

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 83RD SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION

(2006 - 2009) OF THE NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON THURSDAY, 12TH MARCH, 2009

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-

By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs:

Annual Report of the Supreme Court Registry for the year 2007.

(To be Circulated)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES-

By Ms Gail Teixeira, M.P., (Chairperson of the Committee on Appointments):

Sixth Report of the Committee on Appointments in relation to the Appointment of Members of the Rights of the Child Commission.

(Circulated)

ORAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE-

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

For Written Replies

1. **PENSIONERS OF REGIONS 1, 7, 8, 9 AND 10**

Member Asking: Mrs. Volda Lawrence, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Human Services and Social Security

Could the Honourable Minister of Human Services and Social Security inform this Honourable House and pensioners in the remote communities of Regions 1, 7, 8, 9 and 10, whether any provisions have been put in place for:

- (i) Old Age Pensioners books to be delivered to each of these communities?
- (ii) The setting up of service providers to cash vouchers in these remote communities thus easing the burden of transportation costs?

(Notice Paper No. 369 (Q277 Opp262) published on 2009-01-30)

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2. **LAYING OF REPORTS IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY – BY THE MINISTER OF HUMAN SERVICES AND SOCIAL SECURITY**

Member Asking: Mrs. Volda Lawrence, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Human Services and Social Security

Could the Honourable Minister of Human Services and Social Security inform this Honourable House when the following would be laid in this National Assembly:

- (i) A Senior Citizens Policy Development Report and
- (ii) A National Policy for Senior Citizens?
(Notice Paper No. 370 (Q278 Opp263) published on 2009-01-30)

3. **BERBICE BRIDGE COMPANY INC.**

Member Asking: Dr. John Austin, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Transport and Hydraulics

Is the Honourable Minister willing to provide this National Assembly with a copy of the Agreement between the Government of Guyana and the Berbice Bridge Company Inc., which sets out the arrangements for the construction and operation of the Berbice Bridge including:-

- (i) the rate of return on investment; and
- (ii) the formula for the determination of the tolls?

And if so, when will he do so?

(Notice Paper No. 372 (Q279 Opp264) published on 2009-02-10)

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For Oral Replies

4. **CLASS 1, GRADE 1 PERMANENT TRAINED TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE**

Member Asking: Ms. Amna Ally, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

Could the Honourable Minister of Education tell this National Assembly:

- (i) *How many teachers in each of our 10 administrative Regions are not in receipt of their Class 1, Grade 1 Permanent Trained Teacher's Certificate?
- (ii) *When will the procedure to have these teachers certified be started and completed?

(Notice Paper No. 363 (Q271 Opp256) published on 2009-01-30)

5. **GENERATOR AT AISHALTON**

Member Asking: Mrs. Volda Lawrence, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Local Government and Regional
Development

*Could the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Regional Development inform this Honourable House and the residents of Aishalton when will the generator which was removed for repairs in June, 2008, would be returned to the village?

(Notice Paper No. 364 (Q272 Opp257) published on 2009-01-30)

6. **THE LE REPENTIR CEMETERY**

Member Asking: Mrs. Volda Lawrence, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works and
Communication

*Could the Honourable Minister of Public Works inform this National Assembly and the citizenry of Georgetown of the reason/reasons for the failure of his Ministry to cut down trees and clean the Le Repentir Cemetery as promised by the Minister as part of the Clean-up exercise for Carifesta X?

(Notice Paper No. 367 (Q275 Opp260) published on 2009-01-30)

7. **DISTRIBUTION OF PRE-PAID METERS**

Member Asking: Mrs. Volda Lawrence, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works and
Communication

*Could the Honourable Prime Minister inform this National Assembly and the citizenry:

- (i) What criteria would be used for the distribution of pre-paid meters?
- (ii) Whether consultation with consumers would be undertaken before deductions are made against outstanding balances?
- (iii) If there would be a public education program to ensure that Guyana Power and Light customers are fully aware of the conditions which would apply when pre-paid meters are installed?

(Notice Paper No. 368 (Q276 Opp261) published on 2009-01-30)

8. STREET LIGHTS IN VILLAGES OF BRITANIA, TEMPIE, UNION AND NO. 30

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

Minister Answering: The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works and Communications

*On August 22, 2008 the street lights went down during a heavy rain storm in the following villages – Britania, Tempie, Union and No. 30 Village. GPL made several un-kept promises to fix them. Will the Honourable Minister say whether electricity has been restored to these villages? If not, why not? And if not when will electricity be restored to rescue the residents of these villages from darkness and the crime risks associated with unlit roads?

