

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 66th SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION
(2006-2008) OF THE NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON WEDNESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 2008
IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, BRICKDAM

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (68)

Speaker (1)

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

MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT (40)

(i) **People's Progressive Party/Civic (39)**

(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 (Absent – Performing the functions of the Office of the President)

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 Foreign Affairs

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

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

***Non-elected Minister**

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 (Absent - on Leave)

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

The Hon. Dr. Desrey Fox, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Education

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

*The Hon. Pauline Sukhai, M.P., Minister of Amerindian Affairs (Absent - on Leave)

Mr. Donald R. Ramotar, M.P. (Absent - on Leave)

Ms Gail Teixeira, M.P.

Mr. Harripersaud Nokta, M.P.

Mrs. Indranie Chandarpal, M.P., Chief Whip

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)

***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.

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

Mr. Dharamkumar Seeraj, M.P.

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

Members of the Opposition (27)

(i) Members of People's National Congress Reform-One Guyana (21)

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

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

Mrs. Deborah J. Backer, M.P.

Mr. Anthony Vieira, M.P. (Absent - on Leave)

*****Non-elected Member**

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

Dr. George A. Norton, M.P.

Mrs. Volda A. Lawrence, M.P.

Mr. Keith Scott, M.P.

Ms Amna Ally, M.P.

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

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

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)

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

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

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.

Mrs. Sheila Holder, M.P.

Mrs. Latchmin 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 2:10 p.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

1. **Resignation of Mr. Harry Narine Nawbatt as a Minister**

The Speaker informed Members that he had received a letter dated 6th November, 2008, from Mr. Harry Narine Nawbatt, who was Minister of Housing and Water, resigning his seat as a Member of Parliament with effect from 10th November, 2008.

With Mr. Nawbatt's resignation, a seat in the National Assembly became vacant.

The vacancy was, in accordance with section 99A of the Representation of the People Act, Chapter 1:03, to be filled by a person whose name had to be extracted from the list of candidates from which Mr. Nawbatt's name was extracted.

As Mr. Nawbatt's name was extracted from the People's Progressive Party/Civic list of candidates, he had, in accordance with section 99A of the said Act, called upon the Representative of the said list to further extract from that list the name of a person who was willing to become a Member of the National Assembly, to fill the vacancy in the Assembly.

2. **Declaration**

The Speaker informed Members that in accordance with Article 156 of the Constitution, amended by the Constitution Amendment Act 2007, he had declared the seat of the Honourable Member Mr. James McAllister vacant having received from the Representative of the List of the People's National Congress Reform/One Guyana, a Notice of Recall dated December 2, 2008, issued to the Honourable Member Mr. James McAllister, M.P., as provided for by Article 156(3)(c) of the Constitution, as amended by the Constitution (Amendment) Act 2007.

3. **Invitation to all Members**

The Speaker informed Members of Parliament that the Government of Guyana had asked him to inform Members that they were invited to the Official Launching of the position of the Government of Guyana on Avoided Deforestation.

The launching was scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on Friday, 5th December, 2008, at the Guyana International Convention Centre at Liliendaal.

The Speaker also informed the Members that a cocktail reception would be hosted by the President at the Centre at the conclusion of the Launch and that the written invitation would be circulated during that day's sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS-

1. By Speaker of the National Assembly:
 - (i) Public Consultation on the Perceived Needs of the Chinese Community
(Circulated)
 - (ii) Public Consultation on the Perceived Needs of the Amerindian Community
(Circulated)
2. By the Minister of Finance:
 - (i) Annual Report of the Commissioner of Insurance for the year ended 31st December, 2007
(Circulated)
 - (ii) Audited Accounts of the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance for the year ended 31st December, 2007
(Circulated)
 - (iii) Treasury Memorandum Pursuant to Resolution No. 63 of the National Assembly dated July 1, 2008 on the Public Accounts of Guyana for the years 2002 and 2003.
(Circulated)

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE -

For Written Replies

**1. SCHEDULE/LIST OF ALL PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN IN REGION #3
BY THE POOR RURAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES
PROGRAMME**

Member Asking: Mr. Mervyn Williams, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Agriculture

(i) Could the Honourable Minister of Agriculture provide this National Assembly with a schedule/list of all projects undertaken in Region #3 by the Poor Rural Community Support Services Programme during its period of existence under the following headings:-

- (a) Roads?
- (b) Buildings?
- (c) Others?

(iii) Could the Honourable Minister of Agriculture provide this National Assembly with a full report of each project listed in 1 (a); 1 (b) and 1 (c) including in the report the following information:-

- (a) How many citizens were expected to benefit from the project?
- (b) How many people actually benefited?
- (c) In what ways did people benefit?
- (d) What is the present state of repair of the facilities provided?
- (e) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the facilities?
- (f) Who is responsible for the economic viability of the buildings?

(Notice Paper No. 268 (Q 187 Opp182) published on 2008-10-16)

Answers:

See Appendix 1

**2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER PROJECTS HANDED OVER TO
COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATIONS**

Member Asking: Mr. Mervyn Williams, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Agriculture

- (i) Could the Honourable Minister of Agriculture tell this National Assembly which buildings and other projects handed over to Community Based Organisations have subsequently been taken over by **Neighbourhood Democratic Councils** and the **Regional Democratic Council**?

- (ii) Is the Honourable Minister of Agriculture aware that it was a condition precedent to a building/community project being handed over to a Community based Organisation that that Community Based Organisation be registered under the Friendly Societies' Act?

(Notice Paper No. 269 (Q 188 Opp183) published on 2008-10-16)

Answers:

- (i) "With respect to question (i) under this Notice Paper No. 269, there have been no buildings nor other projects officially hand over to Community Based Organisation which have subsequently been taken over by the NDC and RDC.

In the case of the Leonora Multi Purpose Building, there was the intention to hand it over to the Community based Group but this was never done.

PRCSSP, Project Management recognized the weakness in the ad hoc nature of the Management of the Group.

Also, due to the imminent closure of the PRCSSP a decision was made to hand it over to the RDC.

- (ii) With respect to Question (ii) of Notice Paper No. 269, there is ambiguity of what the question attempts to clarify. The PRCSSP agreement does not specifically state that the Community Based Organisations be registered under the Friendly Societies' Act.

If it is that Hon. Member of Parliament requires information concerning the Leonora Women's Group, I wish to advise that the Leonora Women's Group has been registered # 901 under the Friendly Societies Act Chapter 36:04 – See copy of Registration attached.”

