

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 13TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (2012) OF THE TENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON WEDNESDAY, 18th APRIL, 2012
IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
BRICKDAM, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (68)

Speaker (1)

The Hon Raphael G.C. Trotman, M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly

MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT (34)

(i) People's Progressive Party/Civic (34)

Hon. Samuel A.A. Hinds, O.E., M.P., Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs

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

Hon. Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P., Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Mohabir A. Nandlall, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica),
Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

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

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

Hon. Robert M. Persaud, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne),
Minister of Natural Resources and Environment

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

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Hon. Dr. Bheri S. Ramsarran, M.P., Minister of Health

Hon. Mohamed I. Alli, M.P., Minister of Housing and Water

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

Hon. Brindley H.R. Benn, M.P., Minister of Public Works

Hon. Ganga Persaud, M.P., Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

Hon. Priya D. Manickchand, M.P. (Region No. 5 – Mahaica/Berbice),
Minister of Education

Hon. Jennifer I.M. Webster, M.P., Minister of Human Services and Social Security

Hon. Pauline Campbell-Sukhai, M.P., Minister of Amerindian Affairs

*Hon. Dr. Nanda K. Gopaul, M.P., Minister of Labour

Hon. Alli Baksh, M.P. (Region No. 2 – Pomeroon/Supernaam),
Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture

Hon. Norman A. Whittaker, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 1 – Barima/Waini),
Minister in the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development

Hon. Bishop Juan A. Edghill, M.S., J.P., M.P., Minister in the
Ministry of Finance

Ms Gail Teixeira, M.P., Chief Whip

Mr. Manzoor Nadir, M.P.

Mrs. Indranie Chandarpal, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

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

***Non-Elected Minister**

3.

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

Mr. Odinga Lumumba, M.P.

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

Mr. Dharamkumar Seeraj, M.P.

Dr. Vishwa D.B. Mahadeo, M.P.

Rev. Dr. Kwame A. Gilbert, M.P.

**Mr. Joseph Hamilton, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Health

Dr. Vindhya Vasini Persaud, M.S., M.P.

Mr. Cornel Damon, M.P. (Region No. 2 – Pomeroon/Supernaam)

Mr. Faizal M. Jafarally, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne)

Members of the Opposition (33)

(ii) Members of A Partnership for National Unity(26)

Brigadier (Ret'd) David A. Granger, M.S.S., M.P.

Dr. Rupert Roopnarine, M.P.

Ms Amna Ally, M.P.

Mr. Basil Williams, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mrs. Volda Lawrence, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Dr. George Norton, M.P.

Mrs. Deborah Backer, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

****Non-Elected Member**

4.

Mr. Carl B. Greenidge, M.P.

Mr. Joseph F. Harmon, M.S.M., M.P.

Mr. Keith Scott, M.P.

Ms Dawn Hastings, M.P. (Region No. 7 – Cuyuni/Mazaruni)

Mr. Winston Felix, D.S.M., M.P.

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

Mr. Sydney Allicock, M.S., M.P.

Ms Africo Selman, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. Desmond Trotman, M.P.

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

Mr. James A. Bond, M.P.

Mr. Ronald A. Bulkhan, M.P.

Mr. Jaipaul Sharma, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mrs. Mabel Baveghems, M.P.

Mr. John Adams, M.P. (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

Mr. Christopher A. Jones, M.P.

Mr. Richard Allen, M.P. (Region No. 1 – Barima/Waini)

Mr. Renis Morian, M.P. (Region No. 10 – Upper Demerara/Upper Berbice)

Miss Annette N. Ferguson, M.P.

(iii)Members of The Alliance For Change (7)

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.

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

Mrs. Catherine Hughes, M.P.

Mrs. Valerie Garrido-Lowe, M.P.

Dr. Veersammy Ramayya, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne)

Ms June Eula Marcello, M.P. (Region No. 8 – Potaro/Siparuni)

Mr. Trevor Williams, M.P.

OFFICERS

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 5.02 p.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read the prayers.

