

**TENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA – FIRST SESSION (2012)**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**NOTICE PAPER NO. 43**

**Member Giving Notice:     **Mr. Carl Greenidge, M.P.****

**MOTION**

**NATIONAL ASSETS**

WHEREAS in their recent reports on transparency and corruption the international community, including the World Economic Forum, Transparency International and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) have rated Guyana poorly;

AND WHEREAS Guyanese are concerned about the widely reported acts of lawlessness in the guardianship of our national resources and assets as well as the lack of transparency and accountability associated with the disposal of those assets,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly requests the responsible Ministers of Government to:

- (a) Provide the National Assembly with a report in keeping with the law, on the disposal by sale or otherwise of all state lands, including the terms on which they were disposed of and the criteria used, which took place: Further between the date of announcement (Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2011) of the National and Regional Elections and 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2011 and between 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2000 and 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2011;

2.

- (b) Make financial provision for the urgent commissioning of an independent financial audit of the operations of the National Industrial Commercial Investments Limited (NICIL) and the Privatisation Unit;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That the relevant Ministers of Government provide the National Assembly as early as possible with:

- (a) A detailed report on the disposal by sale or otherwise of all state assets entrusted to NICIL and the Privatisation Unit, the terms on which they were disposed of and the criteria used;
- (b) The outstanding bi-annual reports and annual audited accounts required of NICIL and the Privatisation Unit under the relevant legislation;
- (c) The handing over report from the former Executive Director of NICIL (and Head of the Privatisation Unit and), Winston Brassington, if applicable at this time;
- (d) A report on the disposal by sale or otherwise of all other state assets, including the terms on which they were disposed of and the criteria used;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That a report on all the fiscal concessions, including duty free concessions, granted in response to specific requests or as part of contracts awarded by the Tender Board and the criteria on which these awards were based be placed before the National Assembly for review;

3.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the relevant Minister shall lay in the National Assembly for review and where applicable, for ratification, all international agreements, (including mining agreements involving the award of state lands and fiscal concessions), signed by the Government since 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That all the aforesaid are done on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2012.

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