3. **COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATIONS**

Member Asking: Mr. Mervyn Williams, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Agriculture

- (i) Could the Honourable Minister of Agriculture tell this National Assembly if all of the Community Based Organisations which received buildings/projects were previously registered under the Friendly Societies' Act?
- (ii) Would the Honourable Minister of Agriculture provide this National Assembly with a list of all the Community Based Organisations in Region # 3 which have satisfied the financial accountability aspects of the Friendly Societies' Act up to the current date?

(Notice Paper No. 270 (Q 189 Opp184) published on 2008-10-16)

Answers:

- (i) “Reference to the subject at caption and further to the answer to the Notice Paper No. 269, I wish to advise that not all of the Community Based Organisations which received building/Project were previously registered under the Friendly Societies Act.

Some were previously registered under the Coop Societies Act and the Business Name Act.

- (ii) Reference to the question for the Minister to report on a list of all Community Based Organisation that have satisfied the financial accountability of the Friendly Societies Act, since the question generally refers to a list of all Community Based Organisation, it is more appropriate for the subject Ministry (Ministry of Labour and Social Security) to respond to this question.”

4. **SATISFYING THEIR UNDERTAKINGS OF PROVIDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AS ENVISIONED BY THE PRCSSP**

Member Asking: Mr. Mervyn Williams, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Agriculture

Could the Honourable Minister of Agriculture provide this National Assembly with a list of the Community Based Organisations which are currently satisfying their undertakings of providing community service as envisioned by the PRCSSP?

(Notice Paper No. 271 (Q 190 Opp185) published on 2008-10-16)

Answers:

See Appendix II

5. **RESERVED QUESTIONS PUT TO THE NATIONAL INSURANCE**

BOARD

Member Asking: **Mr. Mervyn Williams, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Finance**

- (i) Could the Honourable Minister of Finance tell this National Assembly how many Reserved Questions were put to the National Insurance Board in 2003; 2004; 2005; 2006; 2007 and 2008 respectively?
- (a) How many of these Reserved Questions sought a determination of the classification of an insured person i.e., whether the insured person was employed or self employed?
- (b) How many of the Reserved Questions relating to the classification of insured persons have been determined by the Board?
- (c) How many of the Reserved Questions relating to the classification of insured persons have not yet been determined by the Board?
- (d) Are there still undetermined questions re: the classification of insured persons pending for the years 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007?
- (ii) Could the Honourable Minister of Finance tell this National Assembly if he is aware that several Reserved Questions addressed to the National Insurance Board have been systematically intercepted by management and determined at that level contrary to the National Insurance Act?

(Notice Paper No. 272 (Q 191 Opp186) published on 2008-10-16)

Answers:

"I am advised of the following:-

- (i) A total of eleven (11) reserved questions were put to the National Insurance Board for the period 2003-2008 as follows: 4 in 2003; 1 in 2004; 1 in 2005; 1 in 2006; 1 in 2007; and 3 in 2008.
 - (a) There were five (5) cases which sought a determination of the classification of an insured person.
 - (b) All five (5) cases were answered by the Board.
 - (c) There are no reserved questions still to be determined by the Board in relation to classification of insured persons.
 - (d) There are no undetermined questions on the classification of insured persons pending for the years 2003 to 2007.
- (ii) Reserved questions addressed to the Board are all dealt with by the Board and not the Management of the Scheme."

6. INMATES OF THE GEORGETOWN PRISON

Member Asking: Mrs. Deborah Backer, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Home Affairs

- (i) Could the Honourable Minister of Home Affairs tell this National Assembly how many prisoners were inmates of the Georgetown Prison on the following dates:

- (a) 31st January, 2008;
- (b) 29th February, 2008;
- (c) 31st March, 2008;
- (d) 30th April, 2008;
- (e) 31st May, 2008;
- (f) 30th June, 2008;
- (g) 31st July, 2008
- (h) 31st August, 2008;
- (i) 30th September, 2008?

- (ii) Could the Honourable Minister of Home Affairs tell this National Assembly how many of the prisoners listed at 1(a) to 1(i) were remand prisoners at the specified dates?

(Notice Paper No. 276 (Q 194 Opp189) published on 2008-10-21)

Answers:

- (i) Listed below are the numbers of prisoners that were in the Georgetown Prison on the dates indicated:

(a)	31 st January, 2008	-	1203 prisoners
(b)	29 th February, 2008	-	1210 "
(c)	31 st March, 2008	-	1152 "
(d)	30 th April, 2008	-	1157 "
(e)	31 st May, 2008	-	1099 "
(f)	30 th June, 2008	-	1091 "
(g)	31 st July, 2008	-	1099 "
(h)	31 st August, 2008	-	1127 "
(i)	30 th September, 2008	-	1058 "

- (ii) Of the amounts listed above at 1(a) to 1(i) the following were remanded prisoners at the dates specified. (Please note that in this document a remanded prisoner means a prisoner awaiting trial in the Magistrate Court or in the High Court).

REMAINED PRISONERS

#	Dates	Awaiting Trial		
		In Magistrate Court	In High Court	Total
(a)	31 st January, 2008	653	61	714
(b)	29 th February, 2008	652	66	718
(c)	31 st March, 2008	641	65	706
(d)	30 th April, 2008	626	68	694
(e)	31 st May, 2008	606	67	673
(f)	30 th June, 2008	597	73	670
(g)	31 st July, 2008	586	79	665
(h)	31 st August, 2008	604	75	679
(i)	30 th September, 2008	566	73	639

7. DISCONTINUATION OF THE GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION (ADVANCED LEVEL)

Member Asking: Ms. Amna Ally, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

- (i) Could the Honourable Minister of Education explain to this National Assembly his Government's rationale for considering the discontinuation of the General Certificate of Education Examination (Advanced Level) in all Government Schools?
- (ii) What were the facts or things taken into account by his Ministry in arriving at this decision?

(Notice Paper No. 290 (Q206 Opp201) published on 2008-10-27)

Answers:

“The Ministry of Education has set up a Task Team to consider whether the GCE (Advanced Level) should continue to be run in schools. The main factors being considered are:

- CSEC has completely replaced the GCE (ordinary level) several years ago and has worked to the satisfaction of the education sector.
- CAPE run by CXC has gained a high standard and recognition internationally.
- Financial resources can be beneficially utilized to support both CSEC and CAPE.”

8. NATIONAL STRATEGIC FIVE YEAR PLAN

Member Asking: Ms. Amna Ally, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

- (i) Could the Honourable Minister of Education provide this National Assembly with the financial details of the International funding for the National Strategic Five Year Plan identifying the specific expenditure for each sector of the Plan?
- (ii) Say how soon will this Plan be tabled in the National Assembly?
(Notice Paper No. 291 (Q207 Opp202) published on 2008-10-27)

Answers:

1. "International funding of the Education Strategic Plan has been obtained in the amount of \$US20.5m as a grant to continue the EFA-FTI programme.