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

For Written Replies

1. **GUYSUCO**

Member Asking: **Dr. Rupert Roopnarine, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Agriculture**

- (i) Can the Minister say when was the last Annual Report of GUYSUCO tabled in the National Assembly?
- (ii) Will the Minister make available the most recent audited accounts of GUYSUCO as a matter of urgency?
- (iii) Will the Minister make available the relevant documentation related to the announced financial release by the EU aimed to assisting in the upgrading/diversifying of the sugar industry? Will he specifically provide the number of amounts of funds released and identify the projects in and outside the industry which benefited from these EU funds, and the related values?
- (iv) Will the Minister make available a copy of the current Strategic Turnaround Plan which is touted to inform GUYSUCO's current operational programmes?
- (v) Will the Minister make an explicit declaration regarding the existing defects of the Skeldon factory as well as the resources needed, and being utilized, to remedy these defects, specifying the deadlines set?

(Notice Paper No. 29 (Q 21 Opp 21) published on 2012-03-28)

The Minister of Agriculture gave the following answers:

- (i) “ The last Annual Report of GUYSUCO which was tabled in the National Assembly was for 2009. It was tabled on August 10, 2010. The 2010 Annual Report was submitted to Cabinet in October, 2011. I will be tabling this report as soon as possible during this session of the Parliament.

- (ii) The audited accounts of GUYSUCO form part of its Annual Report. The last available set of audited accounts of GUYSUCO, therefore, is for 2010 and is available as part of the 2010 Annual Report which I will table in this session of the Parliament.

- (iii) I know that no direct releases of EU funds are being made to GUYSUCO. Under the Sugar Protocol, the EU provides financial support to the consolidated fund. As part of this arrangement, there are certain indicators that must be met. The indicators for 2011 included four related to GUYSUCO. The GUYSUCO-related indicators are amount of land cultivated at Skeldon by private farmers, acreage for replanting, acreage converted for mechanical operation and amount of packaged sugar sold by GUYSUCO. The EU funding arrangements were made with the Ministry of Finance and were utilized in general budget support. The details of how funds were utilized can be obtained through the Ministry of Finance.

- (iv) The Strategic Turnaround Plan 2009-2013 was presented to the Standing Committee on Economic Services of the 9th Parliament in 2010. The Plan was part of the submissions made and is now part of the records of that Committee. I will provide an individual copy for the Member.

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- (v) The works which will be carried out between now and June, 2013 are not defects in construction, but correction of design flaws. The design and corrective work is being done in collaboration with Tate and Lyle and an advance of \$US6M will be provided by Tate and Lyle/American Sugar Refinery for the works to commence. Through this collaboration, Bosch Engineers will begin the designing work and supervising the corrective work as of April, 2012. The works that are being done are as follows:
- Redesign and re-installing the outboard punt dumper.
 - Redesign and modification of the bagasse reclaim system to allow bagasse to be fed back to the boilers in a more efficient manner.
 - Redesign and corrective work on the can conveying system.
 - Construction of a borehole well for cleaner water supply to the factory.
 - Installation of a condensate tank.
 - Rotation of the shredder by 360 degrees.
 - Replacement of a 5mw Wartsilla Alternator.”

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A FACILITY TO PRODUCE ETHANOL

Member Asking: **Dr. Rupert Roopnarine, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Agriculture**

Will the Minister provide the details of the agreement reached to avail a foreign investor, reportedly of more than 44,515 acres of state land, for the establishment of a facility to produce ethanol?

(Notice Paper No. 30 (Q 22 Opp 22) published on 2012-03-28)

The Minister of Agriculture gave the following answer:

“The investor is ANSA McAL. It is a group of companies with more than 130 years of business experience and financial capability in the Caribbean. It has been a major business in Guyana for more than two decades.

