

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 83RD SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (2012-2014) OF THE TENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON TUESDAY, 15TH APRIL, 2014
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. 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., Government Chief Whip

Mr. Manzoor Nadir, M.P.

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

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

Mr. Ganga Persaud, M.P.

***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), Deputy Speaker
of the National Assembly

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

Dr. George Norton, M.P.

****Non-Elected Member**

4.

Mr. Carl B. Greenidge, M.P.

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret'd) Joseph F. Harmon, M.S.M., M.P.

Mr. Ronald A. Bulkan, M.P.

Mr. Keith Scott, M.P.

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

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

Dr. Karen Cummings, 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.

Mr. James A. Bond, M.P.

Mr. Ernest Elliot, M.P., (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

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

Mrs. Mabel Baveghems, M.P.

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

Mr. Christopher A. Jones, M.P.

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

Ms Rennita L. Williams, M.P. (Region No. 1 – Barima/Waini)

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

Ms Hermina Gilgeours, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly (a.g.)

COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING

The Sitting commenced at 2.00 p.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read the prayers.

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

(i) **GOVERNMENT'S BUSINESS**

MOTION

BUDGET SPEECH 2014 – MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2014

The Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 2014.

(Moved by the Minister of Finance on 2014-03-24)

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

Line Item **011-Administrative Services** 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

FOR

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

7.

Ms Williams
Mr. Morian
Mr. Jones
Mr. Adams
Ms Baveghems
Ms Kissoon
Mr. Elliot
Mr. Bond
Mr. Trotman
Ms Selman
Mr. Allicock
Ms Wade
Dr. Cummings
Mr. Felix
Ms Hastings
Mr. Scott
Mr. Bulkan
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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Mr. Chand
Mr. G. Persaud
Bibi Shadick
Mrs. Chandarpal
Mr. Nadir
Ms Teixeira
Bishop Edghill
Mr. Whittaker
Mr. Baksh
Mrs. Campbell-Sukhai
Ms Webster
Ms Manickchand
Mr. Benn
Dr. Anthony
Mr. Ali
Dr. Ramsarran
Dr. Westford
Mr. R. Persaud
Dr. Singh
Mrs. Rodrigues-Birkett
Mr. Nandlall
Dr. Ramsammy
Mr. Rohee
Mr. Hinds

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01 - OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Capital Expenditure

011 Administrative Services

Line Item **011-Administrative Services** 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
Ms Williams
Mr. Morian
Mr. Jones
Mr. Adams
Ms Baveghems
Ms Kissoon
Mr. Elliot
Mr. Bond
Mr. Trotman
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Mr. Allicock
Ms Wade
Dr. Cummings

FOR

Mr. Jafarally
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Dr. Anthony
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Mr. Nandlall
Dr. Ramsammy
Mr. Rohee
Mr. Hinds

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01 - OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Current Expenditure

012 Presidential Advisory (Cabinet and Other Services)

013 Defence and National Security

09 - PUBLIC AND POLICE SERVICE COMMISSIONS

Current Expenditure

091 Public and Police Service Commissions

Capital Expenditure

091 Public and Police Service Commissions

10.

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

Assembly resumed

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 5.00 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 6.00 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:

53 - GUYANA DEFENCE FORCE

Current Expenditure

531 Defence and Security Support

Capital Expenditure

531 Defence and Security Support

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

04 - MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Current Expenditure

041 Development of Foreign Policy

042 Foreign Policy Promotion

043 Development of Foreign Trade Policy

Capital Expenditure

- 041 Development of Foreign Policy
- 042 Foreign Policy Promotion
- 043 Development of Foreign Trade Policy

52 - MINISTRY OF LEGAL AFFAIRS

Current Expenditure

- 521 Main Office
- 522 Ministry Administration
- 523 Attorney General's Chambers
- 524 State Solicitor
- 525 Deeds Registry

Capital Expenditure

- 521 Main Office
- 522 Ministry Administration
- 524 Office of the State Solicitor

55 - SUPREME COURT

Current Expenditure

- 551 Supreme Court of Judicature

Assembly resumed

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 7.38 p.m., the sitting was suspended to allow the Government and Opposition to discuss a proposed motion to amend the Budgetary provision for the Supreme Court and to insert it under Statutory Bodies in the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for 2014.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.11p.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:

55 - SUPREME COURT**Current Expenditure**

551 Supreme Court of Judicature

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion to amend Line Item **551 Supreme Court of Judicature**, which was put and carried:

That the amounts shown in Column 4 for the Agencies, Account Codes, and Descriptions listed below be reduced and / or increased by the amounts shown in Columns 5 and 6:

Col 1	Col 2	Col 3	Col 4	Col 5	Col 6	Col 7
Page	Agency and Description	Acc code & Description	Estimated Amounts			
			Provided	Reduction	Addition	Proposed
			(G\$Mn)	(G\$Mn)	(G\$Mn)	(G\$Mn)
244	55: Supreme Court	551/ 6011 - Statutory Wages and Salaries	224.181	151.99	-	72.19
244	55: Supreme Court	551/ 6012 - Statutory Benefits and Allowances	74.503	34.57	-	39.94
244	55: Supreme Court	551/ 6111 - Administrative	45.62	31.71	-	13.91
244	55: Supreme Court	551/ 6113 - Other Technical and Craft Skilled	4.263	2.84	-	1.42
244	55: Supreme Court	551/ 6114 - Clerical and Office Support	41.043	27.37	-	13.68
244	55: Supreme Court	551/ 6115 - Semi-Skilled Operatives and Unskilled	9.441	6.29	-	3.15
244	55: Supreme	551/ 6116 - Contracted	103.804	73.17	-	

	Court	Employees				30.63
244	55: Supreme Court	551/ 6131 - Other Direct Labour Costs	0.31	0.25	-	0.06
244	55: Supreme Court	551/ 6133 - Benefits and Allowances	11.402	2.69	-	8.72
244	55: Supreme Court	551/ 6134 - National Insurance	6.663	4.46	-	2.21
244	55: Supreme Court	551/ 6221 - Drugs and Medical Supplies	0.54	0.54	-	-
244	55: Supreme Court	551/ 6222 - Field Materials and Supplies	0.374	0.36	-	0.01
244	55: Supreme Court	551/ 6223 - Office Materials and Supplies	17.345	16.57	-	0.78
244	55: Supreme Court	551/ 6224 - Print and Non-Print	35	34.42	-	0.58
244	55: Supreme Court	551/ 6231 - Fuel and Lubricants	5.009	3.89	-	1.12
244	55: Supreme Court	551/ 6241 - Rental of Buildings	11.16	8.66	-	2.50
244	55: Supreme Court	551/ 6242 - Maintenance of Buildings	19.2	16.69	-	2.51
244	55: Supreme Court	551/ 6243 - Janitorial and Cleaning Supplies	5.7	5.20	-	0.50
244	55: Supreme Court	551/ 6255 - Maintenance of Other Infrastructure	5	4.51	-	0.49
244	55: Supreme Court	551/ 6261 - Local Travel and Subsistence	8.291	6.86	-	1.43
244	55: Supreme Court	551/6263 - Postage, Telex and Cablegrams	1.171	1.11	-	0.06
245	55: Supreme Court	551/6264 - Vehicle Spares and Service	4.322	3.58	-	0.75
245	55: Supreme Court	551/6271 - Telephone Charges	26.595	25.86	-	0.73
245	55: Supreme Court	551/ 6272 - Electricity Charges	17.62	15.60	-	2.02
245	55: Supreme Court	551/ 6273 - Water Charges	4.036	4.02	-	0.01
245	55: Supreme Court	551/ 6281 - Security Services	29.147	23.41	-	5.74
245	55: Supreme Court	551/ 6282 - Equipment Maintenance	8.448	7.13	-	1.31
245	55: Supreme Court	551/ 6283 - Cleaning and Extermination Services	4	3.17	-	0.83
245	55: Supreme Court	551/ 6284 - Other	19.026	16.83	-	2.19
245	55: Supreme Court	551/ 6291 - National and Other Events	0.602	0.55	-	0.05
245	55: Supreme Court	551/ 6293 - Refreshments and Meals	8	6.84	-	1.16

