Mr. Vincent Alexander	
Mr. Basil Williams	
Mr. Ivor Alen	
Ms. Sandra Adams	_____
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>

- 2.1.7 There being a tie in the votes, the Presiding Officer suggested that the two nominees might wish to consider working on a Chair and Deputy Chair alternative. This was not agreed to by the nominees.
- 2.1.8 Thereafter the Presiding Officer for the nomination of Chairperson, declared the election "null and void" and informed Members that a another date would need to be fixed for the holding of new elections.

**ITEM 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**3.1 Next Scheduled Meeting**

- 3.1.1 It was agreed that the Hon. Speaker would communicate with the Clerk of the National Assembly with regard to the notification of Members as to the date of the next election.

**Adjournment**

At 4.07 p.m the meeting was adjourned *sine die*.

Confirmed this <sup>4<sup>th</sup></sup> 17... day of <sup>February</sup> ~~January~~, 2006

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Chairman.

**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE EIGHTH  
PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA (2002 – 2006)**

**MINUTES OF THE  
2<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE  
MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCILS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2005  
HELD AT 4.35 P.M  
ON TUESDAY, 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY, 2006  
IN THE SPEAKER'S CHAMBER  
PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Chairman**

The Hon. Hari N. Ramkarran, S.C., M.P., Speaker  
(As Presiding Officer for the election of the Chairperson)

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE (9)**

**From the People's Progressive Party/Civic (5)  
Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 15.12.05**

The Hon. Clinton Collymore, M.P.  
Minister in the Ministry of Local Government & Regional Development

Mrs. Philomena Sahoye-Shury, M.P.

Mr. Zulfikar Mustapha, M.P.

Mr. Cyril Belgrave, M.P. - (Absent)

Mr. Heeralall Mohan, M.P.

**From the People's National Congress/Reform (4)  
Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 15.12.05**

Mr. Vincent Alexander, M.P. - (Absent)

Mr. Basil Williams, M.P. - (Absent)

Mr. Ivor Allen, M.P.

Ms Sandra Adams, M.P. - (Absent)



**Officers**

Mr. Oscar E. Moore - Clerk of Committee  
Ms. Sherene Warren - Assistant Clerk of Committee.

**ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER**

1.1 The Hon. Speaker in the capacity of Presiding Officer for the election of a Chairperson of the Committee called the meeting to order at 4.35 p.m.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2006**

1.2 The confirmation of Minutes was deferred to the next meeting

**ITEM 2: ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON OF THE MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCILS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2005 – BILL NO. /2005**

**2.1 Nominations**

2.1.1 The Speaker called for nomination of a Chairperson of the Committee.

2.1.2 Mrs. Philomena Sahoye-Shurry proposed and Mr. Zulfikar Mustapha seconded the nomination of the Hon. Clinton Collymore.

There was no other nomination.

2.1.3 As a consequence the Presiding Officer declared the Hon. Clinton Collymore the duly elected Chairman of the Committee.

The Hon. Clinton Collymore expressed gratitude to the Members for his election

**ITEM 3 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business

**Adjournment**

At 4.45 p.m. the meeting was adjourned *sine die*.

Confirmed this <sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2006

.....*B. Ballmann*.....  
Chairman.

**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE EIGHTH  
PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA (2002 – 2006)**

**MINUTES OF THE  
3<sup>RD</sup> MEETING OF THE SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE  
MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCILS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2005  
HELD AT 2.40 P.M  
ON FRIDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2006  
IN THE PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN**

**ATTENDANCE**

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE (9)**

**Chairman(1)**

**From the People's Progressive Party/Civic**

**Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2005**

**Elected by the Committee on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2006**

The Hon. Clinton Collymore, M.P

Minister in the Ministry of Local Government & Regional Development

**From the People's Progressive Party/Civic (4)**

**Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2005**

Mr. Cyril Belgrave, M.P

Mr. Heeralall Mohan, M.P - (Absent)

Mrs. Philomena Sahoye-Shury, M.P - (Absent)

Mr. Zulfikar Mustapha, M.P. - (Absent)

**From the People's National Congress/Reform (4)**

**Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2005**

Mr. Ivor Allen, M.P

Mr. Vincent Alexander, M.P.

Mr. Basil Williams, M.P. - (Absent)

Ms Sandra Adams, M.P.

