

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 89TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION

(2012 - 2014) OF THE TENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON MONDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 2014

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS,

BRICKDAM, GEORGETOWN

BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PRAYERS

OATH OF A NEW MEMBER-

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT-

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER-

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS-

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS-

(1) By the Speaker of the National Assembly:

Report of the Auditor General to the National Assembly on the Public Accounts of Guyana and on the Accounts of Ministries, Departments and Regions for the fiscal year ended 31st December, 2013.

(To be Circulated)

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(2) By the Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment:

- (i) Annual Report of the Guyana Geology and Mines Commission for the year 2013.
(To be Circulated)
- (ii) Annual Report of the Guyana Lands and Surveys Commission for the year 2013.
(To be Circulated)
- (iii) Annual Report of the Guyana Gold Board for the year 2012.
(To be Circulated)
- (iv) Annual Report of the Environmental Protection Agency for the year 2013.
(To be Circulated)
- (v) Annual Reports of the Guyana Geology and Mines Commission for the years 2004 and 2006.
(To be Circulated)
- (vi) Annual Report of the Guyana Forestry Commission for the year 2013.
(To be Circulated)
- (vii) Audited Financial Statements of the Environmental Protection Agency for the years ended 31st December, 2012 and 2013.
(To be Circulated)

(3) By the Minister of Human Services and Social Security:

Annual Report of the Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security for the year 2012.

(To be Circulated)

(4) By the Minister of Finance:

- (i) Audited Financial Statements of the Linden Mining Enterprise Limited for the year ended 31st December, 2013.

(To be Circulated)

- (ii) Mid-Year Report 2014.

(To be Circulated)

- (iii) Compensation Agreement under the Framework of the PETROCARIBE Energy Cooperation Agreement dated March 13, 2014, between PDVSA Petróleo, S.A. (PDVSA) and the Co-operative Republic of Guyana for the cancellation of the oil debt in compensation for the white rice and paddy shipments under the Guyana/Venezuela Rice Trade Agreements in the amount of US\$55,453,000.00.

(To be Circulated)

- (iv) Loan Agreement No. 8/SFR-OR-GUY dated April 14, 2014, between the Caribbean Development Bank and the Co-operative Republic of Guyana for US\$25,000,000.00 for the Sea and River Defence Resilience Project.

(To be Circulated)

- (v) Annual Report of the Guyana National Printers Limited for the year 2013.

(To be Circulated)

- (vi) Annual Report of the Atlantic Hotel Inc. for the year 2012.

(To be Circulated)

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(vii) Audited Financial Statements of Matthew's Ridge Power and Light Inc. for the year ended 31st December, 2013.

(To be Circulated)

(5) By the Minister of Housing and Water:

(i) Annual Report of the Central Housing and Planning Authority for the year 2013.

(To be Circulated)

(ii) Audited Financial Statement of the Central Housing and Planning Authority for the year ended 31st December, 2013.

(To be Circulated)

(iii) Audited Financial Statement of the Guyana Water Incorporated for the year ended 31st December, 2013.

(To be Circulated)

(6) By the Minister of Public Works:

Audited Financial Statement of the Demerara Harbour Bridge Corporation for the year ended 31st December, 2010.

(To be Circulated)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES-

By Dr. George Norton, M.P. (Chairman of the Committee on Appointments):

Seventh Report of the Committee on Appointments in relation to the Appointment of Members of the Women and Gender Equality Commission.

(Circulated)

ORAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

For Written Replies

1. UNIVERSITY OF GUYANA STUDENT LOAN FUND

Member Asking: Ms Amna Ally, M.P., Opposition Chief Whip

Minister Answering: The Minister of Finance

WHEREAS the Student Loan Fund is a fund established since 1994 under the management of the Ministry of Finance;

AND WHEREAS in television advertisements the public is advised that because of the budget cuts in 2014, students seeking entry to the University of Guyana are unable to access this fund.

- (i) Could the Hon. Minister provide the National Assembly with a detailed statement of the Students Loan Fund?
- (ii) Could the Hon. Minister state what is the current requirement for student loans in 2014 and the current balance of the fund to meet these requirements?
(Notice Paper No. 332 (Q 228 Opp. 225) published on 2014-06-23)

2. PPP/C PRESS CONFERENCE BROADCASTED BY THE NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (NCN)

Member Asking: Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Joseph Harmon, M.S.M., M.P.

Minister Answering: The Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs

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WHEREAS the National Communications Network has broadcasted the Peoples Progressive Party Press Conference on 9th June, 2014 and 16th June, 2014 live;

AND WHEREAS a similar facility has not been extended to the APNU and AFC Press Conferences.

