

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 33RD SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (2012) OF THE TENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON THURSDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 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 (Absent – on leave)

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

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

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., Government Chief Whip

Mr. Manzoor Nadir, M.P.

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

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

***Non-Elected Minister**

3.

Mr. Komal Chand, C.C.H., J.P., 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., Leader of the Opposition

Dr. Rupert Roopnarine, M.P.

Ms Amna Ally, M.P., Opposition Chief Whip

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.

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret'd) 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.

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(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 2.16 p.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read the prayers.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES-

By the Speaker of the National Assembly (Chairman of the Committee of Selection):

- (i) Minutes of Proceedings of the 3rd Meeting of the Committee of Selection held on Thursday, 18th October, 2012.

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- (ii) Minutes of Proceedings of the 4th Meeting of the Committee of Selection held on Wednesday, 28th November, 2012.

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

For Oral Reply

1. SKELDON SUGAR FACTORY

Dr. Vishwa Mahadeo, M.P., asked the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:

- * (i) I am informed that there are a number of faults that the Skeldon Sugar Factory is encountering; can the Hon. Minister say if this is so, and, if this is the case, are these being addressed?

Can the Hon. Minister also state:-

- * (ii) If the factory is working to its capacity?
- * (iii) What is the present performance of the factory? How much cane is needed to produce one ton of sugar in comparison with the last crop?
- * (iv) What acreage of cane expansion is yet to be completed in order to supply the factory with sufficient canes for it to perform at maximum capacity?
- * (v) Are there are further 'repairs' to be undertaken at the factory? If so, what will it entail?
- * (vi) If there is any systems in place to have 'continuous' maintenance at the facility?
- * (vii) Is the Skeldon factory providing any power to the national grid? If so, how much?

(Notice Paper No.105 (Q 60 PPP/C 1) published on 2012-11-29)

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Thereafter, the Minister of Agriculture replied.

For Written Replies

**2. VEHICLES FOR THE PORT KAITUMA AND MATTHEWS RIDGE
HOSPITALS**

Member Asking: **Mr. Richard Allen, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Health**

Could the Honourable Minister say to this Honourable House why the Port Kaituma and Matthews Ridge hospitals have been without vehicles for over five years and when this situation will be corrected?

(Notice Paper No.106 (Q 61 Opp. 60) published on 2012-11-29)

Answer:

“The statement made about the hospitals in Matarkai Sub-region being without vehicles is inaccurate.

H.E. Bharrat Jagdeo visited Matthews Ridge in March, 2011. In response to concerns raised by residents at a large public meeting, H.E. made a commitment to provide the Pakera Hospital with a 4x4 pickup, which was procured and sent to the location in July, 2011. There is also a full time driver for this vehicle. This is in addition to an ATV available for outreach to areas inaccessible to other types of vehicles.

Port Kaituma Cottage Hospital also has a 4x4 pickup vehicle. Since August of this year it has experienced intermittent mechanical problems. A decision has been made to send this vehicle to Georgetown for general servicing shortly. In the meantime the Health Programme hires appropriate vehicles as needed as provided for in such contingencies in the Regional Appropriations.

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In the perspective 2013 Budget the Regional Democratic Council has requested a new ATV, a new 4x4 vehicle and a fiberglass boat.”

3. KAMAKA REVETMENT PROJECT PLAN

Member Asking: **Mr. Richard Allen, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Transport and Hydraulics**

- (i) Who was/were the engineer(s) who was/were responsible for the drafting of the Kamaka revetment project plan?
- (ii) Was the failure of the project the fault of the engineer’s plan or the contractor’s?
- (iii) How much money was spent on the project and what steps or actions have been taken to recover the money?
- (iv) What is the cost of the new project?
- (v) When will this project be completed?

(Notice Paper No.107 (Q 62 Opp. 61) published on 2012-11-29)

Answers:

- (i) “A designated team of engineers and technicians from the Ministry of Public Works was assigned the responsibility of planning, designing and supervising the revetment works. The construction works were undertaken by a Force Account Unit from the Transport and Harbours Department of the Ministry which has experience in the construction of similar marine structures.