In addition, the sum of \$US0.750m will be utilized through the BEAMS Programme (IDB Loan) to continue the Literacy Programme in Primary Schools.

Government will endeavour to fund various components of the ESP through the budget and other sources based on overall sectoral needs and demands of the country.

2. There is no requirement to lodge the ESP in the National Assembly. When the ESP is printed it will be circulated to stakeholders and interested persons."

9. **FIRE AT WARAMADONG SECONDARY SCHOOL DORMITORY**

Member Asking: **Mr. Raphael G. C. Trotman, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Education**

- (i) Will the Minister of Education say if there will be an investigation into the deaths of Zanita Sam aged 11, Savylin David, aged 12 and Sharmileza George, aged 13 who died as a result of a fire at the female dorm at the Waramadong Secondary School in Region 7?
- (ii) Is the Minister prepared to make the findings public?
- (iii) Will compensation be offered to the relatives of the victims of the fire?

(Notice Paper No. 293 (Q209 Opp204) published on 2008-10-27)

Answers:

“The Guyana Police Force and the Guyana Fire Service are investigating the fire at the Waramadong Secondary School Dormitory which led to the deaths of three (3) students.

If it is warranted, the findings of the report will be made public.

There is no basis for consideration of compensation at this time.”

10. CORONER'S INQUEST

Mr. Raphael Trotman, M.P., asked the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs the following question:

Can the Honourable Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs state the current number of Coroner's Inquest pending in Guyana?

(Notice Paper No. 295 (Q211 Opp206) published on 2008-10-27)

By a written request of the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs and with the approval of the Assembly, the answer to the above question was deferred.

11. THE VALUATION DEPARTMENT – MINISTRY OF FINANCE

Member Asking: Mr. David Patterson, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Finance

- (i) The Valuation Division within the Ministry of Finance has been without a Chief Valuation Officer and a Deputy Chief Valuation Officer for over two (2) and eight (8) years respectively. Can the Honourable Minister state if and when these two important public offices will be filled?

- (ii) Can the Honourable Minister advise on the present employment of the CARICOM national with whom a contract was entered into for the position of Chief Valuation Officer?
- (iii) Can the Honourable Minister advise on the current status of the equipment and furniture procured for the Valuation Division under the Urban Development Programme, noting that this Programme ended over one year ago?
- (iv) Can the Honourable Minister advise on the status of the proposed renovation works to the Valuation Division's offices in light of the fact that this office has inherited additional staff from the Urban Development Programme?
- (v) Is the Honourable Minister aware that the Valuation Division has been without a vehicle and a driver for over two years?
- (vi) Does the Honourable Minister agree that without access to these resources the functioning of this department has been and will be severely hampered? If so, can the Minister state if and when this situation shall be redressed?

(Notice Paper No. 299 (Q215 Opp210) published on 2008-10-27)

Answers:

- (i) "The Office of Chief Valuation Officer is currently occupied by the holder of an acting appointment since the passing away of the previous incumbent in 2006. A Deputy Chief Valuation Officer has not yet been identified.
- (i) This arrangement was not concluded.

- (ii) These are currently assigned to the Valuation Division.
- (iii) Some amount of renovation works were done to the offices.
- (v) and (vi) Requisite resources are provided within prevailing constraints.”

12. VALID TENANCY AGREEMENT TO GUYANA POWER AND LIGHT INC.

Member Asking: Mrs. Volda Lawrence, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works and Communication

Would the Honourable Prime Minister explain to this National Assembly why Guyana Power and Light Inc. requires a tenant to be in possession of a valid tenancy agreement and also to produce the transport for the property rented before that person can be allocated a meter?

(Notice Paper No. 300 (Q216 Opp211) published on 2008-10-31)

Answers:

“The answer to the above question is to be found in section 4(1)(a), (c) and (2) of the Third Schedule to the Electricity Sector Reform Act 1999 (the Act), which provides as follows (please note that delineations are merely for emphasis):

4(1) Prior to supplying electricity to any consumer requiring a supply of electricity pursuant to section 22, a public supplier may require such consumer to provide, in a form satisfactory to the public supplier –

- (a) in any case in which the supply of electricity is requested for a building or erection and, in order to supply electricity, the public

supplier would be required to place electric wires or other electrical apparatus over, on or under land not owned by the owner or occupier of such building or other erection, documentation as to the identity of the person holding legal title to such land (other than a governmental authority) and permission from such legal title holder for the placement of the electric wires or other electrical apparatus over, on or under such land;

- (b) in any case in which a consumer requires a supply of electricity as
- (c) the occupier of premises, documentation that such consumer is authorized to occupy the premises by –

- (i) the Central Housing and Planning Authority; or

- (ii) the legal title holder of such premises

- (2) It shall be the duty of any person, from whom a consumer requests documents in order to provide them to a public supplier under subparagraph (1), promptly to provide the documents to the consumer or the public supplier.

Accordingly, pursuant to section 4(1)(a) of the Third Schedule to the Act, any person occupying a building on land not owned by him and to which he requires GPL to supply electricity, must provide GPL with documentation as to the identity of the person holding legal title to the land. Proof of identity to this effect is best served by the production of transport or certificate of title to the land. Further, under subparagraph 4(1)(c), a tenant must produce to GPL his tenancy agreement with the legal title holder of the premises in his application for the supply of electricity to the said premises.

Under subsection 4(2) of the said Schedule, the property owner is obligated to promptly provide such documentation to the consumer or GPL/public supplier when requested for the abovementioned purposes.”

13. **EMPLOYEES OF GUYANA POWER AND LIGHT INC.**

Member Asking:

Mrs. Volda Lawrence, M.P.

Minister Answering:

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works and Communications

Would the Honourable Prime Minister tell this National Assembly whether employees of Guyana Power and Light Inc. are authorised by law to go into a private property owned by or under the control of a citizen without receiving permission by that citizen to do so?

Notice Paper No. 301 (Q217 Opp212) published on 2008-10-31)

Answers:

“The answer to the above question is to be found in section 42(12) of the Electricity Sector Reform Act 1999 (the Act) and section 13 of the Third Schedule to the said Act.

Under section 42(12), GPL has the right to the placement, construction, inspection, maintenance and repair of all of GPL’s electrical installations located or to be located “along, over, under or across lands owned by private persons,” as may be necessary, with the permission of such persons “at reasonable times and upon three days notice.” Where permission is refused, the law gives the Minister the right to acquire such land on behalf of GPL. Further, section 42(12)(d) gives GPL the right to dispense with notice in cases of emergencies where it is necessary to ensure the proper or efficient operation of its electrical installations.