- (i) Could the Hon. Prime Minister state what financial arrangement has been made with the National Communications Network to facilitate the live coverage of the PPP Press Conference?
- (ii) If there is such a Financial Agreement could the Hon. Prime Minister provide details of payment by the PPP for the facilities provided by NCN?
(Notice Paper No. 333 (Q 229 Opp. 226) published on 2014-06-23)

3. THE WALTER RODNEY COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Member Asking: Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Joseph Harmon, M.S.M., M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Finance

WHEREAS the National Assembly has made budgetary allocation for the Walter Rodney Commission of Inquiry in the 2013 and 2014 budgets;

AND WHEREAS in the commission appointing the Commissioners to the Walter Rodney Commission of Inquiry issued by the President dated 6th February, 2014, it is stated as follows:-

“The Commission shall render its reports, findings and recommendations to the President within four (4) months or within such time as may be directed by the President.”

AND WHEREAS the four (4) months have expired;

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AND WHEREAS the Lead Counsel for the Walter Rodney Commission of Inquiry, Mr. Glen Hanoman has stated publicly that the Walter Rodney Commission of Inquiry will not complete its work before December, 2014.

- (i) Could the Hon. Minister state how much money has been spent so far on the Walter Rodney Commission of Inquiry?
- (ii) Could the Hon. Minister say how much money is projected to be spent by the Government of Guyana to complete the Walter Rodney Commission of Inquiry?
(Notice Paper No. 334 (Q 230 Opp. 227) published on 2014-06-23)

4. THE INDEPENDENCE ARCH

Member Asking: Mrs. Catherine Hughes, M.P.
Minister Answering: The Minister of Public Works

Could the Hon. Minister say when and where the Independence Arch that was removed from the Ruimveldt area to facilitate expansion of the East Bank Demerara Road, will be erected?

(Notice Paper No. 339 (Q 231 Opp. 228) published on 2014-07-02)

5. WORK PERMITS ISSUED TO FOREIGN NATIONALS

Member Asking: Mrs. Catherine Hughes, M.P.
Minister Answering: The Minister of Home Affairs

- (i) Can the Hon. Minister say how many Work Permits were issued to foreign nationals over the period January 1, 2010 – May 31, 2014?

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- (ii) Can the Hon. Minister provide this House with the nationality of each recipient and the duration of each Permit?
- (iii) Can the Hon. Minister say what job each permit holder was employed to do?
- (iv) Can the Hon. Minister provide this House with the name of the employer employing each work permit holder?

(Notice Paper No. 340 (Q 232 Opp. 229) published on 2014-07-02)

6. LAND ALLOCATION TO PRIVATE HOME DEVELOPERS

Member Asking: Ms Annette Ferguson, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Housing and Water

- (i) Can the Hon. Minister state what are the criteria used for the allocation of lands to private home developers?
- (ii) Can the Hon. Minister state whether competitive bidding is used for the approval of land allocation to private home developers?
- (iii) If so, please state how this process was done and where and when was public advertisement done?
- (iv) If not, what is/are the reasons?
- (v) Can the Hon. Minister explain the price for land allocated to private home developers and what are the factors that are taken into consideration when the price is made out?

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- (vi) Can the Hon. Minister provide a list of all private home developers to whom lands for housing purposes were awarded to, for the past ten (10) years, 2003 – 2013, including cost per each and locality?

(Notice Paper No. 341 (Q 233 Opp. 230) published on 2014-07-02)

7. COST AND ALLOCATION OF HOUSE LOTS

Member Asking: Ms Annette Ferguson, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Housing and Water

- (i) Could the Hon. Minister state what are the cost for house lots in the different categories (low income to high income)?
- (ii) Can the Hon. Minister provide the rationale for prices now charged for the different categories as listed at (i) above?
- (iii) Could the Hon. Minister provide a list detailing the cost for house lots received during the period 2010-2014?
- (iv) Can the Hon. Minister explain the reasons for the delay in the processing of house lots after payments are made by individuals?
- (v) Can the Hon. Minister explain whether any consideration would be given to review and revise the cost per individual house lots?
- (vi) What mechanism is in place to process applications for persons who are physically challenged?

(Notice Paper No. 342 (Q 234 Opp. 231) published on 2014-07-02)

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8. **CONSTRUCTION OF NINETY (90) CONCRETE HOUSES IN 2013**

Member Asking: Ms Annette Ferguson, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Housing and Water

Whereas in the 2014 Budget presentation, the Minister of Finance reported that ninety (90) flat concrete houses were constructed in 2013. Can the Hon. Minister state where these houses are located and how many of these houses are currently occupied?

(Notice Paper No. 343 (Q 235 Opp. 232) published on 2014-07-02)

9. **HOUSES CONSTRUCTED BY THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING**

Member Asking: Ms Annette Ferguson, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Housing and Water

Whereas the Ministry of Housing has taken on the responsibility of constructing houses, thereafter selling them on completion to individuals. Can the Minister state:

- (i) Whether competitive bidding is used to facilitate the construction process?
- (ii) Where and when are public advertisement done?