The investor has an interest in participating in the growing bio-fuel industry as part of its future expansion and diversification. In this regards, the investor has developed a concept plan for the production of bio-ethanol using sugar cane. The investor has approached the Government of Guyana to consider a feasibility study which will investigate the possibility of sugar cane production of about 2M tons per year and the production of bio-ethanol of about 40M gallons annually. The company has requested non-financial support from the Guyana Government to build a commercial bio-ethanol business in Guyana. This support involves the commitment of the Guyana Government towards an agro-energy policy. This policy was being developed since 2007 and this year we will finalize the policy. In addition, the Government of Guyana has also agreed that should the feasibility study leads to ANSA McCAL investing in the development of a cane-based bio-ethanol enterprise, the Government will be in a position to lease at least 42,000 hectares of land for this purpose, with the possibility of adding more land for sugar cane cultivation and further expansion of bio-ethanol production.”

3. DRAINAGE IN THE DEMERARA REGION

Member Asking: **Dr. Rupert Roopnarine, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Agriculture**

Can the Minister advice on the total sums so far spent on drainage in the Demerara Region since 2005, specifically to control the flooding of the Mahaica and Mahaicony areas caused by the release of water from the East Demerara Water Conservancy into the Mahaica River?

(Notice Paper No. 31 (Q 23 Opp 23) published on 2012-03-28)

The Minister of Agriculture gave the following answer:

“Please be informed that the total sum of G\$ 4,127,506,962 has so far been spent on the following drainage works in the Demerara Region since 2005, specifically to control flooding of the Mahaica and Mahaicony areas caused by excessive rainfall and exacerbated with release of excess water from the EDWC via the Lama and Maduni Sluices.

- Rehabilitation of structures and embankment works to the EDWC - 307,081,114
- Raising, strengthening and rehab of structures of Crown Dam, ECD - 87,729,375
- Structural and earthen works on EDWC relief channel at Kofi - 12,854,000
- Construct revetment at Shanks Canal, Mahaica - 38,485,000
- Excavation of Cunha channel and Shanks canal - 28,016,292
- Revetment works at Kofi outfall, EBD - 22,499,000
- Raising of Kofi embankment, EBD - 21,242,300
- Construct scour protection at Kofi outfall, EBD - 36,510,600
- Construction of 2 pontoons, EDWC - 97,534,000
- Rehabilitation of Cunha head regulator and outfall - 27,312,000
- Installation of tubes and construct self acting gates for Mahaica flood embankment - 18,720,000
- Excavation of outfalls, ECD - 40,058,000
- Construction of EDWC Northern Relief Channel, EDWC - 1,908,227,212
- Construction of sluice at Retrieve, Mahaicony - 164,975,000
- Construction of sluice at Cottage, Mahaicony - 153,302,000
- Construction of sluice at Profit, Abary, WCB - 125,611,539
- Construct embankment at Karamat school to First savannah, M/cony creek, Esau & Jacob to Water Dog creek and Mahaica creek - 9,040,000
- Construct drainage culvert at Pert and Mortice, Mahaicony - 28,289,150
- Revetment, excavation and embankment works at Pert Biaboo - 31,357,000
- Revetment and rehabilitation works at Bellamy canal - 32,826,680

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- Construct embankment and install tube culverts at Wash Clothes and Biaboo 10,036,700
- Empoldering and embankment works on Right bank Mahaicony to left bank Abary, Mora Point to Hyde Park to Kip Clear - 26,000,000
- Repairs to flood embankment, Right Bank Abary, Bella Drum to Profit - 6,000,000
- Construction of Flood Embankment, Left Bank Mahaica,. - 21,000,000
- Installation of drainage culverts on the left and right banks of Mahaica Rover - 45,300,000
- Construction of Façade Drain from Hyde Park to Retrieve - 21,500,000
- Cleaning the Mahaica Creek Down Stream of the Public Road Bridge - 11,000,000
- Construction of flood Embankment from Hyde Park to Abary Creek. - 35,000,000
- Conservancy Adaptation Project (See Appendix 1) - 760,000,000

Total 4,275,506,962

CAP Components

The project will finance the development of the technical foundation for a master plan of future interventions within the EDWC and lowland drainage systems, as well as specific upgrading works and operational improvements aimed at enhancing the flood control capacity of the EDWC. The tools developed under the analytical component of the CAP will be used by the GoG and donor agencies to guide future investments.