(Notice Paper No. 373 (Q280 Opp265) published on 2009-02-10)

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****MOTION****1. DEPLOYMENT OF GUYANA DEFENCE FORCE PERSONNEL OVERSEAS**

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works and Communications to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago will host the Fifth Summit of the Americas in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago from 17th to 19th April, 2009;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana joined with other CARICOM countries to offer troop support to the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for security purposes;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana has pledged the deployment of Guyana Defence Force military personnel on a security support mission for a period of approximately two (2) months;

AND WHEREAS the management and operation of troops deployed by the Government of Guyana shall be in accordance with the Visiting Forces Act 2007 of Guyana, the Visiting Forces Act of Trinidad and Tobago and the Treaty of Security Assistance among CARICOM Member States,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly honours the pledge of the Government of Guyana and approves the deployment of such personnel to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the purpose and period stated.

(Notice Paper No. 377 (M91 Govt 54) published on 2009-03-04)

BILLS – Second Readings, Committee and Third Readings

*2. **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)

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

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 Court of Appeal Act to provide for appeals by the Director of Public Prosecutions to the

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

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Court of Appeal and the Caribbean Court of Justice and for connected matters.

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

(Committed to the Special Select Committee on 2008-07-25)

*4. **MONEY TRANSFER AGENCIES (LICENSING) BILL 2008 – No. 15 of 2008 published on 2008-07-23**

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 licensing of persons carrying on the business of money transfer agencies; to make provision for the registering of money transfer agents and for connected purposes.

(Read a first time on 2008-07-24)

(Committed to the Special Select Committee on 2008-08-07)

BILL – First and Second Readings, Committee and Third Readings

*5. **PROTECTION OF CHILDREN BILL 2009 – Bill No. 3 of 2009 published on 2009-01-14**

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 protection of children at risk, children in difficult circumstances and children in general and for related matters.

(Read a first time on 2009-01-15)

(Committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-01-22)

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

*6. **STATUS OF CHILDREN BILL 2009 – Bill No. 5/2009 published on 2009-01-27**

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 repeal and re-enact the provisions of the Children Born Out of Wedlock (Removal of Discrimination) Act 1983; to provide for presumptions of parentage and parentage testing procedures; to effect reform of the law generally and for related purposes.

(Read a first time on 2009-01-29)

(Committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-01-29)

*7. **ADOPTION OF CHILDREN BILL 2009 – Bill No. 6/2009 published on 2009-01-27**

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 reform of laws for the adoption of children and for related matters.

(Read a first time on 2009-01-29)

(Committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-01-29)

(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.

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

MOTION

The Speaker has directed that the following motion be placed on the Order Paper for this sitting:

8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 28(3)

Mr. Robert Corbin, M.P., Leader of the Opposition to move the following motion:

WHEREAS a motion has been tabled in connection with the financial problems being experienced by CLICO (Guyana);

AND WHEREAS the issues raised by the motion are of urgent importance to many policy holders, pensioners and institutions which have invested therein;

AND WHEREAS urgent action is required by the government to avoid serious loss to pensioners and policyholders,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That in accordance with Standing Order No. 31, the notice period prescribed for motions under Standing Order No. 28(3) be dispensed with to permit the said motion to be placed upon the Order Paper within three (3) days or at the next sitting of the National Assembly, whichever is earlier; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the relevant Standing Orders be suspended to permit the aforesaid motion to be debated at the next sitting or the National Assembly after its publication.

(Notice Paper No. 376 (M90 Opp26) published on 2009-03-04)

COMMITTEE BUSINESS**MOTION****9. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD COMMISSION**

Ms Gail Texeira, M.P.,(Chairperson of the Committee on Appointments) to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Standing Committee on Appointments to Commissions in keeping with Resolution No 60 of 13th June, 2008 consulted the approved lists of entities for nominations to the Rights of the Child Commission;

AND WHEREAS the entities met and made submissions of their nominations between September 15th, 2008 and February, 3rd 2009;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the following persons from the following categories as members of the Rights of the Child Commission established under the Constitution and signify to the President that :

Service

Ms. Kaloutie Nauth

Ms. Yvonne Fox

Religion

Ms. Sarojanie Rambarran

Ms. Aleema Nasir

Ms. Colleen Anthony

Youth

Ms. Marissa Massiah

Ms. Michelle Kalamandeen

Ms. Suelle Findlay-Williams

Women

Ms. Sandra Hooper

Ms. Rosemary Benjamin-Noble

Mr. Vidyaratha Kissoon

Other

Ms. Hyacinth Massay

Ministry of Education

Ms. Banmattie Ram

**Ministry of Labour Human Services and Social
Security**

Mr. Kwame Mc Coy

National Commission on the Rights of the Child


Ms. Shirley Ferguson

have been nominated in accordance with Resolution No.60 of 13th June, 2008, and Article 212U (2)(a) of the Constitution to be appointed members of the Rights of the Child Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly adopts the Sixth Report of the Standing Committee to address matters relating to the nomination and appointment of Members to the Rights of the Child Commission

(Notice Paper No. 374 (M88 PPP/C Private Member No.10) published on 2009-03-04)


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S.E. ISAACS
Clerk of the National Assembly

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Brickdam.**

6th March, 2009.