(Notice Paper No. 344 (Q 236 Opp. 233) published on 2014-07-02)

10. **PUBLIC-PRIVATE TURNKEY INITIATIVE**

Member Asking: Ms Annette Ferguson, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Housing and Water

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Could the Hon. Minister state with the continuation of the public-private turnkey initiative:

Where the additional one hundred (100) houses would be constructed?

- (i) Has there been a competitive bidding process?
- (ii) If yes, where and when was public advertisement done?
- (iii) If no, what is the reason(s)?

(Notice Paper No. 345 (Q 237 Opp. 234) published on 2014-07-02)

11. AMBULANCE ASSIGNED TO REGION #8

Member Asking: Ms June Eula Marcello, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister in the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development

Can the Hon. Minister say what is the purchase price of the ambulance which was sent by the Government to Region No. 8?

(Notice Paper No. 351 (Q 241 Opp. 238) published on 2014-07-16)

12. MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTOR CYCLES OWNED BY THE GUYANA POLICE FORCE

Member Asking: Ms June Eula Marcello, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Home Affairs

- (i) Can the Hon. Minister say how many motor vehicles and motor cycles were procured by the Government of Guyana for the Guyana Police Force during the period 2009-2013?
- (ii) Can the Hon. Minister say how many motor vehicles and motor cycles were donated to the Guyana Police Force during the period 2009-2013?
- (iii) Can the Hon. Minister provide this House with the uses ascribed to each motor vehicle in use by the Guyana Police Force?

(Notice Paper No. 352 (Q 242 Opp. 239) published on 2014-07-16)

13. UNIVERSITY OF GUYANA STUDENT LOAN FUND

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Finance

- (i) Can the Hon. Minister provide a report on the status of the University of Guyana Student Loan Fund, the contributions to the fund, re-payment of loans and the disbursements to date, etc.?
- (ii) What is the situation as regards applications for, and approval of loans from the Fund in 2014?

(Notice Paper No. 354 (Q 243 Opp. 240) published on 2014-09-30)

14. ADVANCES MADE FROM THE CONTINGENCIES FUND

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Finance

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Can the Hon. Minister provide a statement of all advances made from the Contingencies Fund, from 1st January, 2014 up to 10th October, 2014?

(Notice Paper No. 355 (Q 244 Opp. 241) published on 2014-09-30)

15. STATEMENT AND DETAILS OF THE DRAWING RIGHTS

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Finance

Would the Hon. Minister be so good as to submit a statement and details of the Drawing Rights, as defined and described in Part V of the Fiscal Management and Accountability Act No. 20 of 2003, issued by him and by his officials for the year 2014 (up to 10th October)?

(Notice Paper No. 356 (Q 245 Opp. 242) published on 2014-09-30)

16. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Finance

Having regard to section 31(1) and (2) and (4b &c) of the Fiscal Management and Accountability Act 2003, can the Hon. Minister provide copies of the related documents supplied by the Accountant General and the Finance Secretary or other officials authorised by Head of the Budget Agency, in support of the requisition for the payments claimed by the Ministry of Finance in relation to Capital Expenditure for the Ministry of Finance (Agency 03), Project Code – 031, Policy and Administration?

(Notice Paper No. 357 (Q 246 Opp. 243) published on 2014-09-30)

17. EXPENDITURE INCURRED BY THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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

Minister Answering: **The Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary
Affairs**

Having regard to section 31(1) and (2) and (4b & c) of the Fiscal Management and Accountability Act 2003, the Prime Minister is requested to provide copies of the documents supplied by the Permanent Secretary or official authorised by Head of the Budget Agency in support of the requisition for the payments made and claimed by the Office of the President in relation to Agency Code 01 – Programme 011 Administrative Services; Account Code 6321, Subsidies and Contributions to Local Organisations (for ease of reference as set out in Financial Paper No. 1 of 2014)?

(Notice Paper No. 358 (Q 247 Opp. 244) published on 2014-09-30)

**18. SMALL AND MEDIUM SCALE MINING OPERATIONS IN AMERINDIAN
VILLAGES**

Member Asking: **Mrs. Valerie Garrido-Lowe, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Amerindian Affairs**

WHEREAS, in Article 51(1) of the Amerindian Act 2006 which states that, “A miner shall pay the Village tribute of at least seven percent of the value of any minerals obtained from Village Lands from small or medium scale mining.”

- (i) Could the Hon. Minister provide the names of the Villages where small and medium scale mining are being done, the names of the mining outfits and how long they have been operating in these Villages?

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- (ii) Could the Hon. Minister state if all mining outfits operating on Village lands have complied with Article 51(1)?
- (iii) If not, could the Hon. Minister state how many miners have not complied, which Villages are being owed and how much?

(Notice Paper No. 364 (Q 252 Opp. 249) published on 2014-10-15)

**19. PHYSICAL, OCCUPATIONAL AND SPEECH THERAPISTS EMPLOYED BY
THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH**

Member Asking:

Mrs. Valerie Garrido-Lowe, M.P.

