

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND SESSION

OF THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

(2002-2004)

REPORT

OF THE

SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE

On The

AUDIT BILL 2004

(Bill No. 5 of 2004)

13TH APRIL, 2004

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON THE AUDIT BILL 2004.

Publication of Bill

The Audit Bill 2004, which was published on Thursday, 11th March 2004, sets out the responsibilities and authority of the Auditor General, strengthens Parliamentary oversight over the work of the Auditor General, provides for the establishment and administration of an independent Audit Office and regulates such other matters connected with or incidental to the independent auditing of the finances of Guyana.

Introduction and First Reading in the National Assembly

2. The Bill was introduced in the National Assembly and read the first time on Monday, 15th March, 2004.

Debate and Second Reading in the National Assembly

3. The Bill was debated in the National Assembly and was read the second time on 19th March, 2004.

Committal to Select Committee

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

Members of the Select Committee

5. At a meeting held on 25th March, 2004 the Committee of Selection nominated the following Members of the National Assembly to comprise the Special Select Committee to consider the Audit Bill 2004.

Members from the People's Progressive Party/Civic (5)

The Hon. Saisnarine Kowlessar, M.P.,

The Hon. Leslie Ramsammy, M.P.,

The Hon. Manzoor Nadir, M.P.,

Mrs. Indranie Chandarpal, M.P.,

Mr. Cyril Belgrave, C.C.H., M.P.

Members from the Opposition

The Opposition did not propose any nomination to this Committee.

First Meeting of the Committee – Election of Chairman

6. At its first meeting held on 31st March, 2004 the Select Committee elected the Hon. Saisnarine Kowlessar, M.P., Minister of Finance, to be Chairman of the Committee.

Consideration of Bill by the Committee

7. The Committee met on 2nd April, 2004 and considered the Bill clause by clause.

8. **Clauses 1 to 16** were agreed to as printed.

9. **Clause 17**

The following amendment was made to subsection (2) of the clause:-

For the words “emoluments at” substitute the words “emoluments on the date immediately preceding”.

10. **Clauses 18 to 38** were agreed to as printed.

11. **Clause 39**

The following amendment was made to the clause:-

For the words “four hundred thousand” substitute the words “one million”.

Report of the Select Committee

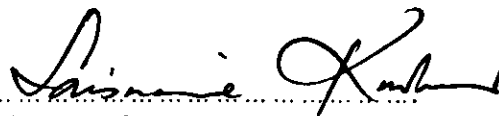
12. At its meeting on 13th April, 2004 the Special Select Committee on the Audit Bill agreed that this Report on the Bill should be presented to the National Assembly.

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

Minutes and Verbatim Records

14. The Minutes and Verbatim Records of the proceedings of the meetings of the Committee have been prepared and can be seen at the Parliament Office.

Confirmed this 13th day of April, 2004



*The Hon. Saisnarine Kowlessar, M.P.,
Chairman*

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13th April, 2004.