## **Officers**

- Ms. Debra Cadogan - Assistant Head of Committees Division
- Mr. Oscar E. Moore - Clerk of Committee
- Ms. Deborah Gray - Assistant Clerk of Committee.

## **Legal Advisor**

- Mr. Fung-A-Fat - Deputy – Chief Parliamentary Counsel

### **ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER**

- 1.1 The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2.20 p.m. He explained that the PPP/C Members had intimated to him that they were likely to be late, because of other previous assignments. He also welcomed those present to the 1<sup>st</sup> working meeting of the Committee.

### **ITEM 2: CIRCULATION OF DOCUMENTS**

- 2.1 The following documents were circulated prior to the meeting:
  - Notice dated 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2006 to attend meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> February;
  - Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings held on 19<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2006.
- 2.2 The following document was circulated at the meeting:
  - Explanatory Memorandum re Municipal and District Councils(amendment) Bill 2005

### **ITEM 3: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> MEETINGS HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> AND 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY, 2006 RESPECTIVELY**

- 3.1 The Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting were confirmed, without correction, on a motion moved and seconded by Mr. Alexander and Ms. Adams, respectively.
- 3.2 The Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting were confirmed, without correction, on a motion moved and seconded by Mr. Allen and Ms. Adams, respectively.



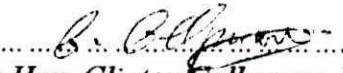
**ITEM 4: CONSIDERATION OF A WORK PROGRAMME,  
METHODOLOGY AND PROCEDURE TO BE APPLIED**

- 4.1 The Chairman mentioned that he had no experience in chairing a Special Select Committee and therefore would be seeking guidance during the consideration of the Bill.
- 4.2 He, therefore, asked the Committee for suggestions with regard to an appropriate methodology to be applied.
- 4.3 After discussion among Members, the following decisions were made:
- The Committee would examine the bill over a period of 2 to 3 meetings of duration of one to one and a half hours. The last meeting could be longer;
  - With the assistance of the Attorney General's Office, the Secretariat would circulate to Members, copies of the District Councils Act(1969/70) Chapter 28:01 to be examined in conjunction with the amendments in the Bill at the next meeting;
  - Members of the Public would not be invited;
  - The Committee would meet on Fridays at 1.00 p.m;
  - Decisions would be by consensus as far as possible.
- 4.4 Members agreed that they would be unable to do any substantive work at that meeting without the District Councils Act, and it was agreed that detailed discussions would begin at the next scheduled meeting.

**Adjournment**

At 2.55 p.m the meeting was adjourned to 1.00 p.m on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2006.

*Confirmed this 24. day of February*

  
The Hon. Clinton Collymore, M.P  
Chairman

**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE EIGHTH  
PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA (2002 – 2006)**

**MINUTES OF THE  
4<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE  
MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCILS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2005  
HELD AT 1.10 P.M  
ON FRIDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2006  
IN THE PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN**

**ATTENDANCE**

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE (9)**

**Chairman(1)**

**From the People's Progressive Party/Civic**

**Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2005**

**Elected by the Committee on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2006**

The Hon. Clinton Collymore, M.P

Minister in the Ministry of Local Government & Regional Development

**From the People's Progressive Party/Civic (4)**

**Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2005**

Mr. Cyril Belgrave, M.P

Mr. Heeralall Mohan, M.P - Excused

Mrs. Philomena Sahoye-Shury, M.P

Mr. Zulfikar Mustapha, M.P. - Absent

**From the People's National Congress/Reform (4)**

**Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2005**

Mr. Ivor Allen, M.P

Mr. Vincent Alexander, M.P. - Excused

Mr. Basil Williams, M.P.

Ms Sandra Adams, M.P.

## Officers

Ms. Debra Cadogan - Assistant Head of Committees Division  
Mr. Oscar E. Moore - Clerk of Committee  
Ms. Deborah Gray - Assistant Clerk of Committee.

## Legal Advisor

Mr. Charles Fung-A-Fat - Deputy Chief Parliamentary Counsel

### **ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER**

- 1.1 The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1.10 p.m and welcomed the Members. Special welcome was extended to Mr. Williams who was attending the Committee for the first time.

### **ITEM 2: ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 2.1 The Chairman announced that Mr. Alexander had asked to be excused from the meeting.

### **ITEM 3: CIRCULATION OF DOCUMENTS**

- 3.1 The following documents were circulated prior to the meeting:
- Notice dated 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2006 to attend 4<sup>th</sup> meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2006;
  - Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2006.