Minister Answering:

The Minister of Health

WHEREAS trained professionals are required in every hospital, health centre and health post for the optimum care of our country's children with special needs, could the Hon. Minister kindly inform us on the following:

- (i) How many physical, occupational and speech therapists are currently employed by the Ministry of Health and in which health facilities are they placed around the country?
- (ii) If there is a shortage of qualified physical, occupational and speech therapists, what are the Ministry of Health's current and future plans to remedy this situation?
- (iii) Are hinterland residents with the requisite qualifications encouraged to be trained in physical, occupational and speech therapy so that they can be able to adequately service their communities after such training?

- (iv) Since most parents need help on how to care for their children with special needs, has the Ministry of Health created any printed brochures or produced any DVDs with tips for parents on how to care for their children with special needs? If not, why not?

(Notice Paper No. 365 (Q 253 Opp. 250) published on 2014-10-15)

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS, INCLUDING POLICY STATEMENTS-

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS-

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE-

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND MOVED BY A MINISTER-

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Readings

1. **FOOD SAFETY BILL 2014 – Bill No. 14/2014**

The Minister of Agriculture, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to prevent the spread of food borne diseases through the control of the production, preparation, handling, storage and the transportation of food and provide for connected matters.

2. **MOTOR VEHICLES INSURANCE (THIRD PARTY RISKS) (AMENDMENT)**
BILL 2014 – Bill No. 15/2014

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) Act.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

(i) **GOVERNMENT’S BUSINESS**

MOTION

1. **CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1/2014 – STATEMENT OF EXCESS ON THE CURRENT AND CAPTIAL ESTIMATES**

Assembly to resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Minister of Finance to signify the recommendation or consent of the Cabinet and to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

Financial Paper No. 1/2014 – Statement of Excess (Current and Capital) Estimates totalling \$4,553,761,991 for the period ended 16th June, 2014.

(Notice Paper No. 338 (M 108 Govt. 37) published on 2014-06-25)

(Paper presented on 2014-06-19)

BILLS – Second Readings

2. **EDUCATION BILL 2014- Bill No. 10/2014 published on 2014-06-19**

The Minister of Education to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to repeal the Education Act, to reform the legal framework of education in Guyana and provide an effective system of education related to the needs of the people.

(Read a first time on 2014-06-19)

3. **LAND SURVEYORS BILL 2014 – Bill No. 7/2014 published on 2014-06-**

The Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to enact a new Land Surveyors Act and to repeal the existing Act, to repeal the Surveys (Special Provisions) Act and to consolidate and reform the law governing the practice of land surveying, including aerial surveys, the preparation of plans, the maintenance of records of land surveys and for related matters.

(Read a first time on 2014-06-19)

*4. **PROCUREMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 17/2013 published on 2013-11-07**

The Minister of Finance to move the second reading of the following Bill which, on 19th December, 2013, was postponed for six (6) months:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Procurement Act.

(Read a first time on 2013-11-07)

NB: The six-month postponement of the second reading of this Bill ended on 18th June, 2014.

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***Not to be proceeded with at this sitting**

MOTION

*5. **COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE OF SELECTION**

The Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the House selected nine (9) members to the Parliamentary Committee on Selection of the 10th Parliament on February 10, 2012;

AND WHEREAS the House selected four (4) members for the governing PPP/C, four (4) members for the opposition APNU and one (1) member for the opposition AFC;

AND WHEREAS the allocation of a nine (9) member Committee of Selection was by way of an amendment by the combined APNU/AFC opposition to the motion tabled by the Leader of the House for a ten (10) member Committee with five (5) for PPP/C, four (4) APNU and one (1) AFC;

AND WHEREAS Standing Order No. 94(1) provides for “each Select Committee being so constituted to ensure that, as far as possible, the balance of parties in the National Assembly be reflected in the Committee”;

AND WHEREAS the existing balance of the parties in the 10th Parliament is as follows:

PPP/C:	32 seats
APNU:	26 seats
AFC:	7 seats

AND WHEREAS the balance of the parties in the existing Committee of Selection does not conform to Standing Order No. 94(1),

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***Not to be proceeded with at this sitting**

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the decision of the House on the composition of the Parliamentary Committee of Selection be declared inconsistent with Standing Order 94(1);

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:

That the House takes immediate steps to ensure that the composition of the Parliamentary Committee of Selection is brought into conformity with Standing Order No. 94(1); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the currently constituted Committee of Selection be prevented from discharging its functions under Standing Order No. 81.

(Notice Paper No. 24 (M7 Govt 4) published on 2012-03-07)

BILLS – Committee and Third Readings

***6. TELECOMMUNICATIONS BILL 2012 – Bill No. 18/2012 published on 2012-08-09**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the establishment of the Telecommunications Agency and for a regular, coordinated, open and competitive telecommunications sector and for matters incidental thereto or connected therewith.

(Read a first time on 2012-08-09)

(Read a second time and referred to a Special Select Committee on 2013-11-07)

*7. **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – Bill No. 17/2012 published on 2012-08-09**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Public Utilities Commission Act.

