

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 84TH 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, 9TH APRIL, 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-

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES-

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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)

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:

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(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)

For Oral Replies

3. **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)

4. **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?

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- (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)

5. 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-

Presentation and First Readings

1. **TIME LIMIT FOR JUDICIAL DECISIONS BILL 2009 – Bill No. 8/2009 published
on 2009-03-23**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to specify a time limit in accordance with Article 197(3) of the Constitution within which a Judge shall give a decision on a civil case and any appeal case and for connected matters.

2. **ELECTION LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2009 – Bill No. 9/2009**

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 Election Laws (Amendment) Act 2000.

PUBLIC BUSINESS-**(i) GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****MOTION**

The Speaker's consent was given in accordance with Standing Order No. 28(2) for the following motion:

1. TRIBUTE TO MRS. JANET JAGAN, O.E., FORMER PRESIDENT OF GUYANA

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

BE IT RESOLVED:

That we, the Members of the National Assembly of the Ninth Parliament of Guyana, at this Sitting of the Assembly held on Thursday, 9th April, 2009-

- express our deep sadness at the immense loss to Guyana by the passing on Saturday, 28th March, 2009, of the former President of Guyana, Her Excellency Janet Jagan, O.E.;
- give honourable recognition to the enduring, selfless, committed and distinguished service which the late Her Excellency Janet Jagan, O.E., gave to Guyana and to the National Assembly of the Parliament of Guyana during her extensive, varied and dedicated career in public life as a pioneer in politics and the struggle for independence and women's rights, being among one of the first women Members of the Legislature in Guyana, the first female to be made Deputy Speaker in the world in 1953, one of the longest serving Members of the National Assembly, the first female Minister in Guyana, the first female Prime Minister on 17th March, 1997 and the first female President of Guyana on 18th August, 1997;

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- record our heartfelt sympathy and direct that such be conveyed to her children, grandchildren and relatives.

(Notice Paper No. 379 (M93 Gov 55) published on 2009-04-03)

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)

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

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*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 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)

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

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)

***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)

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

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*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.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS



S.E. ISAACS

Clerk of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Brickdam.

3rd April, 2009.

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