Particularly with respect to the issue of whether GPL can enter private premises to which electricity will be, is being or has been supplied, section 13 of the Third Schedule to the said Act provides as follows:

13. (1) Any Government Electric Inspector and any official authorized by a public supplier may at all reasonable times, on the production of some duly authenticated document showing his authority, enter any premises to which electricity will be, is being, or has been, supplied by the public supplier for the purposes of –

- (a) installing, inspecting, repairing, altering or removing electricity meter, electric line, or other electrical apparatus on the premises;
- (b) ascertaining the quantity of electricity supplied;
- (c) connecting or disconnecting the supply of electricity;
- (d) carrying out any other purpose of the Act or these Regulations,

and every consumer shall ensure that such persons are permitted to enter the premises at all reasonable times for those purposes.

(2) Any official exercising the powers of entry conferred by this paragraph may be accompanied by such persons as may be necessary or expedient for the purpose for which the entry is made.

Accordingly, any officer of GPL, on production of authenticated documentation of his status with the company, is authorized to enter the premises of consumers within reasonable hours of the day for the above mentioned purposes. Persons accompanying the official of GPL for above mentioned purposes are also authorized to enter the premises of the consumer. However, it should be noted that the entry of such persons

cannot be by force, i.e., breaking of locks etc. Under subsection (1), the consumer is obligated to permit the entry of the said persons for the above purposes failure of which the consumer would be guilty of an offence under section 27 of the Schedule and liable to a fine and imprisonment.”

14. COMMUNITY WELFARE OFFICER

Member Asking: Mrs. Volda Lawrence, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Human Services and Social Security

- (i) Would the Honourable Minister of Human Services and Social Security tell this National Assembly in which Sub Region of Region No. 8 will the Community Welfare Officer be placed and at which location?
- (ii) What will be the Budgetary allocation for this Officer to travel around the sub-region?
- (iii) When will a Community Welfare Officer be appointed to the other sub-region in Region No. 8 and at what location the person would be based?

Notice Paper No. 302 (Q218 Opp213) published on 2008-10-31)

Answers:

- (i) “On the 1st day of October, 2008, in honouring a Manifesto promise of the PPP/C, a Probation and Social Services Officer was assigned to Region Number 8, Sub Region 2. The said Officer is based at Mahdia.
- (ii) The Officer shall receive enough resources from the Ministry’s general budget, as do other Officers, to travel around the Region and to fulfill her responsibilities therein.

- (iii) The Officer assigned to Region Number 8 shall visit regularly the other Sub Region. Continuous assessment of the Sub Region shall be done.”

15. GYS100 MILLION ALLOCATED TO SINGLE PARENTS

Member Asking: Mrs. Volda Lawrence, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Human Services and Social Security

Would the Honourable Minister of Human Services and Social Security inform this National Assembly and the single parents in Guyana:

- (i) Whether the distribution of the GY\$100 million allocated to single parents will be done before the 31st December, 2008?
- (ii) If it will be distributed before 31st day of December, 2008 when will this distribution begin?
- (iii) What are the main criteria that will be used to qualify single parents for receipt of this allocation?
- (iv) How many single parents are expected to benefit?
- (v) If it will not be distributed before the 31st day of December, 2008, could the Honourable Minister say why?

(Notice Paper No. 303 (Q219 Opp214) published on 2008-10-31)

Answers:

“The assistance plan for single parents is currently engaging the attention of the Cabinet.

As soon as the plan is finalized a representative of the Government shall, through an appropriate method, inform the National Assembly about the contents of the plan and matters related thereto.”

16. SINGLE PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Member Asking: Mrs. Volda Lawrence, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Human Services and Social Security

Would the Honourable Minister of Human Services and Social Security inform this National Assembly whether the information received from the recently acquired Single Parent Questionnaire will be used to add persons to the Public Assistance list?

Notice Paper No. 304 (Q220 Opp215) published on 2008-10-31)

Answer:

“The grant of public assistance is governed by the Poor Relief Act, Chap. 36:02. Certain procedures must be followed, and certain conditions complied with, under the Act before one can be granted public assistance.

It is therefore beyond the jurisdiction of the Minister of Human Services to add persons to the public assistance list. The National Assembly may be interested to know, however, that unverified data suggests that in excess of 10% the registrants on the register have indicated that they are already in receipt of public assistance.”

17. **LIST OF LEGISLATION**

Member Asking: Mrs. Clarissa Riehl, M.P.

Minister Answering: Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

Could the Honourable Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs provide this National Assembly with a list of legislation his Government proposes to introduce in the National Assembly between December, 2008 and August, 2009?

(Notice Paper No. 308 (Q224 Opp219) published on 2008-11-04)

Answer:

Bills for December, 2008 to August, 2009

“The practice regarding introduction of Bills in the National Assembly includes-

- (a) the request for the legislation by a Minister to the Cabinet;
- (b) submission of instructions from the Minister or the Office of the President to the Attorney Generals’ Chambers for the preparation of a draft Bill along the lines suggested;
- (c) the preparation and submission of the draft Bill to the Minister and the Office of the President;
- (d) circulation of the draft Bill to Members of Parliament and all other interested parties by the Minister for their views;

- (e) re-submission of the draft Bill to the Attorney Generals' Chambers for finalization and transmission to the Minister for his approval for presentation to the National Assembly.

What is stated is a broad outline of some of the steps involved in the preparation of legislation.

Some of the steps may be abridged while others may be extended.

Hereunder is a list of Bills that may be introduced in the National Assembly between December, 2008 and August, 2009. Some of the procedures outlined above have in some cases in relation to the Bills been followed –

Bills

1. Fisheries Agency Bill
2. Mutual Assistance Bill
3. Justice Protection Bill
4. Time Limit for Judicial Decisions Bill
5. Maritime Zones Bill
6. Persons with Disabilities Bill
7. Physical Planning and Development Bill
8. Adoption of Children Bill
9. Custody, Contact, Guardianship and Maintenance Bill
10. Status of Children Bill
11. Child Care and Development Services Bill
12. Protection of Children Agency Bill
13. Child Protection Agency Bill
14. Sexual Offences Bill
15. Livestock Development Board Bill

16. Health Professions Bill
17. Health Protection and Promotion Bill
18. Private Security Service Regulations Bill”

18. NUMBER OF PERSONS DETAINED FOR 72 HOURS OR MORE

Mrs. Deborah Backer, M.P., asked the Minister of Home Affairs the following question:

Could the Honourable Minister of Home Affairs provide this National Assembly with a list of the number of persons detained for the year 2007, at each Police Station listed below, for 72 hours or more, who were subsequently released without any charges being preferred against them:-

- (i) Sparendam Police Station
- (ii) Beterverwagting Police Station
- (iii) Vigilance Police Station
- (iv) Cove and John Police Station
- (v) Brickdam Police Station
- (vi) Providence Police Station

(Notice Paper No. 309 (Q225 Opp220) published on 2008-11-05)

At the request of the Minister of Home Affairs and with the approval of the Assembly, the above question was deferred.