(Read a first time on 2012-08-09)

(Read a second time and referred to a Special Select Committee on 2013-11-07)

*8. **ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING AND COUNTERING THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 22/2013 published on 2013-12-10**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Act.

(Read a first time on 2013-12-12)

(Read a second time and referred to a Special Select Committee on 2013-12-19)

*9. **WILDLIFE IMPORT AND EXPORT BILL 2014 – Bill No. 8/2014 published on 2014-05-21**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

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A BILL intituled AN ACT to regulate international trade of Guyana's wildlife and to enable Guyana to fulfill its obligations under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

(Read a first time on 2014-05-21)

(Read a second time and referred to a Special Select Committee on 2014-06-19)

(ii) PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

BILLS – Second Reading

10. THE BROADCASTING (AMENDMENT) BILL 2014 – Bill No. 13/2014 published on 2014-07-11

Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Joseph Harmon, M.S.M., M.P., to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Broadcasting Act.

(Read a first time on 2014-07-10)

MOTIONS

11. NO CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA

Mr. Moses Nagamootoo, M.P. to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly has no confidence in the Government.

(Notice Paper No. 353 (M 111 Opp 61) published on 2014-08-15)

*12. **THE APPOINTMENT OF A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY TO INVESTIGATE THE INCIDENCE OF CRIMINAL VIOLENCE FROM 2004 TO 2010 IN GUYANA**

Brig. (Ret'd) David Granger, M.S.S., M.P., Leader of the Opposition, to move the following motion:

WHEREAS, Article 138(1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Guyana prescribes that no person shall be deprived of his life intentionally save in the execution of the sentence of a court in respect of an offence under the Laws of Guyana of which he has been convicted;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the Commission of Inquiry Act, Chapter 19:03, "The President may issue a commission appointing one or more commissioners and authorizing such commissioner or commissioners to inquire into any matter in which an inquiry would, in the opinion of the President, be for the public welfare";

AND WHEREAS this country has witnessed a pattern of unlawful killing of undetermined numbers of persons – including assassinations; executions; murders; extra-judicial killings by members of the Guyana Police Force Target Special Squad and other forms of criminal violence in Guyana during a period of 'troubles' on the East Coast and East Bank of Demerara and elsewhere – which were harmful to the public welfare;

AND WHEREAS several of these killings have been of a deliberate and systematic nature – particularly those which occurred at Agricola; Bartica; Buxton; Eccles; Lindo Creek; Lusignan and Bel Air, Bourda and Kitty in Georgetown – which can be classified as massacres and have engendered alarm and despondency among the population;

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***Not to be proceeded with at this sitting**

24.

AND WHEREAS some killings involved members of the Guyana Police Force, the Guyana Defence Force and unidentified criminal gangs in which gangsters were equipped with a variety of electronic ‘eavesdropping’ equipment, weapons and vehicles that were provided with assistance and support by members of the Guyana Police Force;

AND WHEREAS commissions of inquiry and coroners’ inquests have not been conducted into some unnatural deaths and criminal investigation reports by the Guyana Police Force, with regard to the most egregious of these crimes, have often been inconclusive;

AND WHEREAS the National Assembly is the supreme legislative forum of our Republic wherein the people’s elected representatives discuss and determine matters of national interest and which is obliged to consider the grave threats to the public welfare and public security which prevailed during the aforesaid period of the ‘troubles’ and which remain substantially uninvestigated,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly condemns the killing of citizens of Guyana which occurred during the period of the ‘troubles’ and expresses its concern that commissions of inquiry have not been convened to investigate the unlawful killings, including the assassination of a Minister of the Government in April, 2006, on the East Coast of Demerara;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly calls upon the President of Guyana, in accordance with the Commission of Inquiry Act, Chapter 19:03, to appoint a Commission of Inquiry to inquire into the unlawful killing of citizens during the years 2004 to 2010.

(Notice Paper No. 112 (M47 Opp 29) published on 2012-12-12)

*13. **PREVENTING HONOURABLE CLEMENT ROHEE, M.P., MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS FROM SPEAKING IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

The Assembly to resume the debate on the following motion after the Committee of Privileges has reported thereon:

WHEREAS Article 171(1) of the Constitution provides that subject to the provisions of this Constitution and of the rules of procedure of the National Assembly, any member of the Assembly may introduce any Bill or propose any motion for debate in, or may present any Petition to the Assembly and the same shall be debated and disposed of according to the rules of the procedure of the Assembly;

AND WHEREAS Article 165(1) of the Constitution provides that, subject to the provisions of this Constitution the National Assembly may regulate its own procedure and may make rules for that purpose;

AND WHEREAS on the 25th day of July, 2012, Brig. (Ret.'d) David Granger moved a motion in the National Assembly of No Confidence in the Hon. Clement Rohee, M.P., as Minister of Home Affairs and called for his immediate removal, and dismissal from office;

