

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE 51<sup>ST</sup> SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION**  
**(2006-2008) OF THE NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD**  
**AT 2.00 P.M.**  
**ON THURSDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2008**  
**IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, BRICKDAM**

**MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (71)**

**Speaker (1)**

The Hon. Hari N. Ramkarran, S.C., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly

**MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT (42)**

**(i) People's Progressive Party/Civic (41)**

**(ii) The United Force (1)**

The Hon. Samuel A.A. Hinds, M.P., (Region No. 10 – Upper Demerara/Upper Berbice), Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works and Communications

The Hon. Clement J. Rohee, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs

The Hon. Shaik K.Z Baksh, M.P., Minister of Education

The Hon. Dr. Henry B. Jeffrey, M.P., Minister of Foreign Trade and International Co-operation

The Hon. Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P., (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne) Minister of Health

The Hon. Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett, M.P., (Region No. 9 – Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo), Minister of Amerindian Affairs

\*The Hon. Dr. Ashni K. Singh, M.P., Minister of Finance

\*The Hon S. Rudolph Insanally, O.R., C.C.H., M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs (Absent – on leave)

The Hon. Harry Narine Nawbatt, M.P., Minister of Housing and Water

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**\*Non-elected Minister**

The Hon. Robert M. Persaud, M.P., (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne),  
Minister of Agriculture

The Hon. Dr. Jennifer R.A. Westford, M.P., (Region No. 7 – Cuyuni/Mazaruni),  
Minister of Public Service

The Hon. Kellawan Lall, M.P., Minister of Local Government and Regional  
Development

\*The Hon. Doodnauth Singh, S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of  
Legal Affairs

The Hon. Dr. Frank C.S. Anthony, M.P., Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport

The Hon. B. H. Robeson Benn, M.P., Minister of Transport and Hydraulics

\*\*The Hon. Manzoor Nadir, M.P., Minister of Labour

The Hon. Priya D. Manickchand, M.P., (Region No. 5 – Mahaica/Berbice)  
Minister of Human Services and Social Security (Absent – on leave)

The Hon. Dr. Desrey Fox, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Education (Absent – on leave)

The Hon. Dr. Bheri S. Ramsaran, M.D., M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Health

The Hon. Jennifer I. Webster, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Finance

The Hon. Manniram Prashad, M.P., Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce

Mr. Donald R. Ramotar, M.P.

Ms Gail Teixeira, M.P.

Mr. Harripersaud Nokta, M.P.

Mrs. Indranie Chandarpal, M.P., Chief Whip (Absent – on leave)

Ms Bibi S. Shadick, M.P., (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Island/West Demerara)

Mr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, M.P.

Mr. Albert A. Atkinson, J.P., M.P., (Region No. 8 – Potaro/Siparuni) (Absent)

**\*Non-Elected Minister**

**\*\*Elected Member from the United Force**

Mr. Komal Chand, C.C.H., J.P., M.P., (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Island/West Demerara)

Mr. Bernard C. DeSantos, S.C., M.P., (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mrs. Shirley V. Edwards, J.P., M.P., (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. Mohamed F. Khan, J.P., M.P., (Region No. 2 – Pomeroon/Supernaam)

Mr. Odinga N. Lumumba, M.P. (Absent – on leave)

Mr. Moses V. Nagamootoo, J.P., M.P.

Mr. Mohabir A. Nandlall, M.P.

Mr. Neendkumar, J.P., M.P., (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

\*\*\*Mr. Steve P. Ninvalle, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport

Mr. Parmanand P. Persaud, J.P., M.P., (Region No. 2 – Pomeroon/Supernaam)

Mrs. Philomena Sahoye-Shury, C.C.H., J.P., M.P., Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Housing and Water

\*\*\*Mrs. Pauline Sukhai, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism, Industry and Commerce

Mr. Dharamkumar Seeraj, M.P.

Mr. Norman A. Whittaker, M.P., (Region No. 1 – Barima/Waini)

**Members of the Opposition (28)**

**(i) Members of People's National Congress Reform-One Guyana (22)**

Mr. Robert Corbin, M.P., Leader of the Opposition

Mr. Winston Murray, C.C.H., M.P.