Component 1 – Pre-investment studies for engineering design of works:

The objective of this component is to provide the hydrologic baseline necessary for contemplating rational interventions aimed at increasing the current discharge capacity of the flood control system. This objective will be achieved through:

- o *Detailed topographic and land use mapping*
- o *Hydrologic modeling of coastal lowlands*
- o *Assessment of EDWC system integrity*
- o *EDWC hydraulic modeling*
- o *Pre-feasibility studies for coastal lowland interventions*

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o *Operational capacity building*

Under this component, the following activities were completed:

- o Rehabilitation of the Lama and Maduni sluices
- o Procurement of pontoon and excavator

The key outcome of these pre-investment studies will be a high resolution topographic model of the inhabited coastal plain to be used as the basis for hydrologic analysis of the region under current and projected climate scenarios. The results from this component will pinpoint key areas where interventions will improve the system discharge capacity critical for flood zone management. Pre-engineering designs will be completed for a set of prioritized interventions. Specialized staff within the following agencies will be trained in the application of the analytical tools produced: NDIA, the Lands and Surveys Commission, the Ministry of Works' River and Sea Defense Division, the Guyana Environmental Protection Agency and the Civil Defense Commission.

Component 2 – Investments in specific adaptation measures: The objective of this component is to counteract the effects of sea level rise, which has decreased the GoG's ability to manage water levels of the EDWC system. The investments will improve the ability of the Government to manage water levels behind the EDWC dam during heavy rains by improving internal water flows in the EDWC and increasing EDWC drainage relief capacity to the Demerara River and eventually the Atlantic Ocean.

Based on analytical outputs, additional upgrading of water control structures will also be undertaken. This objective will be achieved through:

- o *Widening of key drainage relief canals*
- o *Improvement of water flow system within EDWC*
- o *Upgrading of water control structures*
- o *Selected equipment purchase and installation*

By the end of project, activities under this component should result in an increased drainage capacity of the EDWC to the Demerara River by roughly 35 percent (the exact figure will be finalized during the first year of implementation). The GoG, through the NDIA, will direct additional investments in the strengthening of drainage and irrigation infrastructure based on the engineering foundation to be developed under Component 1.

Component 3 – Institutional Strengthening and Project Management:

The objective of this component is to strengthen the institutional framework for flood control within the context of the national emergency management sector headed by the Civil Defense Commission. The project will also support an institutional consolidation of flood control in Guyana to help create consensus around a medium and long term intervention strategy to help the country adapt to sea level rise. This work will center around specific products, including:

- o *Contingency plan for flood events*
- o *Consolidation of flood control actors*
- o *Monitoring and evaluation of project progress*
- o *Project management*

Through this component, the Government will be better positioned to respond to flood emergencies. Moreover, through the Implementation Secretariat, flood control work will begin to be consolidated in the country, which is expected to lead to greater information sharing and institutional memory throughout the government.”

4. **MAHAICA RIVER**

Member Asking: **Dr. Rupert Roopnarine, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Agriculture**

Can the Minister explain why the Mahaica River continues to be incapable of draining any significant volume of water over the past 7 years?

(Notice Paper No. 32 (Q 24 Opp 24) published on 2012-03-28)

The Minister of Agriculture gave the following answer:

“The question assumes that the volume of water drained from the Mahaica River somehow changed since 2007. My answer to the question asked by the Honorable Member is based only on advice provided to the Ministry of Agriculture from scientific studies and by engineers and experts in the area. The following are some of the pertinent statements from these studies and from the advice provided.

1. The current and recent capability of the Mahaica River remains significantly unchanged from its natural drainage capability established since the late 1950s.
2. Hydrographic surveys (including bathymetry) and reports by Camacho (1994), Camacho and Dharry (1999), the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (2006) and CEMCO/SRKN'gineering Joint Venture in association with Mott McDonald (2009) have all corroborated on a largely unchanged physical character of the Mahaica River.
3. These studies have cautioned that the drainage load has increased in relation to drainage time because of high intensity rainfall and, in addition, areas that previously served as holding areas have recently been empoldered and water from these areas are being pumped into the river.

