

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 14TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (2012) OF THE TENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON THURSDAY, 19th 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.

5.

(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 2.04 p.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read the prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Cutting of Ribbon to Ramp for persons with disability

The Speaker informed Members that he will be hosting a ‘cutting of the ribbon’ ceremony for the newly constructed ramp on the ground floor of the Public Buildings to accommodate members of the disabled community.

6.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

For Written Reply

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN FOR REGION #10

Member Asking: **Mr. Rennis Morian, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Agriculture**

Could the Hon. Minister of provide the plan for Disaster Preparedness for Region #10 and state who is the official point person responsible for this project?

(Notice Paper No. 36 (Q 28 Opp 28) published on 2012-03-28)

The Minister of Agriculture gave the following answer:

“The Civil Defense Commission (CDC) is the National Coordinating Agency for Disaster Preparedness. There is a National Disaster Risk Reduction and Preparedness Plan and copies could be obtained through the CDC. The plan is also on the website of the CDC. The CDC has been working with various sectors and agencies to prepare sector-specific Risk Reduction and Response Plans. For example, there are Risk Reduction and Response Plans at the EPA, Ministry of Health, etc. The Ministry of Agriculture is finalizing an Agriculture Sector Risk Reduction and Response Plan 2012-2020.

The Ministry of Local Government has been working with the CDC to develop Risk Reduction and Disaster Response Plans for the Regions also. The Honourable M.P. should direct his question to the Prime Minister who has responsibility for CDC.”

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS, INCLUDING POLICY STATEMENTS

Discussion between Brigadier (Ret'd) David Granger and President Donald Ramotar

The Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs made a statement re discussion between Brigadier (Ret'd) David Granger and President Donald Ramotar re: issues relating to the 2012 Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure.

7.

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:

46 - GEORGETOWN PUBLIC PUBLIC HOSPITAL CORPORATION

Current Expenditure

461 Public Hospital

Capital Expenditure

461 Public Hospital

47 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Current Expenditure

471 Ministry Administration

472 Diseases Control

473 Primary Health Care Services

474 Regional and Clinical Services

475 Health Sciences Education

476 Standards and Technical Services

477 Rehabilitation Services

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Capital Expenditure

- 471 Ministry Administration
- 472 Diseases Control
- 473 Primary Health Care Services
- 474 Regional and Clinical Services
- 475 Health Sciences Education
- 476 Standards and Technical Services
- 477 Rehabilitation Services

41 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Current Expenditure

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

Capital Expenditure

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

Assembly resumed

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.10 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 7.05 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:

16 - MINISTRY OF AMERINDIAN AFFAIRS

Current Expenditure

161 Amerindian Development

Capital Expenditure

161 Amerindian Development

51 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

Current Expenditure

511 Secretariat Services

512 Guyana Police Force

513 Guyan Prison Service

514 Police Complaints Authority

Presiding by Mrs. Volda Lawrence, M.P.

At 9.25 p.m., the Speaker withdrew from the Chamber and Mrs. Volda Lawrence took the Chair.

51 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

Current Expenditure

514 Police Complaints Authority

515 Guyana Fire Service

Speaker's Return to the Chamber

At 9.35 p.m., the Speaker returned to the Chamber.

51 - MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

Current Expenditure

515 Guyana Fire Service

516 General Register Office

Capital Expenditure

511 Secretariat Services

512 Guyana Police Force

513 Guyana Prison Service

514 Police Complaints Authority

515 Guyana Fire Service

516 General Register Office

Assembly resumed

ADJOURNMENT

At 9.48 p.m., on a motion by the Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m., on Friday, 20th April, 2012.

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

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Brickdam,
Georgetown.

19th April, 2012.