

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 16^H SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (2012) OF THE TENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON MONDAY, 23RD 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**

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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**

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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 2.00 p.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read the prayers.

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)

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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:

13 - MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Current Expenditure

- 131 Main Office
- 132 Ministry Administration
- 133 Regional Development

Capital Expenditure

- 132 Ministry Administration
- 133 Regional Development

71 - REGION 1: BARIMA/WAINI

Current Expenditure

- 711 Regional Administration and Finance
- 712 Public Works
- 713 Education Deliver
- 714 Health Services

Capital Expenditure

- 711 Regional Administration and Finance
- 712 Public Works
- 713 Education Deliver
- 714 Health Services

72 - REGION 2: POMEROON/SUPENAAM

Current Expenditure

- 721 Regional Administration and Finance
- 722 Agriculture

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Capital Expenditure

721 Regional Administration and Finance

722 Agriculture

Assembly resumed

The Speaker informed Members that Mrs. Deborah Backer, M.P., the Deputy Speaker would chair the proceedings upon the resumption of the sitting during his absence.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 5.13 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 6.15 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:

72 - REGION 2: POMEROON/SUPENAAM

Current Expenditure

723 Public Works

724 Education Delivery

725 Health Services

Capital Expenditure

- 723 Public Works
- 724 Education Delivery
- 725 Health Services

73 - REGION 3: ESSEQUIBO ISLANDS/WEST DEMERARA

Current Expenditure

- 731 Regional Administration and Finance
- 732 Agriculture
- 733 Public Works
- 734 Education Delivery
- 735 Health Services

Capital Expenditure

- 731 Regional Administration and Finance
- 732 Agriculture
- 733 Public Works
- 734 Education Delivery
- 735 Health Services

74 - REGION 4: DEMERARA/MAHAICA

Current Expenditure

- 741 Regional Administration and Finance
- 742 Agriculture
- 743 Public Works
- 744 Education Delivery
- 745 Health Services

Capital Expenditure

- 741 Regional Administration and Finance
- 742 Agriculture
- 743 Public Works
- 744 Education Delivery
- 745 Health Services

75 - REGION 5: MAHAICA/BERBICE

Current Expenditure

- 751 Regional Administration and Finance
- 752 Agriculture
- 753 Public Works
- 754 Education Delivery
- 755 Health Services

Capital Expenditure

- 751 Regional Administration and Finance
- 752 Agriculture
- 753 Public Works
- 754 Education Delivery
- 755 Health Services

76 - REGION 6: EAST BERBICE/CORENTYNE

Current Expenditure

- 761 Regional Administration and Finance
- 762 Agriculture
- 763 Public Works
- 764 Education Delivery
- 765 Health Services

Capital Expenditure

761 Regional Administration and Finance

762 Agriculture

763 Public Works

764 Education Delivery

765 Health Services

Assembly resumed

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 9.25 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 9.35 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

Return of Speaker

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

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:

77- REGION 7: CUYUNI/MAZARUNI

Current Expenditure

771 Regional Administration and Finance

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SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 11

At 9.58 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 the consideration of the 2012 Estimates uninterrupted.

77 – REGION 7: CUYUNI/MAZARUNI

Current Expenditure

- 772 Public Works
- 773 Education Delivery
- 774 Health Services

Capital Expenditure

- 771 Regional Administration and Finance

- 772 Public Works
- 773 Education Delivery
- 774 Health Services

Assembly resumed

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.32 p.m., on a motion by the Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m., on Tuesday, 24th April, 2012.

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

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Brickdam,
Georgetown.
23rd April, 2012.