For Oral Replies

19. NUMBER OF PERSONS CHARGED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE COMBATING OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS ACT

Mrs. Deborah Backer, on behalf of Dr. John Austin, M.P., asked the Minister of Home Affairs the following question:

*Could the Honourable Minister of Home Affairs inform this National Assembly how many persons have been charged under the provisions of the Combating of Trafficking in Persons Act, Act No. 2 of 2005?

(Notice Paper No. 266 (Q185 Opp180) published on 2008-10-01)

Thereafter, the Minister of Home Affairs replied.

Mr. Winston Murray asked the Minister of Home Affairs a supplementary question.

Thereafter, the Minister of Home Affairs replied.

20. VISITS TO THE BRICKDAM AND ALBERTTOWN POLICE LOCKUPS

Mrs. Deborah Backer, M.P., asked the Minister of Home Affairs the following question:

*Is the Honourable Minister of Home Affairs prepared to facilitate visits to the Brickdam and Alberttown Police Lockups for Members of Parliament who are so interested?

(Notice Paper No. 275 (Q 193 Opp188) published on 2008-10-21)

Thereafter, the Minister of Home Affairs replied.

Mrs. Deborah Backer asked the Minister of Home Affairs supplementary questions.

Thereafter, the Minister of Home Affairs replied.

21. **ACADEMIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS TO THE GUYANA POLICE FORCE**

Mrs. Deborah Backer, M.P., asked the Minister of Home Affairs the following question:

*Could the Honourable Minister of Home Affairs tell this National Assembly whether his Government is prepared to immediately increase the academic entry requirement to the Guyana Police Force from a sound primary or secondary education (as is the present requirement) to a sound secondary education.

(Notice Paper No. 277 (Q 195 Opp190) published on 2008-10-21)

Thereafter, the Minister of Home Affairs replied.

Mrs. Deborah Backer asked the Minister of Home Affairs supplementary questions.

Thereafter, the Minister of Home Affairs replied.

22. **BRICKDAM AND ALBERTTOWN POLICE STATIONS' LOCKUPS**

Mrs. Deborah Backer, M.P., asked the Minister of Home Affairs the following questions:

(i) *Can the Honourable Minister of Home Affairs inform this National

Assembly whether citizens of Guyana and citizens of other countries held overnight at the Brickdam and Alberttown Police Stations' Lockups are provided with a bed, mattress, foam, or any other type of bedding to sleep on?

- (ii) *Can the Minister of Home Affairs inform this National Assembly whether the Brickdam and Alberttown Police Stations' Lockups have any lights?
- (iii) *Can the Honourable Minister inform this National Assembly whether the Brickdam and Alberttown Police Stations' Lockups have functioning toilets and bathrooms?

(Notice Paper No. 278 (Q 196 Opp191) published on 2008-10-21)

Thereafter, the Minister of Home Affairs replied.

Mrs. Deborah Backer asked the Minister of Home Affairs supplementary questions.

Thereafter, the Minister of Home Affairs replied.

23. SUGAR SOLD BY GUYSUCO

At the request of Mrs. Sheila Holder, M.P., and with the approval of the Assembly, the following question was deferred:

*Will the Minister say at what price/prices has GuySuCo sold sugar to Trinidad and Tobago over the last three years?

(Notice Paper No. 279 (Q 197 Opp192) published on 2008-10-21)

24. **ELECTRICITY TO THE RESIDENTS OF MADHIA AND ITS ENVIRONS**

At the request of Mrs. Latchmin Budhan-Punalall, M.P., and with the approval of the Assembly, the following question was deferred:

*Does the Government have early plans to provide electricity to the residents of Madhia and its environs?

(Notice Paper No. 280 (Q 198 Opp193) published on 2008-10-21)

25. **POTABLE WATER IN MADHIA-REGION #8**

At the request of Mrs. Latchmin Budhan-Punalall, M.P., and with the approval of the Assembly, the following question was deferred.

*When will the residents in Madhia-Region #8 including Campbelltown receive potable water through their taps?

(Notice Paper No. 281 (Q 199 Opp194) published on 2008-10-21)

26. **AMBULANCE FOR MADHIA HOSPITAL**

Mrs. Latchmin Budhan-Punalall, M.P., asked the Minister of Health the following question:

*Can the Minister of Health tell us when again the Madhia Hospital will be equipped with a working ambulance?

(Notice Paper No. 282 (Q 200 Opp195) published on 2008-10-21)

Thereafter, the Minister in the Ministry of Health replied.

27. **GUYANA'S POLICY VIS-A-VIS VENEZUELA**

Mr. Aubrey Norton, M.P., asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs the following question:

*Could the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs outline Guyana's policy vis-a-vis Venezuela.

(Notice Paper No. 283 (Q 201 Opp196) published on 2008-10-21)

Thereafter, the Minister of Foreign Affairs replied.

Mr. Aubrey Norton asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs supplementary questions.

Thereafter, the Minister of Foreign Affairs replied.

28. **PROMOTIONS IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

Mr. Aubrey Norton, M.P., ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs the following question:

*Could the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs state when will there be promotions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs?

(Notice Paper No. 284 (Q 202 Opp197) published on 2008-10-21)

Thereafter, the Minister of Foreign Affairs replied.

Mr. Aubrey Norton asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs supplementary questions.

Thereafter, the Minister of Foreign Affairs replied.

29. **STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

Mr. Aubrey Norton, M.P., asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs the following questions:

- (a) *Could the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs update this Honourable House on what aspects of the Strategic Plan of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs have been accepted by Government?
- (b) *What is the rationale for the acceptance and objection?
- (c) *Could the Honourable Minister update this Honourable House as to the status of the implementation of the Strategic Plan?

(Notice Paper No. 285 (Q 203 Opp198) published on 2008-10-21)

Thereafter, the Minister of Foreign Affairs replied.

Mr. Aubrey Norton asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs supplementary questions.

Thereafter, the Minister of Foreign Affairs replied.