Mrs. Clarissa S. Riehl, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly (Absent – on leave)

Mr. E. Lance Carberry, M.P., Chief Whip

Mrs. Deborah J. Backer, M.P.

Mr. Anthony Vieira, M.P. (Absent)

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\*\*\*Non-elected Member

Mr. Basil Williams, M.P.

Dr. George A. Norton, M.P.

Mrs. Volda A. Lawrence, M.P.

Mr. Keith Scott, M.P.

Ms Anna Ally, M.P. (Absent – on leave)

Mr. Dave Danny, M.P., (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica) (Absent – on leave)

Mr. Aubrey C. Norton, M.P., (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica) (Absent)

Mr. Ernest Barnabas Elliot, M.P., (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mrs. Judith David-Blair, M.P., (Region No. 7 – Cuyuni/Mazaruni)

Mr. Mervyn Williams, M.P., (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Island/West Demerara)

Ms Africo Selman, M.P.

Dr. John Austin, M.P., (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne)

Ms Jennifer Wade, M.P., (Region No. 5 – Mahaica/Berbice)

Ms. Vanessa Kissoon, M.P., (Region No. 10 – Upper Demerara/Upper Berbice)

Mr. Desmond Fernandes, M.P., (Region No. 1 – Barima/Waini)

Mr. James K. Mc Allister, M.P.

**(ii) Alliance for Change (5)**

Mr. Raphael G.C. Trotman, M.P.

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.

Mrs. Sheila Holder, M.P.

Ms Latchmin Budhan Punalall, M.P., (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. David Patterson, M.P.

(iii) **Guyana Action Party/Rise Organize and Rebuild (1)**

Mr. Everall N. Franklin, M.P.

**OFFICERS (2)**

Mr. Sherlock E. Isaacs, Clerk of the National Assembly

Mrs. Lilawtie Coonjah, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

**COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING**

The sitting commenced at 2.16 p.m.

**PRAYERS**

The Clerk read Prayers.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER**

The Speaker made a statement with respect to the questioning of his decision to allow a motion by Mr. Winston Murray, M.P., proposing a limit on the Aggregate Amount of Debt Obligations.

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-**

**For Written Reply**

**WATER SECTOR IN GUYANA**

**Member Asking:** Mr. Moses Nagamootoo, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Housing and Water

Could the Hon. Minister state:

- (i) What are the milestones achieved by the Guyana Water Incorporated since the People's Progressive Party/Civic has assumed office?

- (ii) Can you say how many persons in each Region have access to potable water?
- (iii) What are some of the future plans for the advancement of the water sector in Guyana?
- (iv) What has been Government's investment in the water sector so far?

**(Notice Paper No. 230(Q162 PPP/C Private Member No.4) published on 2008-03-06)**

**Answers**

Please see Appendix.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS-**

**(i) GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**MOTIONS**

**ITEM 1 - NATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS**

The Hon. Samuel A.A. Hinds, M.P., Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works and Communications moved the following motion:

WHEREAS President Bharrat Jagdeo met on February 19 and 20 with a broad cross-section of representatives from the religious community, business sector, the labour movement, women, Amerindian, and other civil society bodies to discuss the recent escalation of crime, and from that engagement a joint statement was issued which called for:

- “1. Commit their full and unqualified support of the joint services in confronting crime in our country and in securing the safety of our citizens under the law, and;
- 2. Work in collaboration with the Government and all of the parliamentary political parties to jointly review the national security plan for its urgent and comprehensive implementation with the ultimate goal of cementing inclusive democracy, peace and justice in our country;

3. **Initiate and support confidence building measures in the society at large and amongst communities and organizations, in order to continue to move the country forward;**
4. **Call on all political parties to seek in good faith a unified position on law and order and public safety.” (A copy attached at Appendix A);**

**AND WHEREAS President Jagdeo also met on February 19 with the leaders of the five parliamentary political parties to discuss the current crime situation, and following that meeting a joint statement was issued calling for:**

