

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**ORDER PAPER**

**FOR THE 95<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, 23<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2009**

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

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**BUSINESS FOR SITTING**

**PRAYERS**

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**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS-**

By the Minister of Home Affairs:

The Annual Report of the Ministry of Home Affairs for the year 2006.

(To be Circulated)

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES-**

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**ORAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE-**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-**

**For Written Replies**

**1. USED TYRES IMPORTED IN GUYANA**

**Member Asking:                    Mr. Everall Franklin, M.P.**

**Minister Answering:            The Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce**

- (i) Can the Hon. Minister state whether his Ministry has examined the cost to the country associated with the disposal of tyres?
- (ii) Is the Minister satisfied that used tyres imported into Guyana have satisfied the safety standards of the exporting countries allowing for use on their roads? If so, could the Minister state the international standard under which this commodity is classified?
- (iii) Can the importation of used tyres affect Guyana's credibility in its quest to receive compensation/payments in the form of carbon credits for its standing forests? If so, how?

*(Notice Paper No. 391 (Q287 Opp 272) published on 2009-06-30)*

**2. SUPPLY OF WATER TO LETHEM AND SURROUNDING AREAS**

**Member Asking:                    Mr. Everall Franklin, M.P.**

**Minister Answering:            The Minister of Housing and Water**

- (i) Can the Hon. Minister state whether his Ministry has examined the possibility of harnessing water from the remnants of the hydro-dam in the Kanuku Mountains to supply water to Lethem and other villages such as Moco Moco, Tabatinga, Kumu, St. Ignatius, Culvert City, in Region 9?

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(ii) If not, is the Minister prepared to urgently study this possibility?

*(Notice Paper No. 392 (Q288 Opp 273) published on 2009-06-30)*

**STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS, INCLUDING POLICY STATEMENTS-**

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**REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY ON  
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**MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND  
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**PUBLIC BUSINESS -**

(i) **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**BILLS – Second Reading**

1. **ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE (No. 2) BILL 2009 – Bill No. 32/2009 published  
on 2009-07-08**

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 Summary Jurisdiction  
(Offences) Act and the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act to  
extend and specify the meaning of property and increase the  
penalty for damage to property.

**(Read a first time on 2009-07-09)**

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**MOTION**

2. **LOW CARBON DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

Minister of Agriculture to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Fourth Assessment Report of the Inter Governmental Panel on Climate Change has firmly established that concentrations of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere are rising exponentially, leading to alarming levels of global warming and related sea level rise;

AND WHEREAS the cause of these phenomena is mainly anthropogenic;

AND WHEREAS if left unchecked, the effects of climate change can lead to marine inundation of coastal low lying areas, flooding from excessive rainfall, droughts, disruption of agriculture, food shortages, disease, population displacement and extinction of species;

AND WHEREAS several studies on the economics of climate change and its impact have concluded that the cost of inaction will in the long-term exceed the level of resources currently required for addressing these impacts;

AND WHEREAS the Conference of Parties in Copenhagen 2009 must reach an agreement that entails deep cuts in emissions, bold action on climate mitigation, and clear support for adaptation measures;

AND WHEREAS 20 percent of all green house gases results from deforestation and degradation;

AND WHEREAS a recent study done by the internationally reputable McKinsey Company has demonstrated that avoided deforestation represent a least cost solution for carbon abatement, lower than hybrid cars or wind power;

AND WHEREAS studies and analyses have confirmed that Guyana's forests could be deployed as mitigation against the adverse effects of climate change without either sacrificing our sovereignty or development prospects;

AND WHEREAS Guyana stands at the threshold of a great global opportunity to show the world how rainforest countries can use their rainforest to mitigate Climate Change and at the same time use it as the basis for a financial flow to provide adequate resources to pursue a low carbon development path with adaptation, mitigation and technology transfer as key elements;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana has drafted a Low Carbon Development Strategy which is currently being discussed in a series of countrywide consultations,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly:

1. Welcomes the commitment to public consultations including the parliamentary parties to contribute to the finalization of the Strategy;
2. Recognizes the pioneering nature of Guyana's Low Carbon Development Strategy; and
3. Endorses Guyana's advocacy in the UNFCCC process for a new post 2012 Agreement that includes REDD, avoided deforestation and sustainable forest management, to be decided in Copenhagen in December, 2009 and support its use at international fora, including the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties in Copenhagen.

**(Notice Paper No. 393 (M100 Govt58) published on 2009-07-08)**

**BILLS – Second Reading**

- \*3. **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)**

**BILLS – Committee and Third Reading**

- \*4. **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**

- \*5. **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:

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

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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)**

**\*6. 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)**

**\*7. 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)**

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

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\*8. **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)

\*9. **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)

\*10. **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)

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



\*11. **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)**

\*12. **THE SEXUAL OFFENCES BILL 2009 – Bill No. 30/2009 published on 2009-07-08**

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 reform and consolidate the laws relating to sexual offences and to provide for related matters.

**(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-07-09)**

\*13. **CHILDCARE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES BILL 2009 – Bill No. 31/2009 published on 2009-07-08**

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 regulate childcare services and to provide for parameters for the granting of licences for childcare and development services and connected matters.

**(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-07-09)**

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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.

**COMMITTEES BUSINESS**

  
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S.E. ISAACS  
Clerk of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Brickdam.

16<sup>th</sup> July, 2009.

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