

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE 48<sup>TH</sup> SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST**  
**SESSION (1998-2000) OF THE SEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD**  
**AT 2.00 P.M.**  
**ON TUESDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2000**  
**IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN**  
**MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (76)**

**Speaker (1)**

The Hon. Derek C. Jagan, C.C.H., S.C., J.P., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly

**Members of the Government - People's Progressive Party/Civic (46)**

The Hon. Samuel A. A. Hinds, M.P., Prime Minister (Performing the functions of the Office of President)

The Hon. Reepu Daman Persaud, O.R., J.P., M.P., Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs

The Hon. Clement J. Rohee, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs (Absent - on leave)

\*The Hon. Charles R. Ramson, S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

\*The Hon. Rev. Dr. Ramnauth D.A. Bisnauth, M.P., Minister of Education

The Hon. Indranie Chandarpal, M.P., Minister of Human Services and Social Security

The Hon. Clinton C. Collymore, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Local Government

The Hon. F. Vibert DeSouza, M.P., Minister of Amerindian Affairs

\*The Hon. George E. Fung-On, M.P., Minister of the Public Service

\*The Hon. Dr. Henry B. Jeffrey, M.P., Minister of Health and Labour

The Hon. Moses V. Nagamootoo, J.P., M.P., Minister of Information

The Hon. Harripersaud Nokta, M.P., Minister of Local Government

\*The Hon. Satyadeow Sawh, M.P., Minister of Livestock and Fisheries

The Hon. Gail Teixeira, M.P., Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports

\*The Hon. C. Anthony Xavier, M.P., Minister of Transport and Hydraulics (Absent)

\*The Hon. Shaik K. Z. Baksh, M.P., Minister of Housing and Water

\*The Hon. J. Ronald Gajraj, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs

\*The Hon. Saisnarine Kowlessar, M.P., Minister in the Office of the President with responsibility for Finance

\*The Hon. Geoffrey Da Silva, M.P., Minister of Trade, Tourism and Industry

\*Non elected Minister

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Mr. S. Feroze Mohamed, M.P., Chief Whip

Mr. Cyril C. Belgrave, M.P.

Mr. Donald Ramotar, M.P.

Mr. Husman Alli, M.P.

Mr. Komal Chand, C.C.H., J.P., M.P.

Mr. Navindranauth O. Chandarpal, M.P.

Mr. Bernard C. DeSantos, S.C., M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mrs. Shirley V. Edwards, J.P., M.P.

Mr. Alston A. Kisson, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Dr. Moti Lall, C.C.H., M.P.

Mr. Odinga N. Lumumba, M.P.

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.

Mr. Hari Narayan Ramkarran, S.C., M.P.

Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P.

Mr. Lawrence E. Rodney, M.P.

Mrs. Philomena Sahoye-Shury, C.C.H., J.P., M.P.,  
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Local Government

Mrs. Pauline R. Sukhai, M.P.

Mr. Winslow M. Zephyr, M.P.

Dr. Bheri Ramsaran, M.P.

Mrs. Bijulee Moti, M.P.

Mr. Joseph M. DeSouza, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)

Mr. Heeralall Mohan, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam)

Mr. Ramratan, M.P. (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

Mr. Geoffrey A. Fraser, M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)

Mr. Ramsundar Sankat, M.S., M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)

Mr. Eustace S. Rodrigues, M.S., M.P. (National Congress of Local Democratic Organs)

Mr. Kumkaran Ramdas, M.P. (National Congress of Local Democratic Organs)

**Members of the Minority (29)**

**(i) People's National Congress (25)**

Mr. H. Desmond Hoyte, S.C., M.P. (Absent)

Mr. Winston S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P. (Absent)

Mr. Dunstan Barrow, M.P., Chief Whip

Mrs. Clarissa S. Riehl, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Mr. E. Lance Carberry, M.P.

Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Ivor Allen, M.P.

Mr. Kadim A. Khan, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Miss Jean M.G. Persico, A.A., M.P.

Mrs. Cyrilda A. DeJesus, M.P.

Mr. Andy Gouveia, M.P.

Mrs. Deborah J. Backer, M.P.

Mr. John S. DeFreitas, M.P.

Mr. Raphael G.C. Trotman, M.P. (Absent)

Dr. Dagleish Joseph, M.D., M.P.

Mrs. Volda A. Lawrence, M.P. (Absent)

Mr. Joseph L. Hamilton, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. Sherwood A. J. Lowe, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Andrew Hicks, M.P.

Mr. Neaz Subhan, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Colin Bynoe, M.P.

Miss Sandra M. Adams, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice) (Absent)

Mr. Kelley Andres, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)

Mr. Thakechand Ramnauth, M.P.

Mr. Aubrey C. Norton, M.P. (Absent)

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**(ii) The United Force (2)**

Mr. Manzoor Nadir, M.P.

Mr. Matthew R. Charlie, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)

**(iii) Alliance for Guyana (2)**

Dr. Rupert Roopnaraine, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Albertino Peters, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni) (Absent)

**OFFICERS**

Mr. Frank A. Narain, C.C.H., Clerk of the National Assembly

Mr. Sherlock E. Isaacs, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

**COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING**

The Sitting commenced at 2.00 p.m.

