

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**ORDER PAPER**

**FOR THE 94<sup>TH</sup> 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, 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2009**

**IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN**

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**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 (Chairman of the Committee of Selection):

Record of the Round Robin of the Committee of Selection held on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup>  
June, 2009.

(To be Circulated)

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(2) By the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works and Communications:

(i) The President's Address on Guyana's Low Carbon Development Strategy.

(Circulated)

(ii) Draft Report on the Low-Carbon Development Strategy: Transforming Guyana's Economy while Combating Climate Change.

(Circulated)

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES-**

**ORAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE-**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-**

**For Written Replies**

1. **REGIONAL EDUCATION OFFICER, REGION NO. 6**

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

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

Can the Minister of Local Government and Regional Development say:

(i) Whether someone is employed in Region No. 6 as Regional Education Officer and, if so, what is the name of that person and the salary and other benefits paid to him/her?

(ii) If the position of Regional Education Officer of Region No. 6 is vacant, when last was the vacancy advertised?

*(Notice Paper No. 388 (Q284 Opp 269) published on 2009-06-05)*

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2. **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA**

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

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Home Affairs

Could the Minister of Home Affairs say:

- (i) What is the yearly average of persons prosecuted for possession of marijuana?
- (ii) What is the approximate age range of persons charged with possession of marijuana offences?

*(Notice Paper No. 389 (Q285 Opp 270) published on 2009-06-05)*

3. **MAINTENANCE COST OF PRISON INMATE**

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

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Home Affairs

Could the Minister of Home Affairs say, what is the average cost per year to maintain a prison inmate?

*(Notice Paper No. 390 (Q286 Opp 271) published on 2009-06-05)*

**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. **LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (BENEFITS AND OTHER FACILITIES)  
BILL 2009 – Bill No. 16/2009 published on 2009-04-30**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for benefits and other facilities to the Leader of the Opposition.

**(Read a first time on 2009-04-30)**

2. **SUMMARY JURISDICTION (LAY MAGISTRATES) BILL 2009 – Bill No.  
28/2009 published on 2009-06-11**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT for the constitution of lay magistrates' courts; for the appointment of lay magistrates; for the regulation of their jurisdiction, practice and procedure and for other like purposes.

**(Read a first time on 2009-06-11)**

**BILLS – Committee and Third Reading**

**\*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)**

**(Read a second time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2008-07-24)**

**BILLS – Second Readings, Committee and Third Readings**

**\*4. ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS BILL 2009 – Bill No. 15/2009 published on 2009-04-30**

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 registration of members of allied health professions supplementary to the medical profession, regulation of practice of allied health professions and allied health services, to provide for maintenance of professional standards for allied health professions and health services and to make provisions for training of members of those professions and services and for related purposes.

**(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-04-30)**

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

**\*5. LOCAL AUTHORITIES (ELECTIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2009 –**

**Bill No. 21/2009 published on 2009-05-25**

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 Local Authorities (Elections) Act.  
**(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-05-28)**

**\*6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION BILL 2009 – Bill No. 22/2009 published**  
**2009-06-03**

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 establish the Local Government Commission, as provided for by Article 78A of the Constitution, to provide for the Commission's functions and procedure; and for connected and incidental purposes.

**(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-06-04)**

**\*7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 2009 – Bill No. 23/2009 published**  
**2009-06-03**

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 Local Government  
**(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-06-04)**

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

\*8. **FISCAL TRANSFERS BILL 2009 - Bill No. 25/2009 published on 2009-06-11**

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 provide for the formulation and implementation of objective criteria for the purpose of the allocation of resources to and the garnering of resources by local democratic organs and for matters connected therewith.

**(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-06-11)**

\*9. **MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCILS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2009 – Bill No. 26/2009 published on 2009-06-11**

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 Municipal and District Councils Act.

**(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-06-11)**

\*10. **CUSTODY, CONTACT, GUARDIANSHIP AND MAINTENANCE BILL 2009 – Bill No. 29/2009 published on 2009-06-25**

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 granting of custody, contact, guardianship and maintenance rights with respect to children and for connected purposes.

**(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-06-25)**

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

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(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.

**MOTION**

11. **PROTECTION OF GUYANESE IN THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY**

Mr. Raphael Trotman, M.P. to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Government and people of Guyana are disturbed about the situation regarding the fate of Guyanese nationals who reside and work in Caricom States (“The Community”);

AND WHEREAS the Government and people of Guyana are mindful of the conditions and realities that affect the security and well being of Guyanese citizens in the Community, and mindful that the Government of Guyana has received expressions of concerns from Guyanese resident in Barbados and elsewhere in the Community and from Guyanese who travel within the Community;

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



AND WHEREAS the Treaty of Chagaramus and the Caricom Charter of Civil Liberties (The "Instruments") to which Guyana, Barbados and the other Caricom State Parties are signatories, declare that inter alia the Community is moving to become one customs and economic Union (CSME) which requires that all of us as a united Community share and benefit from the region's resources, including human resources, collective expertise and skills;

AND WHEREAS the Government and people of Guyana recognise the right of the Government of Barbados and other Community States to enforce their national laws, Guyana reminds our sister States that collectively we all operate and exist in a community framework evolving from harmonized approaches and law;

AND WHEREAS the Members of the National Assembly of Guyana are deeply concerned about the welfare, human rights and dignity of Guyanese citizens resident and who travel to Barbados and the wider Community;

AND WHEREAS we Guyanese are cognizant that we as a people have a reputation of the utmost hospitality towards our Caribbean brothers and sisters, clearly manifested by giving the Caricom Secretariat its home at Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown,

BE IT RESOLVED:


1. That this National Assembly calls on all sister Community Governments, and in particular, the Government of Barbados, to ensure that due process and protection under the Constitution and laws of Barbados and that the letter and spirit of the aforesaid Community Instruments that have been ratified is extended to our citizens who are resident in, or travel to Barbados and the wider Community;

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2. That the Government of Guyana seeks clarification from the Government of Barbados and other Community States, as to the welfare, legal protection, due process and preservation of the human rights and dignities of our citizens;
3. That the Government of Guyana intercedes with its sister States through diplomatic and any other means, with regard to representing the rights and protection of the Guyanese nationals residing in and traveling in our sister State of Barbados and the wider Community, so as to ensure that there is no real or perceived discrimination against Guyanese nationals residing in, or traveling to Barbados or the wider Community, on the basis of their nationality which treatment may be repugnant to the spirit and letter of the said Instruments to which we are all State Parties; and
4. That the Government of Guyana must exhaust all diplomatic and or legal efforts to guarantee the protection of our people, by providing the aforementioned assistance for the dignified repatriation of those Guyanese where unavoidably are returned to their homeland from Barbados or the wider Community, and to make preparation for their social and economic re-integration into Guyanese society and national life.

**(Notice Paper No. 391 (M99 Opp 29) published on 2009-06-09)**

**COMMITTEES BUSINESS**

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**S.E. ISAACS**  
**Clerk of the National Assembly**

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2009.**