### **ITEM 4: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2006**

#### **4.1 Page 2, paragraph 3.2**

- 4.1.1 The Minutes were corrected to reflect that the Motion confirming the Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting was seconded by Mr. Alexander and not Mrs. Adams.

- 4.1.2 Thereafter, the Minutes of the <sup>3<sup>rd</sup></sup>2<sup>nd</sup> meeting were confirmed on a motion moved and seconded by Ms. Adams and Mr. Allen respectively.



**ITEM 5: MATTERS ARISING**

**5.1 Page 3, paragraph 4.3**

- 5.1.1 The Chairman informed the Committee that his office had circulated copies of the Municipal and District Councils Act (1969/70) to three Members and promised to secure another copy for Ms. Adams.

**5.2 Page 3, paragraph 4.4**

- 5.2.1 The Chairman referred to the Explanatory Memorandum which was circulated to Members at the previous meeting for the purpose of facilitating their preparation.

**ITEM 6: COMMENCEMENT OF CONSIDERATION OF THE CLAUSES OF THE MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCILS AMENDMENT BILL, 2005(BILL NO. 9 OF 2005) IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RELEVANT CLAUSES IN THE PRINCIPAL ACT, CHAPTER 28:01**

**6.1 Approach:**

- 6.1.1 The Committee agreed to examine the Bill in conjunction with the Principal Act and the explanatory Memorandum.

**6.2 Section 2: Objects of a Municipality**

- 6.2.1 **General Amendments:** The amendment *was accepted as presented.*

(ii) The Committee *agreed to defer the amendments to the definition in paragraphs (c) and (d).*

(iii) The Committee *accepted the amendment to the definition of "Commission" as presented.*

- 6.2.2 Section 2A *was accepted as presented.*

**6.3 Section 8: General Duties of City Councillors**

- 6.3.1 The Committee agreed to *defer subsection(2) for further consideration.*

6.3.2 Section 8A, *paragraph (a) was accepted as presented.*

- 6.3.3 The Committee agreed to substitute the following for paragraph (b):



“To contribute to the development and evaluation of policies and programmes for the municipality”.

Thereafter, *paragraph (b) was accepted as amended.*

6.3.4 Paragraph (c) was *accepted as presented.*

6.3.5 Paragraph (d) was *accepted as presented.*

6.3.6 Paragraph (e) was *accepted as presented.*

6.3.7 Paragraph (f) was *accepted as presented.*

6.3.8 Paragraph (g) was *accepted as presented.*

6.3.9 Paragraph (h) was *accepted as presented.*

**6.4 Section 23(3)**

6.4.1 The Chairman indicated that he would seek the necessary advice with regard to this Section, before the next meeting.

6.4.2 The Committee, therefore, agreed *to defer the amendment for further consideration.*

**6.5 Section 29: General duties of Town Councillors**

6.5.1 Subsection (2) was *accepted as presented.*

6.5.2 Section 29(A) was *accepted as presented.*

**6.6 Section 33(B): General duties of Town Councils established under section 33**

6.6.1 The Committee agreed *to defer the amendment for further consideration.*

**6.7 Section 31(2)**

6.7.1 The Committee *agreed to delete the amendment.*

**6.8 Section 33A(2)**

6.8.1 Section 33A(2) was *accepted as presented.*

**6.9 Section 36**

6.9.1 The Committee agreed *to defer the amendment for further consideration*

**6.10 Section 38(3)**

6.10.1 The Chairman informed Members that he needed to seek advice with regard to the proposed amendment.

6.10.2 The Committee thereafter, *agreed to defer the amendment for further consideration.*

**6.11 Section 68(3)**

6.11.1 The Committee *agreed that the amendment should be deleted.*

**6.12 Section 79: Instructions by the Minister**

6.12.1 Mr. Williams expressed the PNC/R's disagreement with the amendment, which he considered to be dictatorial and autocratic. The Chairman, however, stated that the Joint Task Force had examined the issue and the Government was not inclined to change its position.