AND WHEREAS on the 30th day of July, 2012, Resolution No. 18 of 2012, was passed by the National Assembly in accordance with the said motion;

AND WHEREAS the Hon. Clement Rohee, M.P., is a member of the Cabinet of Guyana with the portfolio of the Minister of Home Affairs;

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***Not to be proceeded with at this sitting**

AND WHEREAS Standing Order No. 47 Rule 10 of the Standing Orders of the National Assembly provides that “Nothing in this Standing Order shall be taken to deprive the Assembly of the power of proceeding against any Member according to any Resolution of the Assembly”;

AND WHEREAS Standing Order No. 113 of the said Standing Orders of the National Assembly provides that “In any matter not herein provided for, resort shall be had to the usage and practice of the House of Commons Assembly of Parliament of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, which shall be followed as far as the same, may be applicable to the Assembly, and not inconsistent with these Standing Orders or with the practice of the Assembly”;

AND WHEREAS the practice and convention in the House of Commons of England is that a Minister who loses a no confidence motion, resigns as Minister,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That since the National Assembly, by National Assembly Resolution No. 18 of 2012, has expressed no confidence in the performance of the Honourable Clement Rohee, M.P. as Minister of Home Affairs, that he be prevented from speaking in the National Assembly so long as he is purporting to carry out the functions of Minister of Home Affairs as published in the Official Gazette.

(Notice Paper No. 104 (M45 Opp 27) published on 2012-11-22)

(Referred to Committee of Privileges on 2012-11-22 in accordance with Standing Order No. 91)

*14. **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – No. 15/2012**

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P., to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order No. 52(1), grant leave for the introduction and first reading of the Public Utilities Commission (Amendment) Bill 2012 – Bill No. 15/2012 –

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Public Utilities Commission Act.
(Notice Paper No. 96 (M38 Opp 22) published on 2012-08-02)

If leave is granted, the Clerk shall read aloud the title of the Bill.

*15. **TELECOMMUNICATIONS BILL 2012 – Bill No. 16/2012**

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P., to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order No. 52(1), grant leave for the introduction and first reading of the Telecommunications Bill 2012 – Bill No. 16/2012 –

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the establishment of the Telecommunication Agency and for a regular, coordinated, open and competitive telecommunications sector and for matters incidental thereto or connected therewith.

(Notice Paper No. 97 (M39 Opp 23) published on 2012-08-02)

If leave is granted, the Clerk shall read aloud the title of the Bill.

BILL – Committee and Third Reading

- *16. **OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL 2012 – No. 8/2012 published on 2012-08-10**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to set out the responsibilities and authority of the Clerk and Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly of Guyana and to provide for the establishment and administration of an independent Office of the Clerk of the National Assembly.

(Read a first time on 2012-08-09)

(Read a second time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2012-12-17)

(iii) COMMITTEES BUSINESS

MOTIONS

17. **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD COMMISSION**

Dr. George Norton, M.P. (Chairman of the Committee on Appointments) to move the following motion:

WHEREAS Article 212 U of the Constitution has established a Rights of the Child Commission;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with Article 212 U(2)(a) of the Constitution, the Rights of the Child Commission shall consist of-

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(a) Not less than five nor more than fifteen members, with expertise in issues affecting children, nominated by entities, by a consensual mechanism determined by the National Assembly, after the entities which shall include the Ministry with responsibility for Children's affairs, the Ministry of Education, and organizations representing the interest of youth, are determined by the votes not less than two-thirds of all elected members of the National Assembly; and

(b) A member who shall be a nominee , without the right to vote, chosen by and from each of the following commissions: the Human Rights Commission, Ethnic Relations Commission, and Women and Gender Equality Commission and Indigenous People's Commission;

AND WHEREAS the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Appointments (COA) examined the list of entities to nominate members to the Rights of the Child Commission in accordance with article 212 U (1)(a) of the Constitution, and Resolution No. 62 of 2000 with regard to the number of members on the said Commission;

AND WHEREAS the Committee, having deliberated on the identification of the entities for nomination to the Rights of the Child Commission unanimously agrees and proposes that the Commission be comprised of nominations from the list of entities in the First Schedule in the following categories:

Service	- 2
Religion	- 3
Youth	- 2
Women	- 2
Statutory Bodies	- 2
Professional Bodies	- 1
Other	- 1

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Ministry of Education - 1

Ministry of Labour, Human Services & Social Security – 1

AND WHEREAS the Committee also unanimously agreed on the consensual mechanism to guide the process for consultation and nomination of Members to the said Rights Commission herein at the Second Schedule;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the proposed representation of the above-mentioned categories from the list of entities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the entities to nominate Members of the Rights of the Child Commission, in accordance with Article 212U (1)(a) of the Constitution, as set out in the First Schedule attached (Appendix I);

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the consensual mechanism, outlined in the Second Schedule attached (Appendix II).