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- (ii) The project's failure was not the fault of the engineer's plan. Non adherence to the prescribed project implementation methodology and design parameters related to anchoring and backfilling of the revetment and unfavourable site conditions were determined to be the contributing factors.
- (iii) Sixty two million dollars (\$62M) was spent on the previous project.
Steps taken to recover this cost include the following:-
- Reuse of the anchor system (installed timber anchor piles and deadman walers) constructed under the previous project. These were assessed and determined to be structurally adequate for reuse. Additional anchor piles and deadman walers were installed to reinforce what was previously constructed.
 - Reuse of salvaged materials from the failed works including timber sheets, walers and steel anchor rods that were recovered in acceptable structural condition.
 - Sections of the failed revetment which have stabilized form part of a buffer system and sediment retaining structure for the toe of the new revetment.
- (iv) The cost of the new project is thirty five million, two hundred thousand dollars (\$35.2M).
- (v) The new project will be completed by 19th December, 2012.

The only major outstanding component of the work is the backfilling of the installed revetment and the placement of scour protection elements to minimize erosion at the toe of the structure. This will be executed during the week of 12th December, 2012 when the tidal conditions for this aspect of the works will be favourable.”

4. **DOCKING OF THE TWO NORTH WEST FERRIES**

Member Asking: **Mr. Richard Allen, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Transport and Hydraulics**

Could the Honourable Minister say why the two North West ferries have not been docked as yet and when they will be docked?

(Notice Paper No.108 (Q 63 Opp. 62) published on 2012-11-29)

Answer:

“There are two Ferries which have been operating the North West District route – M.V. Lady Northcote and M.V. Kimbia.

M.V. Lady Northcote

Tender for the M.V. Lady Nortcote was opened on 3rd July, 2012. Subsequently, a decision was made to annul the docking of the M.V. Lady Northcote for the following reasons:-

The M.V. Lady Northcote had commenced operation in 1937 and of recent the department has been placed under enormous pressure to maintain and service several major components that are obsolete, such as –

- Main Engines
- Main Gearbox
- Cargo Winch DC Motors
- DC generator to power cargo winch and auxiliary equipment
- Cargo winch and mechanical controls (brakes, hoist, whip, slew, sheaves and pulleys).

As a consequence of that decision, the M.V. Barima was identified to replace the M.V. Lady Northcote temporarily until another vessel is acquired for which efforts are in train.

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Tenders for the docking of the M.V. Barima were opened on 27th November, 2012 and the bids were evaluated and resubmitted to National Procurement and Tender Administration Board on 3/12/2012 for approval.

It is expected that the M.V. Barima should be docked by the last week in January, 2013.

M.V. Kimbia

Docking of the M.V. Kimbia was publicly advertised and the time of closing of bids on the 3/7/2012 only one bid was received – Guyana National Industrial Company Inc. whose cost for docking was \$118,795,398. However, the sum provided in the capital programme for Transport and Harbours Department was \$95,000,000 – a shortfall of \$23,795,398.

Following a decision for the shortfall of \$23,795,398 to be met by the Maritime Administration Department (MARAD), approval was granted by the National Procurement and Tender Administration Board for the Docking of the M.V. Kimbia for the sum of \$118,795,398 by the Guyana National Industrial Company Inc.

As the Christmas Season is imminent, Transport and Harbours Department has decided to continue the Kumaka/North West Operations with this vessel for December, 2012. The M.V. Kimbia is therefore scheduled to be docked by 23/12/2012.”

5. HOUSING SCHEME AT KOKERITE VILLAGE, MABARUMA, NORTH WEST DISTRICT

Member Asking: **Mr. Richard Allen, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Housing and Water**

- (i) Would the Honourable Minister agree that the preparation work for the housing scheme at Kokerite Village, Mabaruma, North West District has been going on since 2001? If so, could the Honourable Minister say when his ministry will complete this housing scheme?

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(ii) Who is the engineer attached to this project?

(Notice Paper No.109 (Q 64 Opp. 63) published on 2012-11-29)

Answers:

(i) “Preparation works for the housing scheme at Kokerite Hill have not been on-going since 2001.

The commencement date for the construction of roads, drains, structures, and installation of the pure water distribution network at Kokerite Hill, Region 1, was 30 August, 2012.