- “1. **Unequivocally condemn crime in all its forms especially the recent Lusignan and Bartica massacres;**
2. **Commit to work together in support of the Joint Services as they fight crime professionally and within the confines of the law;**
3. **Agree to work with major stakeholders in reviewing the national security plan and in accelerating its implementation;**
4. **Agree to approach the media in a more responsible manner and so promote greater social cohesion;**
5. **Support efforts by the administration in garnering assistance in the fight against crime from the international community;**
6. **And we call on the international community to respond positively and urgently to the requests for further assistance.” (A copy attached as Appendix B);**

AND WHEREAS President Jagdeo and the national stakeholders including the leaders of the five parliamentary political parties met again on February 27 to review, as agreed, the security sector plan and its implementation;

AND WHEREAS at that meeting reports were presented by government officials active in the security sector and stakeholders made recommendations about the security sector, the plan, its implementation and matters related to security; and, at its conclusion, a joint statement was issued which agreed:

- “1. To support the national security sector plan and its various components;
2. To tabulate all the recommendations which were presented for consideration and agreed that another meeting would be held in two weeks time to examine these recommendations.” (A copy attached as Appendix C);

AND WHEREAS the President met again with the national stakeholders on March 12 to examine those recommendations made and the meeting agreed to the following as outlined in the joint statement:

- “1. Establish as a matter of urgency a new Parliamentary Standing Committee on National Security with Ministerial representation;
2. Expedite the appointment of the six Constitutional Commissions (Ethnic, Women, Children, Indigenous, Human Rights and the Public Procurement Commission) which are key features of the governance framework within 90 days;
3. Convene and activate the Parliamentary Constitutional Reform Committee to address issues presently before it and to examine further areas for constitutional reform;



4. Ensure the meaningful and effective participation of civil society in these parliamentary processes;
5. Explore an agreed mechanism for the continuation of the National Stakeholders' Forum." (A copy attached as Appendix D);

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the National Assembly takes note of those engagements and accepts the output as reflecting national consensus on the agreed upon actions;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That this National Assembly in accepting that national consensus was arrived at during those meetings with the President and the Stakeholders undertakes to provide its fullest support and to assign its highest priority in implementing those commitments that called for action by Parliamentary bodies.

**(Notice Paper No. 232 (M67 Govt 40) published on 2008-03-17)**

Mr. Raphael Trotman spoke to the motion.

At 2.53 p.m., the Members of the Alliance for Change and Guyana Action Party/Rise Organise and Rebuild withdrew from the Chamber.

The Following Members also spoke to the motion:

The Minister of Labour

Mr. Robert Corbin

At 3.53 p.m., the Members of the Peoples National Congress Reform withdrew from the Chamber.

**SUSPENSION OF SITTING**

At 3.54 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

**RESUMPTION OF SITTING**

At 4.41 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

The following Members also spoke to the motion:

The Minister of Home Affairs

Mr. Donald Ramotar

Thereafter, the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works and Communications replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

**ITEM 2 - THE PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA MANUAL OF RULES AND PROCEDURE,  
PRACTICES AND CONVENTIONS OF THE BUSINESS OF THE NATIONAL  
ASSEMBLY**

At the request of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works and Communications the following motion was deferred:

WHEREAS on the 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2007 the Parliament of Guyana Manual of Rules of Procedure, Practices and Conventions of the business of the National Assembly was laid in the National Assembly;

AND WHEREAS the said Manual contains the rules, procedure, practices and conventions used by Parliamentarians in the conduct of the business of the National Assembly,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly accepts in general the rules, procedure, practices and conventions of the said Manual;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Manual of Rules, Procedure, Practices and Conventions of the business of the National Assembly be committed to the Special Select Committee on the Manual of Rules and Procedures and Operations of Committees to make recommendations to the National Assembly on the adoption of the said rules, procedure, practices and conventions.

**(Notice Paper No. 206 (M54 Govt 34) published on 2007-12-24)**

**ITEM 3 - RATIFICATION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST THE ILLICIT MANUFACTURING OF AND TRAFFICKING IN FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVES AND OTHER RELATED MATERIALS**

The Minister of Amerindian Affairs, on behalf of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, moved the following motion:

WHEREAS the Inter-American Convention against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in firearms, Ammunition, Explosives and Other Related Materials was signed on November 14, 1997 at the Twenty-Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly of the Organisation of American States which was held in Washington D.C.;

AND WHEREAS Article 23 of the said Convention makes provision for the deposit of the Instruments of Ratification with the General Secretariat of the Organisation of the American States;

NOW THEREFORE the Government of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana having considered the Convention hereby confirms and ratifies the same and undertakes faithfully to perform and carry out all the stipulations therein;

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the National Assembly agrees to the General Secretariat of the Organisation of American States being informed of Guyana's intention to ratify the said Inter-American Convention against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives and Other Related Materials and for the Government of Guyana to formally ratify the said Convention by depositing the Instrument of Ratification.