(Notice Paper No. 350 (M 110 Committees 12) published on 2014-07-11)

18. **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY COMMISSION**

Dr. George Norton, M.P. (Chairman of the Committee on Appointments), to move the following motion:

WHEREAS, Article 212 Q of the Constitution has established a Women and Gender Equality Commission;

AND WHEREAS, in accordance with Article 212 Q (2)(a) of the Constitution, the Women and Gender Equality Commission shall consist of-

- (a) “not less than five nor more than fifteen members, with expertise in women’s and gender equality issues, nominated by entities, by a consensual mechanism determined by the National Assembly, after the entities which shall include the Women’s Advisory Committee of the Trade Union Congress, are determined by the votes of not less than two-thirds of all the elected Members of the National Assembly; and*
- (b) the Administrator of the Women’s Affairs Bureau, by whatever name that office is designated; and*
- (c) a member who shall be a nominee , without the right to vote, chosen by and from each of the following Commissions: the Human Rights Commission, Ethnic Relations Commission, Indigenous People’s Commission and Rights of the Child Commission.”*

AND WHEREAS, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Appointments (COA) examined the list of entities to nominate members to the Rights of the Women and Gender Equality Commission in accordance with article 212 Q (2)(a) of the Constitution, and Resolution No. 62 of 2000 with regard to the number of members on the said Commission;

AND WHEREAS, the Committee having deliberated on the identification of the entities for nomination to the Women & Gender Equality Commission unanimously agrees and proposes that the Commission be comprised of nominations from the list of entities in the First Schedule in the following categories:

Women	2
Professional Bodies	1
Private Sector	1
Labour Movement	1
TUC Women's Advisory Council	1
Cultural/Ethnic	2
Regional Representative from 10 WAC	3
Women's Progressive Organisation	1
National Congress of Women	1
Head/Administrator Men's Affairs Bureau (New)	1

(b) Administrator of the Women's Affairs Bureau

AND WHEREAS, the Committee also unanimously agreed on the consensual mechanism to guide the process for consultation and nomination of Members to the said Women and Gender Equality Commission herein at the Second Schedule;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the proposed representation of the above-mentioned categories from the list of entities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the entities to nominate Members of the Women and Gender Equality Commission, in accordance with article 212Q (2)(a) of the Constitution, as set out in the First Schedule attached (APPENDIX III);

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the consensual mechanism, outlined in the Second Schedule attached (APPENDIX IV).

(Notice Paper No. 363 (M 112 Committees 13) published on 2014-09-30)

S.E. ISAACS
Clerk of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Brickdam,
Georgetown.

5th November, 2014.

APPENDIX I

FIRST SCHEDULE

Proposed entities to be consulted for the Nomination of Members of the Rights of the Child Commission

SERVICE- 2

Adventist Development Relief Agency

Child Link

Community Based Rehabilitation Programme

Friends of the Needy

Generation Next

Guyana Legal Aid Clinic Inc.

Guyana Relief Council

Guyana Responsible Parenthood Association

Help and Shelter

Kids First Fund

Lions International Sub-District 60 A

Radio Needy Children's Fund

Rotary International District 7030

Salvation Army

The Guyana Red Cross Society

Young Men's Christian Association of Guyana (YMCA)

Young Women's Christian Association of Guyana (YWCA)

RELIGION-3

Central Islamic Organisation of Guyana -1

Guyana Hindu Dharmic Sabha -1

Guyana Council of Churches -1

YOUTH - 2

Alliance For Change (AFC) Youth Arm

Central Baptist Youth Fellowship

Church of Christ Youth Group

Dharmic Naujawan (Dharmic Youth)

Full Gospel Youth Fellowship

Guyana Anglican Youth Council

Guyana Congregational Young People's Union

Guyana Girl Guides Association

Guyana Junior Chamber (Jaycees)

Guyana Network of Schools Health Clubs

Guyana Youth and Student Movement (GYSM)

Guyana Youth Development Association (GUYDA)

Methodist Youth Club

Moravian Youth Club

Muslim Youth League

Muslim Youth Organisation

National Youth Commission

President's Youth Award Republic of Guyana

Progressive Youth Organisation

Roman Catholic Youth Office

Scouts Association of Guyana

University of Guyana Student's Society (UGSS)

Volunteer Youth Corps (VYC)

Volunteerism Support Platform

Youth Challenge Guyana

Youth Ministries Department of the Assembly of God

Youth Ministries Department of the Guyana Conference of Seventh-day- Adventists

WOMEN – 2

AFC Women's Arm

Mothers' Union Diocese of Guyana

Church Women United

Congregational Women's Union

Conference Women's Missionary AME

Guyana Association of Women's Lawyers

Guyana Hindu Dharmic Sabha Mahalia Mandale

Guyana Women's Miners Association

Guyanese Women in Development (GUYWID)

Evangelical Lutheran Church Women

District Women's Work Commission

National Congress of Women

Police Wives' Association

Red Thread Women's Development Project

Rural Women's Development Network

The National Committee of Sisters Affairs (NACOSA) (CIOG Women's Arm)