245	55: Supreme Court	551/ 6294 - Other	36.517	33.28	-	3.24
245	55: Supreme Court	551/6302 - Training (including Scholarships)	0.29	0.29	-	-
246	55: Supreme Court	552/ 6111 - Administrative	115.707	77.20	-	38.503
246	55: Supreme Court	552/ 6113 - Other Technical and Craft Skilled	6.022	4.03	-	1.994
246	55: Supreme Court	552/ 6114 - Clerical and Office Support	20.175	13.55	-	6.621
246	55: Supreme Court	552/ 6115 - Semi-Skilled Operatives and Unskilled	0.542	0.36	-	0.181
246	55: Supreme Court	552/ 6116 - Contracted Employees	82.636	57.53	-	25.103
246	55: Supreme Court	552/ 6117 -Temporary Employees	6.146	4.26	-	1.885
246	55: Supreme Court	552/ 6131 - Other Direct Labour Costs	0.468	0.47	-	-
246	55: Supreme Court	552/ 6133 - Benefits and Allowances	24.246	10.58	-	13.665
246	55: Supreme Court	552/ 6134 - National Insurance	5.194	3.49	-	1.703
246	55: Supreme Court	552/ 6221 - Drugs and Medical Supplies	0.600	0.60	-	-
246	55: Supreme Court	552/ 6222 - Field Materials and Supplies	0.765	0.77	-	-
246	55: Supreme Court	552/ 6223 - Office Materials and Supplies	9.000	8.40	-	0.596
246	55: Supreme Court	552/ 6224 - Print and Non-Print	12.000	11.57	-	0.431
246	55: Supreme Court	552/ 6241 - Rental of Buildings	15.360	11.55	-	3.814
246	55: Supreme Court	552/ 6242 - Maintenance of Buildings	15.000	12.66	-	2.337
246	55: Supreme Court	552/ 6243 - Janitorial and Cleaning Supplies	6.000	5.50	-	0.500
246	55: Supreme Court	552/ 6255 - Maintenance of Other Infrastructure	5.820	5.34	-	0.483
246	55: Supreme Court	552/ 6261 - Local Travel and Subsistence	29.755	20.14	-	9.616
246	55: Supreme Court	552/6263 - Postage, Telex and Cablegrams	0.260	0.23	-	0.032
247	55: Supreme Court	552/6271 - Telephone Charges	1.428	1.02	-	0.404
247	55: Supreme Court	552/ 6272 - Electricity Charges	6.500	4.91	-	1.594
247	55: Supreme Court	552/ 6273 - Water Charges	4.968	4.97	-	-

247	55: Supreme Court	552/ 6281 - Security Services	19.441	15.01	-	4.428
247	55: Supreme Court	552/ 6282 - Equipment Maintenance	2.500	2.29	-	0.208
247	55: Supreme Court	552/ 6283 - Cleaning and Extermination Services	3.272	2.96	-	0.310
247	55: Supreme Court	552/ 6284 - Other	7.000	4.90	-	2.100
247	55: Supreme Court	552/ 6291 - National and Other Events	0.400	0.38	-	0.024
247	55: Supreme Court	552/ 6293 - Refreshments and Meals	3.000	2.54	-	0.459
247	55: Supreme Court	552/ 6294 - Other	0.920	0.73	-	0.188
245	55: Supreme Court	551/ 6321 - Subsidies and Contributions to Local Organisations	-	-	862.663	862.663
Total			1,193.748	862.663	862.663	1,193.748

Thereafter, Agency: **55 Supreme Court** - Programme: **Supreme Court of Judicature** - Statutory Body: **Supreme Court** was inserted under Statutory Bodies in the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for 2014.

55 - SUPREME COURT

Current Expenditure

551 Supreme Court of Judicature

552 Magistracy

Capital Expenditure

551 Supreme Court of Judicature

552 Magistrates' Department

56 - PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

Current Expenditure

561 Public Prosecutions

Capital Expenditure

561 Public Prosecutions

14 - PUBLIC SERVICE MINISTRY

Current Expenditure

141 Public Service Management

Capital Expenditure

141 Public Service Management

**24 - MINISTRY OF NATURAL
RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT**

Current Expenditure

241 Ministry Administration

242 Natural Resource Management

243 Environmental Management

Capital Expenditure

241 Ministry Administration

242 Natural Resource Management

243 Environmental Management

Assembly resumed

ADJOURNMENT

At 9.40 p.m., on a motion by the Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m., on Wednesday, 16th April, 2014.

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

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Brickdam,
Georgetown.

15th April, 2014.