

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 58TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION

(2006 - 2008) OF THE NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON THURSDAY, 24TH JULY, 2008

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, 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-

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES-

ORAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE-

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

1. DECENTRALISATION OF THE ISSUING OF PASSPORTS

Member Asking: Mrs. Sheila Holder, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Home Affairs

*Will the Honourable Minister say why the system for issuing passports has not been decentralised to relieve citizens from the frustrations caused by the lengthy time they have to endure travelling to the Georgetown based Passport Office and waiting for their applications to be processed?

(Notice Paper No. 241 (Q166 Opp161) published on 2008-07-01)

2. PERSONS RELEASED ON PAROLE

Member Asking: Mrs. Deborah Backer, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Home Affairs

*Could the Honourable Minister inform this National Assembly how many persons have been released on parole since the enactment of the Parole Act in 1991?

(Notice Paper No. 242 (Q167 Opp162) published on 2008-07-01)

3. OVERCROWDING IN PRISONS

Member Asking: Mrs. Deborah Backer, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Home Affairs

*Could the Honourable Minister share with this National Assembly what immediate initiatives he proposes to take to alleviate the overcrowding in our prisons?

(Notice Paper No. 243 (Q168 Opp163) published on 2008-07-01)

4. TRAINING OF LABOUR INSPECTORS TO DETECT ABUSES SUFFERED BY CHILDREN

Member Asking: Mr. Mervyn Williams, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Labour

Could the Honourable Minister of Labour tell this National Assembly -

- (i) *How many Labour Inspectors currently in the employ of the Ministry of Labour are trained to detect abuses suffered by children and young persons in the labour force?
- (ii) *Say what remedies are in place to deal with such abuses?
- (iii) *Give an outline of the training received by labour officer in the area of child labour?
- (iv) *Give the number of batches and number of officers who benefited from such training?
- (v) *The frequency of refresher courses provided for these officers?
- (vi) *Give the number of cases of child labour identified and treated by his Ministry for the years 1993 to 2007?
- (vii) *Say how many persons/entities were prosecuted for employing under age children and how many prosecutors were successful for the years 1993 to 2007?

(Notice Paper No. 244 (Q169 Opp164) published on 2008-07-01)

5. **MECHANISMS IN PLACE TO ADDRESS AND COMBAT THE SCOURGE OF CHILD LABOUR IN GUYANA**

Member Asking: Mr. Mervyn Williams, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Labour

*Could the Honourable Minister of Labour tell this National Assembly what collaborative mechanisms are in place among the Ministries of Labour, Human Services and Education to address and combat the scourge of child labour in Guyana?

(Notice Paper No. 245 (Q170 Opp165) published on 2008-07-01)

6. **POLICIES TO DEAL WITH CHILDREN WHO ARE THE VICTIMS OF THE WORST FORM OF CHILD LABOUR**

Member Asking: Mr. Mervyn Williams, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Labour

*Could the Honourable Minister of Labour tell this National Assembly what policies are in place to deal with children who are victims of the "worst form of child labour" as defined by the International Labour Organisation including post trauma counselling?

(Notice Paper No. 246 (Q171 Opp166) published on 2008-07-01)

7. **THE EUROPEAN UNION'S MICRO PROJECT SCHEME**

Member Asking: Mr. Raphael Trotman, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Finance

- (i) *Does the Government proposes to endorse and support the European Union's Micro Project Scheme?
- (ii) * If the Government has declined to endorse or is still studying the proposals does it concern relate to the type of projects and/or the location of the communities receiving the financing?

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- (iii) *Is the Government of Guyana providing any moneys to be disbursed for the project? If so, how much?
- (iv) *Is the Government reviewing the general policy regarding aid and assistance by foreign governments and aid institutions?
- (v) * If the Government is still studying the proposals will the Hon. Minister give an indication of when this study is likely to be completed?
(Notice Paper No. 248 (Q173 Opp168) published on 2008-07-01)

8. SPECIAL EDUCATION IN GUYANA

Member Asking: Ms Amna Ally M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

- (i) *Could the Honourable Minister share with this National Assembly the programme for Special Education in Guyana?
- (ii) *Is there a Special Education Union to deal with Special Education in Guyana?
- (iii) * What is the staffing strength of this Unit?

(Notice Paper No. 249 (Q174 Opp169) published on 2008-07-03)

9. DAVID ROSE SCHOOL

Member Asking: Ms Amna Ally M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

*Could the Honourable Minister of Education tell this National Assembly which category of schools the David Rose School falls under?

(Notice Paper No. 250 (Q175 Opp170) published on 2008-07-03)

10. MONITORING OF THE SCHOOL SYSTEM IN REGION #5

Member Asking: Ms Amna Ally M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

*Could the Honourable Minister of Education tell this National Assembly what is the role of the Regional Executive Officer of Region #5 in the monitoring of the school system in Region #5?

(Notice Paper No. 251 (Q176 Opp171) published on 2008-07-03)

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-

PUBLIC BUSINESS-

(i) GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

BILLS – Second Readings

1. **THE EVIDENCE AND MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC
(AMENDMENT) BILL 2008 – Bill No. 8/2008 published on 2008-07-11**

The Minister of Home Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Evidence Act and the
Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act.

(Read a first time on 2008-07-17)

2. **PREVENTION OF CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL 2008 –Bill No. 9/2008
published on 2008-07-11**

The Minister of Home Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Prevention of Crimes Act.

(Read a first time on 2008-07-17)

3. **MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 2008 – Bill
No. 10/2008 published on 2008-07-11**

The Minister of Home Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road
Traffic Act.

(Read a first time on 2008-07-17)

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4. **SUMMARY JURISDICTION (OFFENCES) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2008 – Bill No. 11/2008 published on 2008-07-11**

The Minister of Home Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Summary Jurisdiction (Offences) Act.

(Read a first time on 2008-07-17)

5. **COURT OF APPEAL (AMENDMENT) BILL 2008 – Bill No. 12/2008 published on 2008-07-11**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Court of Appeal Act to provide for appeals by the Director of Public Prosecutions to the Court of Appeal and the Caribbean Court of Justice and for connected matters.

(Read a first time on 2008-07-17)

6. **TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL 2008 – Bill NO. 13/2008 published on 2008-07-16**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Tax Act.

(Read a first time on 2008-07-17)

BILLS – Second Readings, Committee and Third Readings

***7. ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING AND COUNTERING THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM BILL 2007 – Bill No. 18/2007 published on 2007-06-04**

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 and management of a Financial Intelligence Unit; to provide for unlawful proceeds of all serious offences to be identified, traced, frozen, seized and eventually forfeited; to provide for comprehensive powers for the prosecution of money laundering, terrorist financing and other financial crimes; and the forfeiture of the proceeds of crime and terrorist property; to require reporting entities to take preventive measures to help combat money laundering and terrorist financing; to provide for civil forfeiture of assets and for matters connected therewith.

(Read a first time on 2007-06-07)

(Committed to the Special Select Committee on 2007-06-07)

***8. THE FORESTS BILL 2007 – Bill No. 21 of 2007 published on 2007-07-24**

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 consolidate and amend the law relating to forests.

(Read a first time on 2007-08-02)

(Committed to the Special Select Committee on 2007-11-08)

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*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

(ii) PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS


Presentation and first Reading

***FREEDOM OF INFORMATION BILL 2006 – Bill No. 26/2006**

Mr. Raphael Trotman, M.P., is to seek leave to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to give access to information to members of the public.

(iii) COMMITTEE BUSINESS


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S.E. ISAACS
Clerk of the National Assembly

**PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Brickdam.**

17th July, 2008.

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