30. **INJURY OF A TEACHER AT THE HACKNEY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Ms Amna Ally, M.P., ask the Minister of Education the following question:

*Could the Honourable Minister of Education inform this National Assembly of the circumstances leading to the injury of a teacher at Hackney Primary School on Tuesday, 14th October, 2008, which led to her hospitalization at the Charity Hospital?

(Notice Paper No. 288 (Q204 Opp199) published on 2008-10-27)

Thereafter, the Minister of Education replied.

31. PROLONGED FLOODING AT THE LIBERTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ms Anna Ally, M.P., asked the Minister of Education the following questions:

- (i) *Could the Honourable Minister of Education explain to this National Assembly why nothing has been done to address the prolonged flooding at the Liberty Primary School in the Pomeroon Region?
- (ii) *What is proposed to be done to remedy this situation and how soon will this be done?

(Notice Paper No. 289 (Q205 Opp200) published on 2008-10-27)

Thereafter, the Minister of Education replied.

Mrs. Deborah Backer asked the Minister of Education supplementary questions.

Thereafter, the Minister of Education replied.

32. BALLISTIC TESTS

Mr. Everall Franklyn, M.P., asked the Minister of Home Affairs the following questions:

- (i) *Does the Guyana Police Force perform ballistic tests on weapons under its control?

- (ii) *Are ballistic tests carried out on weapons held by and issued to other security personnel e.g. Army, Customs Anti Narcotics Unit and the City Constabulary?

(Notice Paper No. 292 (Q208 Opp203) published on 2008-10-27)

Thereafter, the Minister of Home Affairs replied.

Mr. Aubrey Norton asked the Minister of Home Affairs supplementary questions.

Thereafter, the Minister of Home Affairs replied.

33. USE OF PIT LATRINES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Mr. Raphael G. E. Trotman, M.P., asked the Minister of Education the following questions:

- (i) *Could the Hon Minister of Education tell this National Assembly if the relatives of Tenesha De Souza received compensation for her death from drowning in a pit latrine whilst attending school at the Santa Rosa Primary School, Moruca, North West District?
- (ii) *What steps, if any, are being taken to review the government's policy of providing flush toilets at all schools in Guyana?
- (iii) *Can the Minister confirm whether on Wednesday, October 22, 2008 a female first form student at the Annai Secondary School in Region 9, fell into a pit latrine in the school's compound?

(Notice Paper No. 294 (Q210 Opp205) published on 2008-10-27)

Thereafter, the Minister of Education replied.

Mrs. Deborah Backer asked the Minister of Education supplementary questions.

Thereafter, the Minister of Education replied.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

MOTION

ACCESS TO LOCAL AND EXTERNAL TELEVISION CHANNELS, OTHER THAN NCN CHANNELS, AT LINDEN

Mrs. Sheila Holder moved the following motion:

WHEREAS Article 146(1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Guyana provides for the protection of fundamental rights and freedoms of citizens and is the supreme law of the land and directs:

“Except with his own consent, no person shall be hindered in the enjoyment of his freedom of expression, that is to say, freedom to hold opinions without interference, freedom to receive ideas and information without interference, freedom to communicate ideas and information without interference and freedom from interference with his correspondence”;

AND WHEREAS the people of Linden and Wismar have expressed to the leadership of the Alliance For Change their frustration and anger at being denied the right to access local and external television channels other than NCN channels 11 and 8 operated by the State;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly endorses the fundamental rights of these citizens to receive ideas and information without interference via television media other than those which are provided by NCN;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly calls on the Government of Guyana and its National Frequency Management Unit to permit operators of private television channels in Guyana the right to relay and beam their channels in Linden and Wismar without having to attain additional licenses and pay additional fees.

(Notice Paper No. 264 (M77 Opp22) published on 2008-07-31)

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mr. Robert Corbin

Ms Gail Teixeira

While Ms Gail Teixeira was speaking to the motion the time for the suspension of the sitting was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 3:55 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 5:03 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Ms Gail Teixeira continued and concluded her speech.

The following Members also spoke to the motion:

Mr. Raphael Trotman

Ms Vanessa Kissoon

The Minister of Labour

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan

Mr. Everall Franklyn

The Minister of Home Affairs

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 7:25 p.m. the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 7:51 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Mr. Aubrey Norton also spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, Mrs. Sheila Holder replied.

Mrs. Sheila Holder moved the following amendments which was put and negatived:

Include the words "and other Region No. 10 communities" after the words Linden and Wismar in the AND WHEREAS clause as well as in the BE IT FURTHER RESOVED clause.

Ms Vanessa Kissoon moved the following amendments which were put and negatived:

Insert after the 2nd Whereas Clause the following as the 3rd Whereas Clause "And Whereas Channel 13 was a gift to the people of Linden by a co-operate citizen".

Insert after the 2nd Resolve Clause the following and the 3rd Resolve Clause.

"Be It Further Resolved that, since Channel 13 was a gift to the people of Linden by a co-operate citizen, this National Assembly call on the Government of

Guyana to return the management of the television Channel 13 to the people of Linden, its rightful owners”.

The motion was then put and negatived on the following division:

FOR

Mr. Franklin
Mr. Patterson
Mrs. Holder
Mr. Ramjattan
Mr. Trotman
Mr. Fernandes
Ms Kissoon
Ms Wade
Dr. Austin
Ms Selman
Mr. Mervyn Williams
Mrs. David-Blair
Mr. Elliot
Mr. Norton
Mr. Danny
Miss Ally
Mr. Scott
Mrs. Lawrence
Dr. Norton
Mrs. Backer
Mr. Carberry
Mrs. Riehl
Mr. Murray
Mr. Corbin

AGAINST

Mr. Whittaker
Mr. Seeraj
Mrs. Sahoye-Shury
Mr. Parmanand Persaud
Mr. Neendkumar
Mr. Nandlall
Mr. Nagamootoo
Mr. Lumumba
Mr. Khan
Mrs. Edwards
Mr. DeSantos
Mr. Chand
Mr. Atkinson
Mr. Ali
Ms Shadick
Mrs. Chandarpal
Mr. Nokta
Ms Teixeira
Dr. Ramsaran
Dr. Fox
Ms Manickchand
Mr. Nadir
Mr. Benn
Dr. Anthony
Mr. Lall
Dr. Westford
Mrs. Rodrigues-Birkett
Dr. Ramsammy
Dr. Jeffrey
Mr. Baksh
Mr. Rohee

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:44 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Home Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, 11th December, 2008.



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HON. HARI N. RAMKARRAN, S.C., M.P.,
Speaker of the National Assembly

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

3rd December, 2008.

