

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

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**NOTICE PAPER NO. 116**

**Member Asking:**                    **Mr. Carl B. Greenidge, M.P.**

**Minister Answering:**            **The Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce (ag)**

**QUESTIONS**

**TAX BREAKS TO THE ORGANISERS OF HITS & JAMS ENTERTAINMENT  
CONCERT**

According to the Stabroek News of Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2012, the Government of Guyana announced through Minister Irfaan Ali, M.P., that it will be giving tax breaks to the organisers of a Hits and Jams Entertainment Concert to be held in December in Guyana.

Will the Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce (ag.):

- (i) Provide this House with an authoritative report on the extent of the Government's financial and other support involved in supporting the concert and Mr. Brown's participation in it?
  
- (ii) Say how much support to such concerts have cost the taxpayer in terms of revenue foregone and other benefits since June, 2012?
  
- (iii) What quarter will support other than the tax break be provided by funded?
  
- (iv) On the basis of what reputable estimate has he announced that many foreign visitors are expected to come to Guyana only to attend the concert?

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(v) What criteria has the PPP Government been using in deciding on whether to extend financial support to the organisers of such events?

(vi) Were the same criteria applied to exclude *Sizzla*, *Bounty Killer*, *Vibes Cartel* and *Movado*?

(vii) What inputs have the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Human Services and Social Security had in this decision?

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