**(Notice Paper No. 223 (M61 Govt 37) published on 2008-02-14)**

The motion was then put and carried.

**ITEM 4 - RATIFICATION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS**

The Minister of Amerindian Affairs, on behalf of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, moved the following motion:

WHEREAS the Inter-American Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters was signed on February, 28, 2006 at the Organization of American States in Washington D.C.,

AND WHEREAS Article 33 of the said Convention makes provision for the deposit of the Instruments of Ratification with the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States;

NOW THEREFORE the Government of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana having considered the Convention hereby confirms and ratifies the same and undertakes faithfully to perform and carry out all the stipulations therein;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly agrees to the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States being informed of Guyana's intention to ratify the said Inter-American Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters.

**(Notice Paper No. 227 (M64 Govt 39) published on 2008-02-22)**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the motion was put and carried.

**(ii) PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

**BILLS – Second Reading**

**ITEM 5 - GUYANA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ACT 1974 (AMENDMENT) BILL**

**2007 – Bill No. 30/2007 published on 2008-01-12**

Mr. Harripersaud Nokta, M.P., moved the second reading of the following Private Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Guyana Presbyterian Church Act 1974.

**(Read a first time on 2008-02-14)**

The Bill was then read a second time.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

**In Committee**

**Clauses 1 and 2** were passed as printed.

**The Schedule** was passed as printed.

**Assembly resumed**

On a motion by Mr. Harripersaud Nokta, M.P., the Guyana Presbyterian Church Act 1974 (Amendment) Bill 2007 was read a third time and passed as printed.

**(iii) COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**MOTION**

**ITEM 6 - ADOPTION OF THE SECOND AND THIRD PERIODIC REPORTS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC SERVICES**

Ms Gail Teixeira, M.P., moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Second and Third Periodic Reports of the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Economic Services be adopted.

**(Notice Paper No. 228 (M65 Private Member No. 5) published on 2008-02-21)**

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali

Mrs. Pauline Sukhai

Mr. Komal Chand

Thereafter, the motion was put and carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6.15 p.m., on a motion by the Prime Minister the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.



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**HON. HARI N. RAMKARRAN, S.C., M.P.,**

**Speaker of the National Assembly**

**PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Brickdam,  
Georgetown.**

**27<sup>th</sup> March, 2008.**

## APPENDIX A

### STATEMENT BY CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS

In response to recent attacks on innocent civilians and the Joint Services which have undermined public safety, the representatives of Civil Society meeting in caucus with His Excellency, President Bharrat Jagdeo, on Tuesday February 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the Office of the President agreed and pledged themselves to:

1. Commit their full and unqualified support of the Joint Services in confronting crime in our country and in securing the safety of our citizens under the law, and
2. Work in collaboration with the Government and all of the parliamentary political parties to jointly review the national security plan for its urgent and comprehensive implementation with the ultimate goal of cementing inclusive democracy, peace and justice in our country.
3. Initiate and support confidence building measures in the society at large, and amongst communities and organizations, in order to continue to move the country forward.
4. Call on all political parties to seek in good faith a unified position on law and order and public safety.

In conclusion, we are reminded at this time that February 23<sup>rd</sup> is the 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Republic. We therefore urge all Political Parties, in and out of Parliament, and, citizens, organized or not, to recommit to the principles of justice and peace in our society.