**PRAYERS**

The Clerk read Prayers.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER**

**Leave**

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

Hon. Clement J. Rohee	}	
Mr. Bernard DeSantos	}	up to the end
Mr. Alston Kissoon	}	of the week
Dr. Rupert Roopnaraine	}	
and		
Mr. Kadim Khan	}	for that
Mr. Sherwood Lowe	}	day's sitting.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**MOTION**

**2000 BUDGET**

**MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2000**

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 2000.

**In Committee of Supply**

The following Agencies, Programmes and Divisions in the Estimates were considered and were approved by the Committee as presented with the respective amounts allocated thereto:-

**42 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LABOUR**

- 1 Ministry Administration
- 2 Disease Control
- 3 Primary Health Care Services
- 4 Regional and Clinical Services
- 5 Health Sciences Education
- 6 Standards and Technical Services
- 7 Rehabilitation Services

9 Labour Administration  
Div. 515 Ministry of Health and Labour

**46 - GEORGETOWN PUBLIC HOSPITAL CORPORATION**

- 1 Public Hospital

**06 - MINISTRY OF INFORMATION**

- 1 Information Services
- Div. 513 Ministry of Information

**05 - MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

- 1 Main Office
  - 2 Ministry Administration
  - 3 Regional Development
- Div. 522 Ministry of Local Government

**71 - REGION 1: BARIMA/WAINI**

- 1 Regional Administration and Finance
- 2 Agriculture
- 3 Public Works
- 4 Education Delivery
- 5 Health Services

Div. 531 Region 1: Barima/Waini

**72 - REGION 2: POMEROON/SUPENAAM**

- 1 Regional Administration and Finance
- 2 Agriculture
- 3 Public Works
- 4 Education Delivery
- 5 Health Services

Div. 532 Region 2: Pomeroon/Supenaam

**73 - REGION 3: ESSEQUIBO ISLANDS/WEST DEMERARA**

- 1 Regional Administration and Finance
- 2 Agriculture
- 3 Public Works
- 4 Education Delivery
- 5 Health Services

Div. 533 Region 3: Essequibo Islands/West Demerara

**74 - REGION 4: DEMERARA/MAHAICA**

- 1 Regional Administration and Finance
- 2 Agriculture
- 3 Public Works
- 4 Education Delivery
- 5 Health Services

Div. 534 Region 4: Demerara/Mahaica

**75 - REGION 5: MAHAICA/BERBICE**

- 1 Regional Administration and Finance
- 2 Agriculture
- 3 Public Works
- 4 Education Delivery
- 5 Health Services

Div. 535 Region 5: Mahaica/Berbice

**76 - REGION 6: EAST BERBICE/CORENTYNE**

- 1 Regional Administration and Finance
- 2 Agriculture
- 3 Public Works
- 4 Education Delivery
- 5 Health Services

Div. 536 Region 6: East Berbice/Corentyne

**77 - REGION 7: CUYUNI/MAZARUNI**

- 1 Regional Administration and Finance
- 2 Agriculture
- 3 Public Works
- 4 Education Delivery
- 5 Health Services

Div. 537 Region 7: Cuyuni/Mazaruni

**78 - REGION 8: POTARO/SIPARUNI**

- 1 Regional Administration and Finance
- 2 Public Works
- 3 Education Delivery
- 4 Health Services

Div. 538 Region 8: Potaro/Siparuni

**79 - REGION 9: UPPER TAKUTU/UPPER ESSEQUIBO**

- 1 Regional Administration and Finance
- 2 Agriculture
- 3 Public Works
- 4 Education Delivery
- 5 Health Services

Div. 539 Region 9: Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo

**80 - REGION 10: UPPER DEMERARA/UPPER BERBICE**

- 1 Regional Administration and Finance
- 2 Agriculture
- 3 Public Works
- 4 Education Delivery
- 5 Health Services

Div. 540 Region 10: Upper Demerara/Upper Berbice

Assembly resumed.

**SUSPENSION OF SITTING**

At 5.15 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

**RESUMPTION OF SITTING**

At 5.45 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for 2000.

**In Committee of Supply**

The following Agencies, Programmes and Divisions in the Estimates were considered and were approved by the Committee as presented with the respective amounts allocated thereto:

**44 – MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS**

- 1 Ministry Administration
  - 2 Culture
  - 3 Youth
  - 4 Sports
- Div. 541 Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports

**54- GUYANA NATIONAL SERVICE**

- 1 Administration
- 2 Training

**45 – MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND WATER**

- 1 Housing and Water
- Div. 523 Ministry of Housing and Water
- Div. 524 Ministry of Housing and Water - Water Supply Improvement Project
- Div. 525 Ministry of Housing and Water - Georgetown Remedial and Sewerage Project


**22 MINISTRY OF TRADE, TOURISM AND INDUSTRY**

- 1 Main Office
  - 2 Ministry Administration
  - 3 Trade, Tourism Industrial Development and Consumer Affairs
- Div. 528 Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Industry

**Assembly resumed.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7.53 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2000.



**D.C. JAGAN**

**Speaker of the National Assembly**

**PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.**

**11<sup>th</sup> April, 2000.**