

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE 147<sup>TH</sup> SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION**  
**(2006-2011) OF THE NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD**  
**AT 2.00 P.M.**  
**ON TUESDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY, 2011**  
**IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, BRICKDAM,**  
**GEORGETOWN**

**MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (70)**

**Speaker (1)**

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

**MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT (41)**

**People's Progressive Party/Civic (40)**

**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 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. 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

**\*Non-elected Minister**

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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. Charles R. Ramson, 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

The Hon. Dr. Bheri S. Ramsaran, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Health (Absent – on leave)

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

The Hon. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, M.P., Minister of Housing and Water

Mr. Donald R. Ramotar, M.P.

Ms Gail Teixeira, M.P.

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

Mr. Harripersaud Nokta, M.P.

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

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

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**\*Non-Elected Minister**  
**\*\*Elected Member from the United Force**

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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) (Absent – on leave)

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

Mr. Mohabir A. Nandlall, M.P.

Mr. Odinga N. Lumumba, 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)

Dr. Vishwa Deva Budhram Mahadeo, M.P.

Rev. Dr. Kwame Gilbert, M.P.

Mr. Lloyd J. Pereira, J.P., M.P.

**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 (Absent – on leave)

Mrs. Clarissa S. Riehl, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

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**\*\*\*Non-elected Parliamentary Secretary**

#### 4.

Mr. E. Lance Carberry, M.P., Chief Whip (Absent – on leave)

Mrs. Deborah J. Backer, M.P.

Mr. Basil Williams, M.P.

Dr. George A. Norton, M.P.

Mrs. Volda A. Lawrence, M.P.

Mr. Keith Scott, M.P.

Ms Amna Ally, M.P.

Ms Cheryl Sampson, 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 Joan Baveghems, M.P.

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

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

Ms Dawn Hastings, M.P.

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

Mr. Raphael G.C. Trotman, M.P. (Absent)

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P. (Absent)

Mrs. Sheila Holder, M.P.

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

Mr. David Patterson, M.P.

**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

Ms Lilawtie Coonjah, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

**COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING**

The sitting commenced at 2.08 p.m.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS-**

**(i) GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**MOTION**

**BUDGET SPEECH 2011 – MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2011**

The Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 2011.

**(Moved by the Minister of Finance on 2011-01-17)**

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**In Committee of Supply**

The following Agencies and Programmes in the Estimates of Expenditure were considered and approved by the Committee as presented with the respective amounts allocated thereto-

**01 - OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

**Current Expenditure**

- 011 Administrative Services
- 012 Presidential Advisory (Cabinet and Other Services)
- 014 Public Policy and Planning

**Capital Expenditure**

- 011 Head Office Administration

**09 - PUBLIC AND POLICE SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Current Expenditure**

- 091 Public and Police Service Commission

**Capital Expenditure**

- 091 Public and Police Service Commission

**10 - TEACHING SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Current Expenditure**

- 101 Teaching Service Commission

**Capital Expenditure**

- 101 Teaching Service Commission

**11 - GUYANA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**Current Expenditure**

- 111 Elections Commission
- 112 Elections Administration

**Capital Expenditure**

- 111 Elections Commission
- 112 National, Regional and Local Government Elections

**53 - GUYANA DEFENCE FORCE**

**Current Expenditure**

531 Defence Headquarters

**Capital Expenditure**

531 Defence Headquarters

**57 - OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN**

**Current Expenditure**

571 Ombudsman

**58 - PUBLIC SERVICE APPELLATE TRIBUNAL**

**Current Expenditure**

581 Public Service Appellate Tribunal

**Capital Expenditure**

581 Public Service Appellate Tribunal

**02 - OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER**

**Current Expenditure**

021 Prime Minister's Secretariat

**Capital Expenditure**

021 Prime Minister's Secretariat

**07 - PARLIAMENT OFFICE**

**Current Expenditure**

071 National Assembly

**Capital Expenditure**

071 National Assembly

**31 - MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Current Expenditure**

311 Ministry Administration

312 Public Works

313 Communication and Transport

**Capital Expenditure**

- 311 Ministry Administration
- 312 Public Works
- 313 Communication and Transport

**Assembly resumed**

**SUSPENSION OF SITTING**

At 5.15 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

**RESUMPTIO OF SITTING**

At 6.05 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

**In Committee of Supply**

The following Agencies and Programmes in the Estimates of Expenditure were considered and approved by the Committee as presented with the respective amounts allocated thereto-

**21 - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**

**Current Expenditure**

- 211 Ministry Administration
- 213 Fisheries
- 214 Hydrometeorological Services

**Capital Expenditure**

- 211 Ministry Administration
- 212 Crops and Livestock Support Services
- 213 Fisheries
- 214 Hydrometeorological Services



## **44 - MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS**

### **Current Expenditure**

- 441 Ministry Administration
- 442 Culture
- 443 Youth
- 444 Sports

### **Capital Expenditure**

- 441 Ministry Administration
- 442 Culture
- 443 Youth
- 444 Sports

## **41 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

### **Current Expenditure**

- 411 Main Office
- 412 National Education Policy – Implementation and Supervision
- 413 Ministry Administration
- 414 Training and Development
- 415 Education Delivery

### **Capital Expenditure**

- 411 Main Office
- 412 National Education Policy – Implementation and Supervision
- 413 Ministry Administration
- 414 Training and Development
- 415 Education Delivery

### **Assembly resumed**

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8.09 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Home Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m., on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2011.

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

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

**1<sup>st</sup> February, 2011.**