Feb 20. 2008



## APPENDIX B

On this February 19, 2008, We the following parliamentary political parties PPP/C, PNCR/IG, TUF, AFC and GAP/ROAR met with His Excellency the President at Office of the President, and came to the following agreement:

Mindful of the recent attacks on innocent civilians and the Joint Services which have undermined public safety, and recognizing that there is need to further examine what may be the contributing factors to this recent escalation;

We, the political parties, desirous of collectively expressing our profound concern of these developments, individually and collectively:

1. Unequivocally condemn crime in all its forms especially the recent Lusignan and Bartica massacres.
2. Commit to work together in support of the Joint Services as they fight crime professionally and within the confines of the law.
3. Agree to work with major stakeholders in reviewing the national security plan and in accelerating its implementation.
4. Agree to approach the media in a more responsible manner and so promote greater social cohesion.
5. Support efforts by the administration in garnering assistance in the fight against crime from the international community.
6. And we call on the international community to respond positively and urgently to the requests for further assistance.

**Minister of Housing and Water Harry Narine Nawbatt**

**Question 1:** What are the milestones achieved by the Guyana Water Incorporated since the People's Progressive Party/Civic government has assumed office?

The Government of Guyana has achieved several milestones in the water sector and this is testimony to the Government's strategy to place specific interest in this sector as a tenet for poverty reduction and the disease control. The following projects are some of the highlights of Governments achievements.

**New Amsterdam Water Supply Project**

**Funding Agent:** Government of Guyana & European Union

**Contract Amount:** G\$1.3 Billion

**Contractor:** Southern Exploration Ltd.

**Consultant:** Design & Construction services Ltd. (DCSL)

**Completion Date:** 2001

**Project Description:** This project rehabilitated the New Amsterdam Water Supply infrastructure through the replacement of the secondary distribution system and the installation of service connections. It provided approximately **30,000 persons** with potable water. The principal quantities in the works contract were as follows:

**Rose Hall Water Supply Project**

**Total Cost:** US\$11.7 Million (*Inclusive of Supervision*)

**Project Description:** This contract included the construction of a water treatment plant, including ground level storage and a water tower, construction of transmission mains along with a minimal amount of secondary mains (where these were located along the transmission pipes). The contract also included the outfitting of two deep wells with submersible pumps and a high lift (booster) pump station. Approximately **40,000 persons** benefitted.

**Lot 1 – Treatment Works, Transmission Main & Borehole**

**Funding Agent:** European Investment Bank, World Bank, DFID, ODA & Government of Guyana

**Contractor:** S. A. Nabi and Sons Ltd.

**Completion Date:** 2001

**Lot 2 – Distribution Mains & Service Connections**

**Funding Agent:** European Investment Bank, World Bank & Government of Guyana

**Contractor:** Krishna Jagdeo General Contractor

**Completion Date:** 2001

**LBI Water Supply Major Scheme****Lot 1 & 2 – Rehabilitation of 2 Treatment Plants & Transmission Main**

**Funding Agent:** Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) DfID & Government of Guyana

**Project Cost:** US\$10.4 Million

**Contractor:** GEM-UEM Inc.

**Completion Date:** 2003

**Project Description:** This project comprised of the rehabilitation of two water treatment plants at Better Hope and Mon Repos and the construction of transmission mains from the villages of Industry to Belfield, East Coast Demerara. An approximate **population of 60,000** benefitted a cleaner and safer water supply.

**Eccles, Grove & Covent Garden Water Treatment Plant**

**Project Cost:** US\$5.9 Million

**Contractor:** UEM Inc.

**Completion Date:** 2003

**Project Description:** Construct three (3) Water treatment Plants at Eccles, Grove and Covent Garden to serve a **population of 20,000**.

**Bartica Water Supply Project**

**Project Cost:** US\$2.5 Million (*Inclusive of Supervision*)

**Contractor:** UEM Inc.

**Completion Date:** 2003

**Project Description:** Under this project the entire water supply system was rehabilitated thus, improving the service provided to the Township of approximately **7,000 in population**. The works contract was as follows:

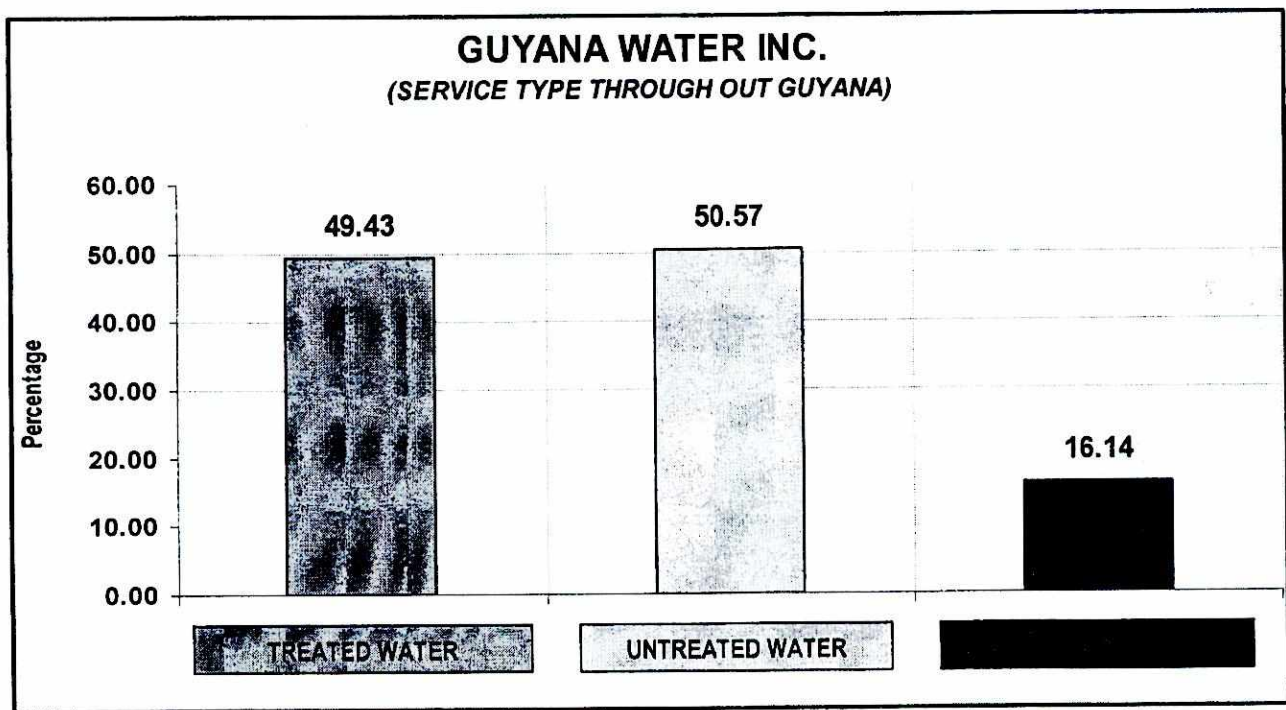
- Rehabilitation of Water Treatment Plant
- Rehabilitation of Pipe Network (40,000m of Pipes)

**Question 2:** Can you say how many persons in each region have access to potable water?

**GWJ CUSTOMERS BY REGIONS**

Region	Customer	Population
Region 1	-	-
Region 2	7,387	34,329
Region 3	22,536	100,116
Region 4	103,727	292,546
Region 5	12,819	48,700
Region 6	27,194	116,403
Region 7	-	-
Region 8	-	-
Region 9	1,064	5,320
Region 10	4,496	30,920
	<b>179,223</b>	<b>628,334</b>

SEE ATTACHED EXCEL SHEET FOR DETAIL BREAKDOWN



### 3. Future Plans for the Advancement of the Water Sector (2008-20012)

1. Two (2) Water Treatment Plants will be constructed in Corriverton within the next two (2) years at a cost of US\$12 million. These are being funded by the Government of Guyana and the Government of Japanese. One plant is in progress and is expected to complete by February/March 2008. It is estimated that 8000 customers (approximately 33,603 persons) will benefit from these plants.
2. Three (3) new Water Treatment Plants to be constructed at Rosignol, Vergenoegen and Lima. These are funded by the World Bank.