6.12.2 The Committee *deferred the amendment for further consideration.*

**6.13 Section 80(1)(a)**

6.13.1 The Committee *agreed that the words "eighteen" and "twenty-one" should be transposed.*

6.13.2 Thereafter, *Section 80(1)(a) was accepted as amended.*

**6.14 Section 81(2)**

6.14.1 Section 81(2) *was accepted as presented.*

**6.15 Section 84: Power of Minister to resolve difficulty**

6.15.1 The Committee *deferred Section 84 for clarification.*

**6.16 Section 87(1) and (2)**

6.16.1 Section 87(1) and (2) *was accepted as presented.*

**6.17 Section 95: Constitution**

6.17.1 The Committee *deferred Section 95 to the next meeting.*

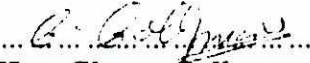
6.18 The Committee *agreed to defer the following Sections for consideration at the next meeting:*

*Sections 96,98,105,107, 108, 109, 112, 115(1), 116(1) and 117(1), and 120(2).*

**Adjournment**

At 3.55 p.m the meeting was adjourned to 1.00 p.m on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2006.

*Confirmed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2006*

  
*The Hon. Clinton Collymore, M.P*  
*Minister of Local Government and Regional Development*  
*Chairman*

**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE EIGHTH  
PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA (2002 – 2006)**

**MINUTES OF THE  
5<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE  
MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCILS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2005  
HELD AT 1.05 P.M  
ON FRIDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH, 2006  
IN THE PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN**

**ATTENDANCE**

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE (9)**

**Chairman(1)**

**From the People's Progressive Party/Civic**

**Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2005**

**Elected by the Committee on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2006**

The Hon. Clinton Collymore, M.P

Minister in the Ministry of Local Government & Regional Development

**From the People's Progressive Party/Civic (4)**

**Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2005**

Mr. Cyril Belgrave, M.P

Mr. Heeralall Mohan, M.P

Mrs. Philomena Sahoye-Shury, M.P

Mr. Zulfikar Mustapha, M.P.

- Absent

**From the People's National Congress/Reform (4)**

**Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2005**

Mr. Ivor Allen, M.P

Mr. Vincent Alexander, M.P.

- Excused

Mr. Basil Williams, M.P.

Ms Sandra Adams, M.P.



**Officers**

Ms. Debra Cadogan - Assistant Head of Committees Division

**Legal Advisor**

Mr. Charles Fung-A-Fat - Deputy Chief Parliamentary Counsel

**ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER**

1.1 The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1.05 p.m.

**ITEM 2: ANNOUNCEMENTS**

2.1 **Welcome**

2.1.1 Special welcome was extended to Mr. Mohan who was attending the Meeting for the first time owing of late notification and unavailability of the relevant documentation for meetings.

2.2 **Excuses**

2.2.1 The Chairman announced that Mr. Alexander had asked to be excused from the meeting.

**ITEM 3: CIRCULATION OF DOCUMENTS**

3.1 The following documents were circulated prior to the meeting:

- (i) Notice dated 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2006 to attend 5<sup>th</sup> meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2006;
- (ii) Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2006.

3.2 The following documents were circulated at the meeting:

- (i) Copy of the Official Gazette dated 25<sup>th</sup> May, 1990 – Legal Supplement B;
- (ii) Municipal and District Councils (Amendment) Act 1997 Act No. 27 of 1997;
- (iii) The Laws of Guyana Revised Edition Chapter 28:01 Municipal and District Councils.

**ITEM 4: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2006**

- 4.1 The Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2006 were confirmed, without correction, on a motion moved and seconded by Mr. Williams and Mr. Allen, respectively.

**ITEM 5: MATTERS ARISING**

5.1 **General Comments**

- 5.1.1 The Chairman informed the Committee that he had circulated three documents, one of which included previous amendments to the Principal Act, Chapter 28:01. The other documents were proposals made to the Urban Development Programme.

- 5.1.2 He said that although the documents were not approved he had distributed them since he felt that they would be helpful to the work of the Committee.

- 5.2 The Chairman informed the Committee that he was unable to seek advice as indicated at paragraphs 6.4, 6.10, 6.15 and 6.17 in the Minutes. He undertook to provide the Committee with the relevant information at its next meeting.

5.3 **Page 6, paragraph 6.18: Deferred Clauses**

- 5.3.1 The Committee continued to defer consideration of Sections 96, 98, 105, 107, 108, 109, 112, 115(1), 116(1), 117(1) and 120(2).