Appendix I

ANSWER:

POOR RURAL COMMUNITIES SUPPORT SERVICES PROJECT LIST OF WORKS COMPLETED IN REGION # 3

No.	Name of Contract	Location	Value	Intended Beneficiaries	Actual Beneficiaries	How beneficiaries Benefit
	<u>ROADS</u>					
1	Construction All Weather Road - Ruby/ Good Hope	Ruby/Good Hope, EBE	52,270,937	160	350	Const. of 2 miles of All Weather Road.
2	Const. All Weather Access Road - Naamryck, EBE	Naamryck, EBE	70,918,165	350	850	Const. of 1.5miles of All Weather Access Road.
3	Const. All Weather Access Road - Vreed-en-Hoop/ La Jalousie	Vreed-en-Hoop- La Jalousie	107,702,392	462	1382	Const. of 2.9miles of All Weather Access Road& Const. of 9 R.C. Bridges.
			230,891,494	972	2,582	
	<u>BUILDINGS</u>					
1	Construction of Den Amstel Day Care Centre	Den Amstel, WCD	11,910,153	36	1240	Provide building & Equipment for Day Care for Children of working parents.
2	Const. Multi Purpose Building Leonora	Leonora, WCD	11,571,204	45	860	Provide building & equipment several purposes - Catering, Information technology centre , craft production and Day Care for children of working parents.
3	Const. Sanitary Unit - Santa Mission	Santa Mission, EBD	1,439,230	54	350	Provide washroom facilities.
4	Const. Multi Purpose Building & Boat Landing - Aliko Women's Dev. Group. Reg. No. 3	Aliko, EBE	19,688,700	23	360	Provide building for skills training & Day Care Centre also Const. of Boat landing
	Const. Storage Bond & Drying Floor - Crane , Reg. No. 3	Crane, WCD	39,230,860	116	800	Provide Storage Bond & Drying Floor to dry and store farmers seed paddy.
5	Const. Storage Bond & Drying Floor - Leguan Island, Reg. No. 3	Leguan Island, Esseq. River	11,392,535	96	300	Provide Storage Bond & Drying Floor to dry and store farmers seed paddy.

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6	Const. of Multi Purpose Building & Supply & Install Kitchen Appliances etc – La Harmonie	La Harmonie, EBD	36,345,570	150	300	Provide a multi purpose building for the residents of the community with kitchen appliances, sewing machines and computers for skills training.
7	Construction of Packaging and Storage Facility - - Parika, EBE	Parika, EBE	88,726,261	175	3000	Construction of Packaging and Storage Facility for farmers at Parika etc. - cleaning, washing, packaging & storage of farmers produce for overseas shipping
			220,304,513	695	7210	
	<u>OTHERS - Cattle Pasture</u>					
1	Rehab. Cattle Pasture - Windsor Forest, Reg. No. 3	Windsor Forest, WCD	3,353,400	49	98	Upgrading of Cattle Pasture. D&I works and fencing of Pasture
2	Rehab. & Excavate Channels - Hague Cattle Pasture	Hague, WCD	4,839,480	37	300	Upgrading of Cattle Pasture. D&I works and fencing of Pasture
3	Rehab. & Excavate Channels, Cont. of Struct. Den Amstel Cattle Pasture	Den Amstel, WCD	3,980,905	65	150	Upgrading of Cattle Pasture. D&I works, fencing of Pasture and const. Storage Bond.
4	Rehab. & Excavate Channels Cont. of Struct. Wales Viv- la Force - Cattle Pasture	Wales, EBD	3,948,630	32	110	Upgrading of Cattle Pasture. D&I works and fencing of Pasture
5	Rehab. & Excavate Channels Cont. of Access Dam - Leonora -Cattle Pasture	Leonora, WCD	1,816,480	52	260	Upgrading of Cattle Pasture. D&I works and fencing of Pasture
6	Excavate of Channels Rehab. & Const. of Structures - Tuschen Cattle Pasture, EBE, Region No.3	Tuschen, EBE	11,137,225	75	575	Upgrading of Cattle Pasture. D&I works and fencing of Pasture
			29,076,120	310	1493	
	<u>OTHER - Excavate & Rehab. Channels, Const. Structures</u>					
1	Excavate of Channels Rehab. & Const. of Structures - Aliki, WUA	Aliki, EBE	24,393,232	75	250	App. 1200 acres of new land available with D & I Works

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2	Excavate of Channels Rehab. & Const. of Structures - Lanaballi, WUA	Lanaballi, EBE	26,787,581	65	200	App. 1500 acres of new land available with D & I Works
3	Excavate of Channels Rehab. & Const. of Structures - Beribissiballi, WUA	Beribissalli, EBE	27,621,407	66	175	App. 1500 acres of new land available with D & I Works
4	Excavate of Channels Rehab. & Const. of Structures - Free & Easy /Maria's Lodge, WUA	Free & Easy/ Maria's Lodge, EBD	74,481,641	33	200	Provide D & I to farmers plots
5	Rehab. Of Drains & const. of Structures - Sisters Village, WUA, West Bank. Demerara, Reg. No. 3	Sisters Village, EBD	22,398,720	40	175	Provide D & I to existing farmers plots
6	Excavate of Channels Rehab. & Const. of Structures - Western Hogg Island	Hogg Island, Esseq. Island	111,094,287	300	800	Rehab. & Excavate 11 miles of canals and const. 5 RC structures. (2000 acres available)
7	Rehab. & Excavate Channels Maripa	Maripa, EBE	24,511,230	55	360	App.1000 acres of land available with D & I Works
8	Rehab. & Excavate Channels - Parika/ Ruby/ Kent Dam	Parika, Ruby & Kent Dam, EBE	5,393,914	35	155	App.265 acres of land available with D & I Works
9	Rehab. & Excavate Channels - Vergenoegen WUA	Vergenoegen, EBE	5,249,528	49	250	App.376acers of land available with D & I Works
10	Rehab. & Const. of Structures - Parika/ Ruby/ Kent Dam	Parika, Ruby & Kent Dam, EBE	19,253,299	35	155	App.265 acres of land available with D & I Works
11	Rehab. & Const. of Structures - Vergenoegen, WUA	Vergenoegen, EBE	35,701,220	49	250	App.376acers of land available with D & I Works
12	Rehab. & Const. of Structures - Maripa, WUA	Maripa, EBE	15,046,620	55	360	App.1000 acres of land available with D & I Works
13	Excavate of Channels Rehab. & Const. of Structures - Hubu, WUA, Region No. 3	Hubu, EBE	40,510,835	63	568	App.1000 acres of land available with D & I Works
14	Excavate of Channels Rehab. & Const. of Structures - Morasi,WUA	Morasi, EBE	19,825,864	25	110	App.300 acres of land available with D & I Works