#### Rosignol Water Treatment Plant

- i. Will benefit approximately 18, 727 persons
- ii. Cost – US\$ 3.88 million

#### Vergenogen Water Treatment Plant

- i. Will benefit approximately 22, 369 persons
- ii. Cost – US\$ 4.01 million

#### Lima Water Treatment Plant

- i. Will benefit approximately 14, 456 persons
- ii. Cost – US\$ 3.15 million

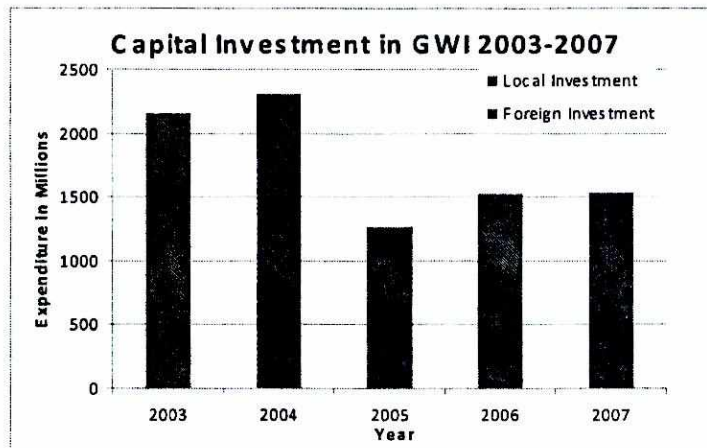
3. Drilling of 6 large wells.
4. Installation of 352 km of transmission and distribution pipelines
5. Rehabilitation / Construction of over 200 systems (Solar, wind and hand pump systems) in the Hinterland Regions.
6. Upgrade of 30,000 Service Connections
7. Procurement and installation of 25,000 Water Meters

#### 4. Government's Investment in the Water Sector (2003-2007)

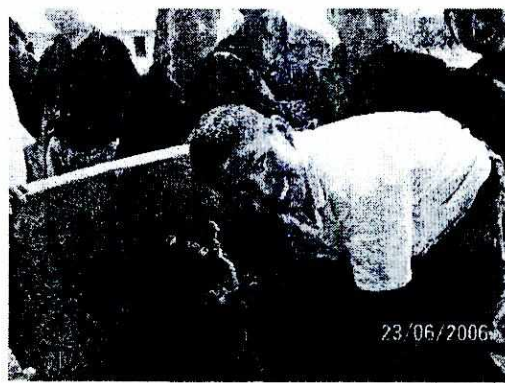
Investments in the Water Sector from 2003 – 2007 amounts to G\$8.798B of which the Government has contributed G\$918M.(which is equivalent to 10% of total investments). This data is represented in the graph below.

The areas of investments include:

1. Construction of 7 water treatment plants
2. New wells
3. Installation of 551 km of transmission and distribution pipelines
4. Rehabilitation of 191 pump stations
5. Sewerage Pumps
6. Provision of Potable water to 80% hinterland customers and small towns

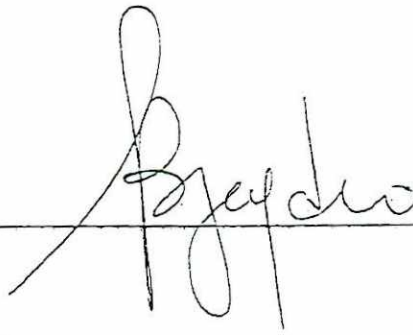


**GWl's Metering Programme**



**Improving Water Supply in the Hinterlands**

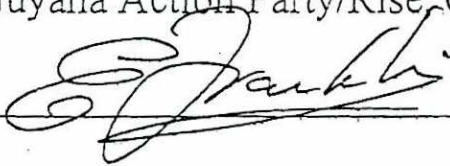
Government of Guyana:



Alliance For Change (AFC)



Guyana Action Party/Rise, Organise and Rebuild (GAP/ROAR)




People's National Congress Reform One Guyana (PNCR/IG)

People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C)



The United Force (TUF)



## JOINT PRESS RELEASE

The national stakeholders representing the Government and the five parliamentary parties and a broad-cross section of civil society met on February 27th at the Office of the President to discuss the national security plan and to bring their considered views to address the serious escalation of crime.

The national stakeholders held a cordial and constructive meeting at which it was agreed

- (i) to support the national security sector plan and its various components.
- (ii) to tabulate all the recommendations which were presented for consideration and agreed that another meeting would be held in two weeks time to examine these recommendations.

The Government delegation was led by His Excellency the President.