**ITEM 6: COMMENCEMENT OF CONSIDERATION OF THE CLAUSES OF THE MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCILS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2005(BILL NO. 9 OF 2005) IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RELEVANT CLAUSES IN THE PRINCIPAL ACT, CHAPTER 28:01**

- 6.1 **Section 149 (d):** The following amendment was made:

*“For the words “two thousand” substitute the words “twenty thousand”.*

- 6.1.1 Thereafter, *Section 149 (d) was accepted as amended.*

- 6.2           **Sections 155 and 156:**
- 6.2.1        The Committee agreed to *defer Sections 155 and 156 for further consideration.*
- 6.2.2        It noted the comments of the members of the main opposition party that they would prefer to accept the deletion of those Sections as it would provide autonomy to the Councils.
- 6.3           **Section 170:**
- 6.3.1        Section 170 *was accepted as presented.*
- 6.4           **Section 204 (2):**
- 6.4.1        Section 204 (2) *was accepted as presented.*
- 6.5           **Section 209 (3):**
- 6.5.1        Section 209 (3) *was accepted as presented.*
- 6.6           **Section 255 (1)(a):**
- 6.6.1        Section 255 (1)(a) *was accepted as presented.*
- 6.6.2        The Committee decided that lands acquired for a specific purpose could not be applied for any other purpose.
- 6.6.3        The Committee agreed that in light of the above comments, *section 236 would have to be amended.*
- 6.7           **Section 275 (3):**
- 6.7.1        Section 275 (3) *was accepted as presented.*
- 6.8           **Section 285 (d):**
- 6.8.1        Section 285 (d) *was accepted as presented.*
- 6.9           **Section 300 (4):**
- 6.9.1        Section 300 (4) *was accepted as presented.*

- 6.10           **Section 304:**
- 6.10.1         Subsection (4) *was accepted as presented.*
- 6.10.2         Subsection (8) *was accepted as presented.*
- 6.10.3         Section 304A *was accepted as presented.*
- 6.11           **Third Schedule:**
- 6.11.1         The Third Schedule *was accepted as presented.*
- 6.12           **Seventh Schedule:**
- 6.12.1         The Seventh Schedule *was accepted as presented.*
- 6.13           **Eight Schedule:**
- 6.13.1         The Eight Schedule *was accepted as presented.*
- 6.14           **Appendix:**
- 6.14.1         The Appendix *was accepted as presented.*

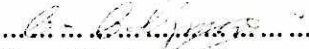
**ITEM 7:           ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 7.1            **Request to be Excused from the Next Meeting**
- 7.1.1         Ms Adams informed the Committee that she would be otherwise engaged on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> March and as such would like to be excused from the meeting.

**Adjournment**

At 2.15 p.m the meeting was adjourned to 1.00 p.m. on Friday, 10th March, 2006.

*Confirmed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2006*

  
*The Hon. Clinton Collymore, M.P*  
*Minister of Local Government and Regional Development*  
*Chairman*



**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE EIGHTH  
PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA (2002 – 2006)**

**MINUTES OF THE  
6<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE  
MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCILS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2005  
HELD AT 1.15 P.M  
ON FRIDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2006  
IN THE PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN**

**ATTENDANCE**

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE (9)**

**Chairman(1)**

**From the People's Progressive Party/Civic**

**Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2005**

**Elected by the Committee on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2006**

The Hon. Clinton Collymore, M.P

Minister in the Ministry of Local Government & Regional Development

**From the People's Progressive Party/Civic (4)**

**Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2005**

Mr. Cyril Belgrave, M.P

Mr. Heeralall Mohan, M.P

Mrs. Philomena Sahoye-Shury, M.P - Excused

Mr. Zulfikar Mustapha, M.P. - Absent

**From the People's National Congress/Reform (4)**

**Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2005**

Mr. Ivor Allen, M.P - Excused

Mr. Vincent Alexander, M.P.

Mr. Basil Williams, M.P.

Ms Sandra Adams, M.P. - Excused

**Officers**

Mr. Oscar Moore - Clerk of Committee  
Ms. Deborah Gray - Assistant Clerk of Committee

**ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER**

1.1 The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1.15 p.m.

**ITEM 2: ANNOUNCEMENTS**

2.1 **Excuses**

2.1.2 The Chairman announced that the following persons had asked to be excused from the meeting:

- Mrs. Sandra Adams, M.P
- Mr. Ivor Allen, M.P
- Ms. Philomena Sahoye-Shury

**ITEM 3: CIRCULATION OF DOCUMENTS**

3.1 The following documents were circulated prior to the meeting:

- (i) Notice dated 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2006 to attend 6<sup>th</sup> meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2006;
- (ii) Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2006.