TUC Women's Advisory Council

Women Across Differences

Women's Progressive Organisation

STATUTORY BODIES – 2

National Commission on Disabilities – 1

National Commission on the Family - 1

PROFESSIONAL BODIES -1

Guyana Association of Professional Social Workers (GAPSW)

Berbice Medical Association (BMA)

Guyana Nurses Association (GNA)

Guyana Teachers Union (GTU)

OTHER -1

African Cultural Development Association (ACDA)

Amerindian People's Association

Guyana Human Rights' Association (GHRA)

Guyanese Organisation of Indigenous Peoples

Indian Arrival Committee (IAC)

Ministry of Health

National Tashaos Council

Pan African Movement

The Amerindian Action Movement of Guyana (TAAMOG)

The Rastafarian Council

Ministry of Education – 1

Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security - 1

APPENDIX II

SECOND SCHEDULE

Consensual Mechanism for the Nomination by Entities of Members of the Rights of the Child Commission

All the Entities in each Group, immediately on the passage of this motion, shall be written to by the Clerk of the National Assembly inviting them to meet as a group, to select their nominees and to send a representative/s on an appointed day/date, time to appear before the Parliamentary Standing Committee to Appoint Members of the Commissions, at the Parliament Buildings to present the name/s of their nominee/s for Membership on the Rights of the Child Commission.

A deadline shall be set by the Clerk of the National Assembly on advice by the Standing Committee, by which time it would be formally notified of the names and other requested particulars of the Nominee/s, the process used for the selection of the Nominee/s by the entity, and a statement to the effect that the Nominee/s is/are supported and accepted by that entity.

The Nominee/s chosen to represent the Group must be person/s who are competent to contribute positively to the work of the Commission and who are committed to ensuring that it discharges all of its functions. They should have earned public respect and be of unquestionable honesty and integrity.

The process used must be demonstrated to be unbiased and transparent. It is important that the Nominee/s obtain the unquestioned support and acceptance of the Entity nominating them as well as the Entities within the Group.

Where there is a recognised “*umbrella organization*” in the list of entities for that Group, the Clerk shall write to that organisation and copy his letter to each of the “*constituent entities*” within the Group.

APPENDIX III

FIRST SCHEDULE

Group and entities within each Group of Nominate Members of the Women and Gender Equality Commission

Women Bodies– 2

Church Women United
Conference Women's Missionary AME
Congregational Women's Union
District Women's Work Commission
Evangelical Lutheran Church Women
Guyana Hindu Dharmic Sabha Mahila Mandale
Guyana Women's Miners Association
Guyanese Women in Development (GUYWID)
Mothers' Union Diocese of Guyana
Police Wives' Association
Red Thread Women's Development Project
Rural Women's Development Network
The National Committee of Sisters Affairs (NACOSA)
The Salvation Army Women's League
Women Across Differences (WAD)
Women For Change (WFC)
Young Women's Christian Association of Guyana (YWCA)

National Congress of Women (NCW) - 1

Women's Progressive Organisation (WPO) - 1

Regional Women's Affairs Committees- 3 (Regions 1 – 10)

Regions 1, 7, 8 and 9 - 1

Regions 2, 5 and 6 - 1

Regions 3, 4 and 10 - 1

(a) Administrator Women's Affairs Bureau-1

(b) TUC Women- 1

The Labour Movement-1

Federation of Independent Trade Unions of Guyana (FITUG)

Guyana Public Service Union (GPSU)

Guyana Trades Union Congress (GTUC)

Private Business Sector Bodies -1

Association of Non-Traditional Exporters

Association of Regional Chambers of Commerce (ARCC)

Bartica Chamber of Commerce

Guyana Agro Processors Association

Guyana Craft and Arts Association

Guyana Private Sector Commission

Guyana Rice Producers Association

Professional Group-1

Berbice Bar Association

Berbice Medical Association (BMA)

Guyana Association of Medical Laboratories Professionals

Guyana Association of Optometrists

Guyana Association of Professional Engineers (GAPE)

Guyana Association of Professional Social Workers (GAPSW)
Guyana Association of Women Lawyers
Guyana Association of Women's Artists
Guyana Bar Association (GBA)
Guyana Dental Association
Guyana Nurses Association (GNA)
Guyana Pharmacists' Association
Guyana Press Association (GPA)
Institute of Chartered Accountants of Guyana (ICAG)

Cultural/Ethnic-1

African Cultural and Development Association (ACDA)
Amerindian People's Association
Guyanese Organisation of Indigenous Peoples
Indian Arrival Committee (IAC)
National Toshias Council (NTC)
Pan African Movement
The Amerindian Action Movement of Guyana (TAAMOG)
The Rastafarian Council

APPENDIX IV

SECOND SCHEDULE

Consensual Mechanism for the Nomination by Entities of Members of the Women and Gender Equality Commission

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