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4. Based on hydrographic surveys from these studies, the Mahaica Creek does not have a sloping channel with lower gradient at the mouth of the creek. Such longitudinal profile creates constrictions that restrict the flow of water to the Atlantic Ocean. This physical characteristic is a characteristic of the River and not something new in the last seven years.
5. Studies have identified a natural constriction that exists at Cane Grove which allows a flow of 3,200 cusecs only, as compared to a flow capability of 8,300 cusecs in the upper Itabu area.
6. A review of the engineering surveys conducted in the Mahaica River by the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (2006) and CEMCO/SRKN'gineering Joint Venture in association with Mott McDonald (2009) concluded that there may be some constriction between Belmont and Mosquito Hall that retains higher water levels upstream of Belmont in the Mahaica River.
7. A further conclusion from this study concluded that there is a sand bar across the mouth of the river at Mosquito Hall which restricts outflow at low tides and results in higher water levels being retained upstream at Mosquito Hall.
8. In the 2006 Study, the mean level recorded at Little Biaboo is 0.3m lower than that at Mosquito Hall and 0.4m lower than that at Belmont.
9. It is a known that the Mahaica River is very deep at Little Biaboo and there is a reverse gradient, indicating that sediments are washed into the river from the sea on a rising tide.
10. The Mahaica River is the shallowest and has the lowest flow of the Mahaica, Mahaicony and Abary Rivers. For 2012, desilting of the Mahaica River will be done.”

5. FORMER PRESIDENTS (BENEFITS AND OTHER FACILITIES) ACT OF 2009

Member Asking: Mr. Carl Greenidge, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Finance

Would the Minister inform this House whether he has presented to the National Assembly the regulations under which the provisions of the ‘Former Presidents (Benefits and Other Facilities) Act of 2009’ are to be given effect and, if so, when this was done?

(Notice Paper No. 33 (Q 25 Opp 25) published on 2012-03-28)

The Minister of Finance gave the following answer:

“The option to make regulations has not been exercised to date.”

6. FISCAL MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2003

Member Asking: Mr. Carl Greenidge, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Finance

Would the Minister provide for the House the computation by which he has determined that the ceiling of 2% stipulated in the Fiscal Management and Accountability Act of 2003 has been met?

(Notice Paper No. 34 (Q 26 Opp 26) published on 2012-03-28)

The Minister of Finance gave the following answer:

“On the presumption that the question is enquiring about the ceiling referred to in Section 41 of the Fiscal Management and Accountability Act 2003, the said Section provides that the total unreplenished amount drawn from the Contingencies Fund at any time shall not exceed 2 percent of the estimated annual expenditure of the last preceding year.

On this basis, given estimated total expenditure of \$139,513,916,000 in 2010 as reflected in the 2011 Budget Estimates, the said 2 percent ceiling would have amounted to \$2,790,278,320 in 2011. At no time during 2011 was this amount exceeded. A similar computation in relation to previous years can be done by reference to publicly available sources.”

For Oral Reply

7. STRENGTHENING OF NATIONAL AND LOCAL CAPACITIES FOR DISASTER RESPONSE

Mr. Rennis Morian, M.P., asked the Minister of Agriculture the following question:

*Could the Hon. Minister provide copies of the contract document for the ‘Strengthening of National and Local Capacities for Disaster Response and Reduction’ for the Project?

(Notice Paper No. 35 (Q 27 Opp 27) published on 2012-03-28)

Thereafter the Minister of Agriculture replied.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS, INCLUDING POLICY STATEMENTS-

Mr. Ramjattan’s motion to reduce the provision in a number of Agencies for Contracted Employees

The Minister of Labour made a statement re Mr. Ramjattan’s motion to reduce the provision for contracted employees in a number of agencies.