**ITEM 4: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH, 2006**

4.1 The Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting were confirmed on a motion moved and seconded by Mr. Williams and Mr. Belgrave respectively.

**ITEM 5: MATTERS ARISING**

**5.1 Page 3, paragraph 5.2**

5.1.1 The Chairman informed the Committee that he had been unable to secure the information as promised. He, however, stated that he would present a proposal in that regard before the end of the meeting.

**5.2 Page 4, paragraph 6.2.1 – Sections 155 and 156**

5.2.1 The Chairman indicated that for administrative purposes Sections 155 and 156 could not be deleted.

5.2.2 Mr. Williams, however, requested that the reservation of the main Opposition on such a decision be noted.

He stated that it was inconsistent with the proposal for autonomy to be given to the council. He further proposed a re-formulation of the Sections which would allow for consultation and requested that the *status-quo* remains pending the reform process.

5.2.3 The Chairman agreed, stating that there were no proposed fundamental changes to the Act.

**ITEM 6: CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED CLAUSES**

**6.1 Section 79: Instructions by the Minister**

6.1.1 The Chairman announced that the Section would remain unchanged.

6.1.2 In response, Mr. Williams suggested that there was need for a comprehensive approach toward any amendment.

6.1.3 The Committee, thereafter, concluded its examination of the Municipal and District Councils (amendment) Bill.

**6.2 Decisions**

6.2.1 The Committee agreed that the Clerk of the Committee would proceed with the preparation of a draft Report after which, it (the Committee) would meet to discuss same.

**Adjournment:**

At 1.45 p.m. the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

Confirmed this <sup>14</sup> day of ..... 2006

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The Hon. Clinton Collymore, M.P  
Chairman



**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE EIGHTH  
PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA (2002 – 2006)**

**MINUTES OF THE  
7<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE  
MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCILS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2005  
HELD AT 1.15 P.M  
ON FRIDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2006  
IN THE PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN**

**ATTENDANCE**

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE (9)**

**Chairman(1)**

**From the People's Progressive Party/Civic**

**Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2005**

**Elected by the Committee on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2006**

The Hon. Clinton Collymore, M.P

Minister in the Ministry of Local Government & Regional Development

**From the People's Progressive Party/Civic (4)**

**Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2005**

Mr. Cyril Belgrave, M.P - Excused

Mr. Heeralall Mohan, M.P - Excused

Mrs. Philomena Sahoye-Shury, M.P - Excused

Mrs. Shirley Edwards, M.P

**From the People's National Congress/Reform (4)**

**Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2005**

Mr. Ivor Allen, M.P

Mr. Vincent Alexander, M.P. - Excused

Mr. Basil Williams, M.P. - Excused

Ms Sandra Adams, M.P.

## **Officers**

Ms. Debra Cadogan - Assistant Head of Committees Division  
Ms. Deborah Gray - Assistant Clerk of Committee

### **ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER**

1.1 The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1.15 p.m.

### **ITEM 2: ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **2.1 Excuses:**

2.1.1 The Chairman announced that the following persons had asked to be excused from the meeting

- Mr. Cyril Belgrave, M.P.
- Mr. Heeralall Mohan, M.P.
- Ms. Philomena Sahoye-Shury, M.P.
- Mr. Vincent Alexander, M.P.
- Mr. Basil Williams, M.P.

#### **2.2 Replacement:**

2.2.1 The Chairman welcomed Mrs. Shirley Edwards, whom he announced had replaced Mr. Zulfikar Mustapha on the Committee.

### **ITEM 3: CIRCULATION OF DOCUMENTS**

3.1 The following documents were circulated prior to the meeting:

- (i) Notice dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2006 to attend 7<sup>th</sup> meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2006;
- (ii) Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2006;
- (iii) Copy of Committee's Draft Report.

**ITEM 4: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2006**

**4.1 Non-confirmation of Minutes:**

- 4.1.1 The Members present at the meeting pointed out that none of the Members who was present at the previous meeting, was in attendance and, therefore, the Committee *could not follow the required procedure in confirming the Minutes.*
- 4.1.2 The Committee also noted the absence of key Members who it was felt could play a pivotal role in the discussion of its Draft Report. In view of this the Chairman sought suggestions with regard to a new meeting date.
- 4.1.3 The Committees Division was therefore requested to arrange a suitable date within the new week and so inform the Chairman. This was agreed to.