A brief scope of the project is as follows: the construction of roads and drains, the installation of internal pipe lines and transmission mains, and the construction of nine (9) culverts. The works are completed with the exception of the pressure testing of the pipelines, which are ongoing and are expected to be completed by 14th December, 2012.

The installation of electricity and the development of the water supply pumping station for the scheme will be submitted as part of the Ministry of Housing and Water 2013 Budget and is dependent on the approval of the budget.

(ii) The civil engineer attached to this project is Mr. Omar Bispat.”

6. WATER FOR RESIDENTS IN MABARUMA SETTLEMENT, NORTH WEST DISTRICT

Member Asking: Mr. Richard Allen, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Housing and Water

(i) Could the Honourable Minister say what his ministry has in store for the more than one hundred families who have been without water for over fifteen years in the Mabaruma Settlement, North West District?

- (ii) How and when will this ongoing problem be rectified?

(Notice Paper No.110 (Q 65 Opp. 64) published on 2012-11-29)

Answers:

“The Hinterland Capital Investments Programme 2013 provides for the upgrade of infrastructures in Mabaruma which will enable the residents in Mabaruma Settlement to receive services.

At present the designs are ongoing.

It should be noted that the existing infrastructure cannot provide the service required by the residents in that area.”

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS-

Introduction and First Reading

GUYANA CRICKET ADMINISTRATION BILL 2012 – Bill No. 31/2012

The Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill, which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to make provisions for the incorporation of autonomous national cricket administrative organizations in Guyana and to provide for other matters connected therewith.

Thereafter, the Bill was referred to a Special Select Committee.

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

(i) **GOVERNMENT'S BUSINESS**

MOTIONS

ITEM 1 - CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 3/2012

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Minister of Finance signified the recommendation or consent of the Cabinet and moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

Financial Paper No. 3/2012 – Statement of Excess (Current) Estimates totalling \$204,609,821 for the period ended 2012-12-31.

(Notice Paper No. 117 (M 50 Govt. 18) published on 2012-12-17)

(Paper presented on 2012-12-17)

Agency Code: 01-012 – Office of the President – Presidential Advisory (Cabinet and Other Services); Chart of Accounts: 6116 Contracted Employees and 6284 Others, were put and negatived.

After consideration of the Schedule, the motion was put and negatived.

ITEM 2 - CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 4/2012

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Minister of Finance signified the recommendation or consent of the Cabinet and moved the following motion:

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BE IT RESOLVED:

Financial Paper No. 4/2012 – Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$2,713,939,675 for the period 2012-09-02 to 2012-12-17

(Notice Paper No. 118 (M 51 Govt. 19) published on 2012-12-17)

(Paper presented on 2012-12-17)

Item 1 – Agency Code 01-012 - Office of the President – Presidential Advisory (Cabinet and Other Services; Chart of Account 6294 - Other, was put and carried.

Item 2 – Agency Code 03-031- Ministry of Finance – Ministry Administration; Chart of Account 6321 - Subsidies and Contribution to Local Organisations, was put and carried.

Assembly resumed

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.00 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 5.07 p.m., the sitting resumed with Mrs. Deborah Backer, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly presiding.

In Committee of Supply

Item No. 3 – Agency Code 04-041 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Ministry Administration; Chart of Account 6322 - Subsidies and Contribution to International Organisations, was put and carried.

Item No. 4 – Agency Code 07-071: Parliament Office – National Assembly; Chart of Account 6293 - Refreshment and Meals, was put and carried.

Item No. 5 – Agency Code 21-211: Ministry of Agriculture – Ministry Administration; Chart of Account 6321 - Subsidies and Contribution to Local Organisations, was put and carried.

Item No. 6 – Agency Code 31-311: Ministry of Public Works – Ministry Administration; Chart of Account 6281- Security Services, was put and carried.