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15	Rehab. of Channel & Const. of Structures - Lower Bonasika, Right Bank	Bonasika, Right Bank	41,732,718	75	325	Excavate 6 miles of canals . App.750 acres of land available with D & I Works
16	Rehab. of Channel & Const. of Structures - Lower Bonasika, Left Bank	Bonasika, Left Bank	54,674,700	65	350	Excavate 6 miles of canals . App.800 acres of land available with D & I Works
17	Excavate of Channels Rehab. & Const. of Structures - Parika Back, WUA	Parika, EBE	45,070,523	150	1500	Excavate 1.5 miles of canals . Const. 2 GH Bridges and 3 RC Structures App.650acres of land available with D & I Works
			593,747,319	1235	6183	
	<u>OTHER - Supply & Install Equipment etc.</u>					
1	Supply Appliance, Furniture & Computers -Leonora Multi Purpose Building	Leonora, WCD	4,471,500	45	860	Skills Training & Day Care Centre Facility
2	Supply - Seed Paddy Lab. Equip. - Crane	Crane, WCD	6,604,860	116	800	Testing & processing of Farmers Seed Paddy
3	Supply & Install Solar Power Equip. - Santa Mission	Santa Mission, EBD	8,604,895	54	600	Solar Power generation to facilitate the Community .
4	Supply & Install - Seed Paddy Production Equip. - Crane	Crane, WCD	22,265,218	116	800	Provide Seed Paddy Production equipment
5	Supply & install Sewing Machine, Kitchen Appliances & Furniture - Aiki women's	Aiki, EBE	1,879,994	23	360	Skills Training & Day Care Centre Facility
6	Supply & Install - Seed Paddy Production Equip. - Leguan Island,	Leguan Island, Esseq. River	32,960,000	96	300	Provide Seed Paddy Production equipment
7	Const. Drying Floor - Vergenoegen	Vergenoegen, EBE	13,937,196	51	500	Additional Drying Floor 200' X 100' for drying farmers paddy.
			90,723,663	501	4220	
	TOTAL		1,164,743,109	3,713	21,688	

Appendix II

1	Den Amstel Women's Dev. Association	Provide building & Equipment for Day Care for Children of working parents.
2	Leonora Women's Dev. Association	Provide building & equipment several purposes - Catering, Information technology centre , craft production and Day Care for children of working parents.
3	Santa Mission Women's Dev. Association	Provide washroom facilities.
4	Aliki Women's Dev. Association	Provide building for skills training & Day Care Centre also Const. of Boat landing
5	West Demerara Small Rice Farmers Association, Crane, WCD	Provide Storage Bond & Drying Floor to dry and store farmers seed paddy.
6	Leguan Small Rice Farmers Association,	Provide Storage Bond & Drying Floor to dry and store farmers seed paddy.
7	La Harmonie/ Orange Blossom Women's Dev. Association	Provide a multi purpose building for the residents of the community with kitchen appliances, sewing machines and computers for skills training.
8	Region #3 Farmers Association, Parika	Construction of Packaging and Storage Facility for farmers at Parika etc. - cleaning, washing, packaging & storage of farmers produce for overseas shipping
OTHERS - Cattle Pasture		
1	Windsor Forest Cattle Farmer's Association	Upgrading of Cattle Pasture. D& I works and fencing of Pasture
2	Hague Cattle Farmer's Association	Upgrading of Cattle Pasture. D& I works and fencing of Pasture
3	Den Amstel Cattle Farmer's Association	Upgrading of Cattle Pasture. D& I works, fencing of Pasture and const. Storage Bond.
4	Wales Viv- la Force -Cattle Farmer's Association	Upgrading of Cattle Pasture. D& I works and fencing of Pasture
5	Leonora -Dairy Farmer's Association	Upgrading of Cattle Pasture. D& I works and fencing of Pasture
6	De Kindren- Zeelugt Cattle Farmer's Association	Upgrading of Cattle Pasture. D& I works and fencing of Pasture
OTHER - Excavate & Rehab. Channels, Const. Structures		
1	Aliki , Water Users Association	App. 1200 acres of new land available with D & I Works
2	Lanaballi , Water Users Association	App. 1500 acres of new land available with D & I Works
3	Beribissiballi, Water Users Association	App. 1500 acres of new land available with D & I Works

4	Free & Easy /Maria's Lodge, Water Users Association	Provide D & I to farmers plots
5	Sisters Village, WUA, West Bank. Demerara, Reg. No. 3	Provide D & I to existing farmers plots
6	Hogg Island, Water Users Association	Rehab. & Excavate 11 miles of canals and const. 5 RC structures. (2000 acres available)
7	Maripa water Users Association	App.1000 acres of land available with D & I Works (channels)
8	Parika/ Ruby/ Kent Dam Water Users Association	App.265 acres of land available with D & I Works
9	Vergenoegen Agro Producers Association	App.376acers of land available with D & I Works
10	Rehab. & Const. of Structures - Parika/ Ruby/ Kent Dam	App.265 acres of land available with D & I Works
11	Rehab. & Const. of Structures - Vergenoegen, WUA	App.376acers of land available with D & I Works
12	Maripa water Users Association	App.1000 acres of land available with D & I Works (Structures)
13	Hubu , Water Users Association, Region No. 3	App.1000 acres of land available with D & I Works
14	Morasi,Water Users Association	App.300 acres of land available with D & I Works
15	Lower Bonasika, Right Bank Water Users Association	Excavate 6 miles of canals . App.750 acres of land available with D & I Works
16	Lower Bonasika, Left Bank, Water Users Association	Excavate 6 miles of canals . App.800 acres of land available with D & I Works
17	Parika Back, Water Users Association	Excavate 1.5 miles of canals . Const. 2 GH Bridges and 3 RC Structures App.650acers of land available with D & I Works
	<u>OTHER - Supply & Install Equipment etc.</u>	
1	Leonora Women's Dev. Association	Supply Appliance, Furniture & Computers -Leonora Multi Purpose Building
2	West Demerara Small Rice Farmers Association, Crane, WCD	Supply - Seed Paddy Lab. Equip. - Crane
3	La Harmonie/ Orange Blossom Women's Dev. Association	Supply and install solar Power equipment to the Community .
4	West Demerara Small Rice Farmers Association, Crane, WCD	Supply & Install - Seed Paddy Production Equip. - Crane
5	Aliki Women's Dev. Association	Supply & Install Sewing Machine, Kitchen Appliances & Furniture - Aliki women's
6	Leguan Small Rice Farmers Association,	Supply and Install Seed Paddy Production equipment
7	Vergenoegen	Construction of an Additional Drying Floor 200' X 100' for drying farmers paddy.