**Adjournment**

At 1.30 p.m the meeting was adjourned *sine die.*

*Confirmed this.....day of March, 2006*

  
*The Hon. Clinton Gollymore, M.P*  
*Minister in the Ministry of Local Government*  
*Chairman*

**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE EIGHTH  
PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA (2002 – 2006)**

**MINUTES OF THE  
8<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE  
MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCILS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2005  
HELD AT 11.00 P.M  
ON WEDNESDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2006  
IN THE PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN**

**ATTENDANCE**

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE (9)**

**Chairman(1)**

**From the People's Progressive Party/Civic**

**Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2005**

**Elected by the Committee on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2006**

The Hon. Clinton Collymore, M.P

Minister in the Ministry of Local Government & Regional Development

**From the People's Progressive Party/Civic (4)**

**Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2005**

Mr. Cyril Belgrave, M.P

Mr. Heeralall Mohan, M.P - Excused

Mrs. Philomena Sahoye-Shury, M.P

Mrs. Shirley Edwards, M.P

**From the People's National Congress/Reform (4)**

**Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2005**

Mr. Ivor Allen, M.P - Excused

Mr. Vincent Alexander, M.P.

Mr. Basil Williams, M.P. - Excused

Ms Sandra Adams, M.P.



## **Officers**

- Ms. Debra Cadogan - Assistant Head of Committees Division  
Ms. Deborah Gray - Assistant Clerk of Committee

### **ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER**

- 1.1 The Chairman called the meeting to order at 11.00 a.m.

### **ITEM 2: ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **2.1 Excuses:**

- 2.1.1 The Chairman announced that the following persons had asked to be excused from the meeting:

- Mr. Basil Williams, M.P.
- Mr. Heeralall Mohan, M.P.
- Mr. Ivor Allen, M.P.

### **ITEM 3: CIRCULATION OF DOCUMENTS**

- 3.1 The following documents were circulated prior to the meeting:

- (i) Notice dated 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2006 to attend 8<sup>th</sup> meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2006;
- (ii) Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2006;
- (iii) Copy of Committee's Draft Report.

### **ITEM 4: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> AND 7<sup>TH</sup> MEETINGS HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> AND 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2006**

#### **4.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting:**

- 4.1.1 The Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting were adopted without correction on a motion moved by Mr. Belgrave and seconded by Mrs. Sahoye- Shury.

**4.2 Confirmation of Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting:**

4.2.1 The Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting were adopted without correction on a motion moved by Mrs. Edwards and seconded by Mrs. Adams.

**ITEM 5: Discussion of Committee's Draft Report**

**5.1 Paragraphs 1 to 8**

5.1.1 The Committee accepted paragraphs 1 to 8.

**5.2 Paragraph 9**

5.2.1 The following amendment was made:

*"Substitution of "six(6)" for "five(5)" before the word "other" in line 1.*

**5.3 Paragraph 10: Schedule**

5.3.1 Section 8 was *accepted as presented.*

Section 31(2) was *accepted as presented.*

5.3.2 Insertion of the following:

Section 33B - *Substitution of "Town Councils" for "Town Councillors".*

5.3.3 Section 68(3) was *accepted as presented.*

5.3.4 The following amendment was made:

*Substitution of "Section 80(1)(a)" for "Section 30(1)(a)".*

5.3.5 Section 149(d) was *accepted as presented.*

5.3.6 The following amendment was made:

*"Deletion of Section 236(to be amended)"*

Paragraph 10 was *then accepted as amended.*

**5.4 Paragraph 11**

- 5.4.1 Insertion of the “29<sup>th</sup>” before “March, 2006 in line 1.
- 5.4.2 In response to a query by Mr. Alexander, the Chairman advised that Sections 79 and 95, in addition to others, were deferred and the Committee had agreed that the *status-quo* of those sections would remain as presented in the Bill under Provisions of the Schedule.
- 5.4.3 The Chairman also stated that those issues would be re-visited after the reform process on the Electoral System on Local Government.
- 5.4.4 The Committee then agreed that the Report would reflect the comments made by the Chairman, accordingly.

**Conclusion**

At 11.55 a.m the meeting concluded.

*(Unconfirmed)*