Item No. 6 – Agency Code 31-312: Ministry of Public Works – Public Works; Chart of Accounts 6222 – 6293, were put and carried on the following division:

AGAINST**FOR**

Ms Ferguson	Mr. T. Williams	Mr. Jafarally
Mr. Morian	Ms Marcello	Mr. Damon
Mr. Allen	Dr. Ramayya	Dr. Persaud
Mr. Jones	Mrs. Garrido-Lowe	Rev. Gilbert
Mr. Adams	Mrs. Hugues	Dr. Mahadeo
Ms Baveghems	Mr. Nagamootoo	Mr. Seeraj
Mr. Sharma	Mr. Ramjattan	Mr. Neendkumar
Mr. Bulkan		Mr. Lumumba
Mr. Bond		Mr. Chand
Ms Kissoon		Ms Shaddick
Mr. Trotman		Mr. Nadir
Ms Selman		Ms Teixeira
Mr. Allicock		Bishop Edghill
Ms Wade		Mr. Whittaker
Mr. Felix		Mr. Baksh
Ms Hastings		Mrs. Campbell-Sukhai

17.

Mr. Scott
Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Harmon
Mr. Greenidge
Dr. Norton
Mrs. Lawrence
Mr. B. Williams
Ms Ally
Dr. Roopnarine
Brig. (Ret'd) Granger

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Ms Webster
Mr. G. Persaud
Mr. Benn
Dr. Anthony
Mr. Ali
Dr. Ramsarran
Dr. Westford
Dr. Singh
Mrs. Rodrigues-Birkett
Mr. Nandlall
Dr. Ramsammy
Mr. Rohee
Mr. Hinds

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Item 7 - Agency Code No. 48-482: Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security – Social Services; Chart of Account 6281 - Security Services, was put and carried.

Item 8 – Agency Code No. 51-512: Ministry of Home Affairs – Guyana Police Force; Chart of Account 6231-6282, were put and negatived on the following division:

AGAINST

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

FOR

Mr. Jafarally
Mr. Damon
Dr. Persaud
Rev. Gilbert
Dr. Mahadeo

Mr. Nagamootoo
 Mr. Ramjattan
 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
 Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Harmon
 Mr. Greenidge
 Dr. Norton
 Mrs. Lawrence
 Mr. B. Williams
 Ms Ally
 Dr. Roopnarine
 Brig.(Ret'd) Granger

Mr. Seeraj
 Mr. Neendkumar
 Mr. Lumumba
 Mr. Chand
 Ms Shaddick
 Mr. Nadir
 Ms Teixeira
 Bishop Edghill
 Mr. Whittaker
 Mr. Baksh
 Mrs. Campbell-Sukhai
 Ms Webster
 Mr. G. Persaud
 Mr. Benn
 Dr. Anthony
 Mr. Ali
 Dr. Ramsarran
 Dr. Westford
 Dr. Singh
 Mrs. Rodrigues-Birkett
 Mr. Nandlall
 Dr. Ramsammy
 Mr. Rohee
 Mr. Hinds

Item 8 – Agency Code No. 51-513: Ministry of Home Affairs – Guyana Prison Service; Chart of Accounts 6231 – 6292, were put and negatived on the following division:

AGAINST

Mr. T. Williams
 Ms Marcello
 Dr. Ramayya
 Mrs. Garrido-Lowe
 Mrs. Hughes
 Mr. Nagamootoo
 Mr. Ramjattan
 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
 Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Harmon

FOR

Mr. Jafarally
 Mr. Damon
 Dr. Persaud
 Rev. Gilbert
 Dr. Mahadeo
 Mr. Seeraj
 Mr. Neendkumar
 Mr. Lumumba
 Mr. Chand
 Ms Shaddick
 Mr. Nadir
 Ms Teixeira
 Bishop Edghill
 Mr. Whittaker
 Mr. Baksh
 Mrs. Campbell-Sukhai
 Ms Webster
 Mr. G. Persaud
 Mr. Benn
 Dr. Anthony
 Mr. Ali
 Dr. Ramsarran
 Dr. Westford
 Dr. Singh
 Mrs. Rodrigues-Birkett

Mr. Greenidge
 Dr. Norton
 Mrs. Lawrence
 Mr. B. Williams
 Ms Ally
 Dr. Roopnarine
 Brig.(Ret'd) Granger

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Mr. Nandlall
 Dr. Ramsammy
 Mr. Rohee
 Mr. Hinds

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Item 8 – Agency Code No. 51-515: Ministry of Home Affairs – Guyana Fire Service; Chart of Account 6231, was put and negatived on the following division:

AGAINST

Mr. T. Williams
 Ms Marcello
 Dr. Ramayya
 Mrs. Garrido-Lowe
 Mrs. Hughes
 Mr. Nagamootoo
 Mr. Ramjattan
 Ms Ferguson
 Mr. Morian
 Mr. Allen
 Mr. Jones
 Mr. Adams
 Ms Baveghems
 Mr. Sharma
 Mr. Bulkan

FOR

Mr. Jafarally
 Mr. Damon
 Dr. Persaud
 Rev. Gilbert
 Dr. Mahadeo
 Mr. Seeraj
 Mr. Neendkumar
 Mr. Lumumba
 Mr. Chand
 Ms Shaddick
 Mr. Nadir
 Ms Teixeira
 Bishop Edghill
 Mr. Whittaker
 Mr. Baksh

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Mr. Bond
Ms Kissoon
Mr. Trotman
Ms Selman
Mr. Allicock
Ms Wade
Mr. Felix
Ms Hastings
Mr. Scott
Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Harmon
Mr. Greenidge
Dr. Norton
Mrs. Lawrence
Mr. B. Williams
Ms Ally
Dr. Roopnarine
Brig.(Ret'd) Granger

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Mrs. Campbell-Sukhai
Ms Webster
Mr. G. Persaud
Mr. Benn
Dr. Anthony
Mr. Ali
Dr. Ramsarran
Dr. Westford
Dr. Singh
Mrs. Rodrigues-Birkett
Mr. Nandlall
Dr. Ramsammy
Mr. Rohee
Mr. Hinds

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Item 9 – Agency Code No. 53-531: Guyana Defence Force – Defence Headquarters; Chart of Accounts 6222-6292, were put and carried.

Item 10 – Agency Code Nos. 72-722 to 72-725: Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam; Chart of Accounts 6281- Security Services, were put and negatived on the following division:

AGAINST

Mr. T. Williams
Ms Marcello
Dr. Ramayya

FOR

Mr. Jafarally
Mr. Damon
Dr. Persaud

Mrs. Garrido-Lowe

Mrs. Hughes

Mr. Nagamootoo

Mr. Ramjattan

Ms Ferguson

Mr. Morian

Mr. Allen

Mr. Jones

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Ms Shaddick

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Mr. G. Persaud

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Dr. Anthony

Mr. Ali

Dr. Ramsarran

Dr. Westford

Dr. Singh

Mrs. Rodrigues-Birkett

Mr. Nandlall

Dr. Ramsammy

Mr. Rohee

Mr. Hinds

Dr. Roopnarine
Brig.(Ret'd) Granger

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Assembly resumed

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

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

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 7.58 p.m., the sitting resumed with the Speaker in the Chair.

In Committee of Supply

Item 11 – Agency Code Nos. 73-734 and 73-735: Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara; Chart of Account 6281- Security Services, were put and negatived on the following division:

AGAINST

Mr. T. Williams
Ms Marcello
Mrs. Garrido-Lowe
Mrs. Hughes
Mr. Nagamootoo
Mr. Ramjattan
Ms Ferguson

FOR

Mr. Jafarally
Mr. Damon
Dr. Persaud
Rev. Gilbert
Dr. Mahadeo
Mr. Seeraj
Mr. Neendkumar

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
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Mr. Greenidge
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Dr. Norton
Mrs. Lawrence
Mr. B. Williams
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Ms Teixeira
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Mr. Whittaker
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Dr. Ramsammy
Mr. Hinds

Item 12 – Agency Code Nos. 75-751 and 75-754: Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice; Chart of Account 6281- Security Services, were put and negatived on the following division:

AGAINST

Mr. T. Williams
Ms Marcello
Mrs. Garrido-Lowe
Mrs. Hughes
Mr. Nagamootoo
Mr. Ramjattan
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
Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Harmon

FOR

Mr. Jafarally
Mr. Damon
Dr. Persaud
Rev. Gilbert
Dr. Mahadeo
Mr. Seeraj
Mr. Neendkumar
Mr. Lumumba
Mr. Chand
Ms Shaddick
Mr. Nadir
Ms Teixeira
Bishop Edghill
Mr. Whittaker
Mr. Baksh
Mrs. Campbell-Sukhai
Ms Webster
Mr. G. Persaud
Mr. Benn
Dr. Anthony
Dr. Ramsarran
Dr. Westford
Mrs. Rodrigues-Birkett
Mr. Nandlall