The following Organisations were represented at the meeting:

People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C)

People's National Congress (PNC/R/IG)

Alliance for Change (AFC)

Guyana Action Party/Rise Organise And Rebuild

The United Force TUF

Private Sector Commission

Private Sector Corporate Members

Association of Regional Chambers of Commerce (ARCC)

Aircraft Owners Association

Guyana Manufacturers and Services Association  
Georgetown Chamber of Commerce  
Small Business Association  
Gold and Diamond Miners Association  
Forest Products Association  
Tourism and Hospitality Association of Guyana  
Inter Religious Organisation  
Guyana Council of Churches  
Guyana Evangelical Fellowship  
Georgetown Ministers Fellowship  
Guyana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists  
Baha'i Faith  
Buxton Ministers Fellowship  
Independent Pentecostal Churches  
Gandhi Youth Organisation  
Guyana Maha Kali All Religious Organisation  
Guyana Central Arya Samaj  
Cornelia Ida Hindu Temple  
Guyana Hindu Dharmic Sahba  
Central Islamic Organisation of Guyana  
Guyana Islamic Trust



Essequibo Ahmadiyya Organisation  
Muslim Youth League  
Ahmadiyya Ishati Islam  
Guyana Trade Unions Congress  
Federation of Independent Trade Unions of Guyana  
Red Thread  
Rural Womens Network  
Mothers in Black (Alicea Foundation)  
Women's Affairs Bureau  
GUYWID  
National Commission on Women  
TAAMOG  
Guyana Human Rights Association  
Guyana Bar Association  
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Guyana Responsible Parenthood Association  
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## APPENDIX D

### PRESS RELEASE

The National Stakeholders held their follow-up meeting as agreed at the Office of the President on March 12, 2008. The meeting considered a matrix of recommendations which were made at the February 27, 2008 consultation.

The meeting reiterated its support for the Joint Services' efforts to address the recent escalation of crime, and, agreed that the rule of law and the constitutional rights of all citizens be respected.

The National Stakeholders comprising representatives of the Government of Guyana, Members of the Joint Services, the Parliamentary Political Parties, the Private Sector, Labour, the Legal Profession, Women, Amerindian organizations, Citizens Initiative, GHRA, IRO, Christian, Hindu, Muslim bodies and IAC, agreed to the following:

- (1) Establish as a matter of urgency a new Parliamentary Standing Sectoral Committee on National Security with Ministerial representation;
- (2) Expedite the appointment of the six (6) Constitutional Commissions which are key features of the governance framework within 90 days;
- (3) Convene and activate the Parliamentary Constitutional Reform Committee to address issues presently before it and to examine further areas for constitutional reform;
- (4) Ensure the meaningful and effective participation of civil society in these parliamentary processes;
- (5) Explore an agreed mechanism for the continuation of the National Stakeholders' Forum.

March 12, 2008

The following organizations were represented and agreed to the above Press Release

Government of Guyana  
People's Progressive Party/Civic  
People's National Congress/Reform  
The United Force  
Alliance For Change  
Guyana Action Party/Rise Organise and Rebuild  
Guyana Council of Churches  
Buxton Ministers' Fellowship  
The Seventh Day Adventist  
The Inter Religious Organisation  
Essequibo Ahmadiyya Organisation  
Central Islamic Organisation  
Guyana Islamic Trust  
Muslim Youth League of Guyana  
Guyana Central Arya Samaj  
Guyana Maha Kali All Religious Organisation  
Guyana Maha Kali Madrasi  
Guyana Dharmic Sabha  
Guyana Trades Union Congress  
Federation of Independent Trade Unions of Guyana  
Private Sector Commission  
Private Sector Corporate Members  
Association of Regional Chambers of Commerce (ARCC)  
Aircraft Owners Association  
Guyana Manufacturing and Services Association  
Georgetown Chamber of Commerce  
Small Business Association  
Gold and Diamond Miners Association  
Forest Products Association  
Tourism and Hospitality Association of Guyana

Red Thread

Rural Women's Network

Mothers in Black

Women's Affairs Bureau

Guyana Women in Development (GUYWID)

Women's Progressive Organization

TAAMOG

Guyana Bar Association

Citizen's Initiative

Indian Arrival Committee

Guyana Human Rights Association