The Minister of Finance also made a statement re Mr. Ramjattan’s motion to reduce the provision for contracted employees in a number of agencies.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS-

Mr. Moses Nagamootoo made a personal explanation re amendment proposed by Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan to reduce the provision for contracted employees in a number of agencies.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE-

Protect by Public Servants

Ms Amna Ally, M.P., Opposition Chief Whip, made a request for leave to move the adjournment of the Assembly on definite matters of urgent public importance to discuss calls to her from certain public servants, saying that they were threatened with dismissal if they did not join the protest in relation to Mr. Ramjattan's proposed amendment to reduce the provision for contracted employees in a number of agencies.

Ms Ally's request was disallowed by the Speaker.

PUBLIC BUSINESS -

(i) **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

MOTION

BUDGET SPEECH 2012 – MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2012

The Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 2012.

(Moved by the Minister of Finance on 2012-03-30)

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:

45 - MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND WATER**Current Expenditure**

451 Housing and Water

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan moved an amendment to Line Item 6281 – Security Services, which was put and negatived on the following division:

FOR

Mr. Williams
 Ms Marcello
 Dr. Ramayya
 Mrs. Garrido-Lowe
 Mrs. Hughes
 Mr. Nagamootoo
 Mr. Ramjattan

DECLINED TO VOTE

Ms Ferguson
 Mr. Morian
 Mr. Allen
 Mr. Jones
 Mr. Adams
 Ms Baveghems
 Mr. Sharma
 Mr. Bulkan
 Mr. Bond
 Ms Kissoon
 Mr. Trotman
 Ms Selman
 Mr. Allicock
 Ms Wade
 Mr. Felix
 Ms Hastings
 Mr. Scott
 Mr. Harmon
 Mr. Greenidge

AGAINST

Mr. Jafarally
 Mr. Damon
 Dr. Persaud
 Rev. Gilbert
 Dr. Mahadeo
 Mr. Seeraj
 Mr. Neendkumar
 Mr. Lumumba
 Ms Shadick
 Mr. Chand
 Mrs. Chandarpal
 Mr. Nadir
 Ms Teixeira
 Bishop Edghill
 Mr. Whittaker
 Mr. Baksh
 Mrs. Campbell-Sukhai
 Ms Webster
 Ms Manickchand

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Mrs. Backer
Dr. Norton
Mrs. Lawrence
Mr. Williams
Ms Ally
Dr. Roopnarine
Brigadier (Ret') Granger

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Mr. G. Persaud
Mr. Benn
Dr. Anthony
Mr. Ali
Dr. Ramsarran
Dr. Westford
Mr. R. Persaud
Dr. Singh
Mr. Rodrigues-Birkette
Mr. Rohee

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Capital Expenditure

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**23 - MINISTRY OF TOURISM,
INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE**

Current Expenditure

231 Main Office
232 Ministry Administration
233 Commerce, Industry and
Consumer Affairs

Capital Expenditure

231 Main Office
232 Ministry Administration
233 Commerce, Industry and
Consumer Affairs

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Assembly resumed

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 7.25 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTIO OF SITTING

At 8.00 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-

**48 - MINISTRY OF LABOUR,
HUMAN SERVICES AND SOCIAL
SECURITY**

Current Expenditure

- 481 Ministry Administration
- 482 Social Services
- 483 Labour Administration

Capital Expenditure

- 481 Ministry Administration
- 482 Social Services
- 483 Labour Administration

44 - MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT

Current Expenditure

- 441 Ministry Administration
- 442 Culture
- 443 Youth

Assembly resumed

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 11

At 9.55 p.m., on a motion by the Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Standing Order No. 11 was suspended to enable the Assembly to continue with its consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for 2012 uninterrupted.

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-

44 – MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT

Current Expenditure

- 443 Youth
- 444 Sport

Capital Expenditure

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

Assembly resumed

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.30 p.m., on a motion by the Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m., on Thursday, 19th April, 2012.

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HON. RAPHAEL G.C. TROTMAN, M.P.,
Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Brickdam,
Georgetown.

18th April, 2012.