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Mr. Greenidge
Ms Backer
Dr. Norton
Mrs. Lawrence
Mr. B. Williams
Ms Ally
Dr. Roopnarine
Brig.(Ret'd) Granger

Dr. Ramsammy
Mr. Hinds

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Capital Estimates

Item 1 – Agency Code No. 03-031: Ministry of Finance – Ministry Administration; Chart of Account No. 4500800 - Guyana Revenue Authority, was put and negatived on the following division:

AGAINST

Mr. T. Williams
Ms Marcello
Mrs. Garrido-Lowe
Mrs. Hughes
Mr. Nagamootoo
Mr. Ramjattan
Ms Ferguson
Mr. Morian
Mr. Allen
Mr. Jones
Mr. Adams
Ms Baveghems

FOR

Mr. Jafarally
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Mr. Nadir
Ms Teixeira

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Mr. Trotman
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Mr. Greenidge
Ms Backer
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Mrs. Lawrence
Mr. B. Williams
Ms Ally
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Brig.(Ret'd) Granger

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Mr. Whittaker
Mr. Baksh
Mrs. Campbell-Sukhai
Ms Webster
Mr. G. Persaud
Mr. Benn
Dr. Anthony
Dr. Ramsarran
Dr. Westford
Dr. Singh
Mrs. Rodrigues-Birkett
Mr. Nandlall
Dr. Ramsammy
Mr. Hinds

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Item 2 – Agency Code No. 47-472: Ministry of Health – Disease Control; Chart of Account 2501900 -Equipment – Medical, was put and carried.

After consideration of the Schedule, the motion, as amended, was put and carried.

Assembly resumed

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

RESOLVED,

Financial Paper No. 4/2012 – Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$2,177,898,419 for the period 2012-09-02 to 2012-12-17.

ITEM 3 - CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 5/2012

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Minister of Finance signified the recommendation or consent of the Cabinet and moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

Financial Paper No. 5/2012 – Supplementary Estimates (Capital) totalling \$393,000,000 for the period ended 2012-12-31.

(Notice Paper No. 119 (M 52 Govt. 20) published on 2012-12-17)

(Paper presented on 2012-12-17)

After consideration of the Schedule, the motion was put and carried.

Assembly resumed

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

RESOLVED,

Financial Paper No. 5/2012 – Supplementary Estimates (Capital) totalling \$393,000,000 for the period ended 2012-12-31.

BILL – FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS

ITEM 4 - SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (NO.2 FOR 2012) BILL 2012 – Bill No. 30/2012 published on 2012-12-17

With the leave of the Speaker, and on a motion by the Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Standing Orders Nos. 13(n) and 54 were suspended to enable the Supplementary Appropriation (No. 2 for 2012) Bill No. 30/2012 to be introduced at that stage.

The Minister of Finance, in accordance with paragraph (2) of Article 171 of the Constitution, signified Cabinet's recommendation for the Supplementary Appropriation (No. 2 for 2012) Bill No. 30/2012 for consideration by the National Assembly.

Thereafter, on motions by the Minister of Finance, the following Bill was introduced and was read the first, second and third times and passed as amended:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the issue from the Consolidated Fund of the sums necessary to meet the expenditure (not otherwise lawfully charged on the Consolidated Fund) of Guyana for the fiscal year ending 31st December, 2012, estimates whereof have been approved by the National Assembly, and for the appropriation of those sums for the specified purposes, in conformity with the Constitution.

Christmas Greetings

The Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs extended Christmas Greetings to Members of Parliament and staff. Brig. (Ret'd) David Granger, M.P., Leader of the Opposition and Mr. Moses Nagamootoo, M.P. also extended Christmas Greetings to Members of Parliament, staff and the media.

The Speaker of the National Assembly joined in extending Christmas and New Year's Greetings to Members of Parliament, staff and the Media.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8.57p.m., on a motion by the Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00p.m. on Thursday, 3rd January, 2013.

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

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Brickdam,
Georgetown.

20th December, 2012.

