

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
ORDER PAPER
FOR THE 25TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND
SESSION
(2002-2004) OF THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON MONDAY, 15TH MARCH, 2004
IN THE CONVENTION CENTRE, OCEAN VIEW INTERNATIONAL HOTEL,
LILIENDAAL, GREATER 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, ETC.

- (1) By the Minister of Finance:
- (i) Financial Paper No. 6/2003 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totaling \$130,321,278 for the period 2003-11-18 to 2003-12-31.

(To be Circulated)

- (ii) Financial Paper No. 7/2003 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totaling \$6,295,602,453 for the period ending 2003-12-31.

(To be Circulated)

(iii) Financial Paper No. 8/2003 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totaling \$1,048,407,320 for the period 2003-12-29 to 2003-12-31.

(To be Circulated)

(iv) The Constitutional Offices (Remuneration of Holders) (No. 39) Order 2003.

(To be Circulated)

(v) The Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) (No. 40) Order 2003.

(To be Circulated)

(vi) Confirmation of the Customs Duties (Amendment) (No. 1) Order 2004.

(Circulated)

(vii) Customs Duties (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2004.

(Circulated)

(viii) Customs Duties (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 2004.

(Circulated)

(ix) Customs Duties (Amendment) (No. 4) Order 2004.

(Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Foreign Affairs:

(i) Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Guyana and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil on Partial Abolition of Visa requirements.

(To be Circulated)

- (ii) Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel.

(To be Circulated)

- (iii) Exclusive Economic Zone Co-operation Treaty between the Republic of Guyana and the State of Barbados concerning the Exercise of Jurisdiction in their Exclusive Economic Zones in the Area of Bilateral Overlap within each of their Outer Limits and Beyond the Outer Limits of the Exclusive Economic Zones of Other States.

(To be Circulated)

- (3) By the Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce:

- (i) Report of the Special Select Committee on the Investment Bill 2003 - Bill No. 17/2003.

(Circulated)

- (ii) Report of the Special Select Committee on the Small Business Bill 2003 - Bill No. 18/2003.

(Circulated)

- (4) By Mr. Winston Murray (Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee)

Report of the Public Accounts Committee of the National Assembly on the Public Accounts of Guyana for the year 1999.

(To be Circulated)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS -

For Written replies

No. 1 - GOVERNMENT'S POLICY FOR THE ALLOCATION OF FREQUENCY BANDS

Mrs. Sheila Holder to ask the Prime Minister the following question:

Will the Prime Minister say what is the Government's policy for the allocation of frequency bands within the overall spectrum for television, data and voice communication?

(Notice Paper No. 69 (Q40 Opp40) published on 2003-11-12)

No. 2 - IMPORTATION OF SATELLITE DISH

Mrs. Sheila Holder to ask the Prime Minister the following question:

What is the approval process for the importation of a Satellite Dish?

(Notice Paper No. 70 (Q41 Opp41) published on 2003-11-12)

No. 3 - RADIO SERVICE LICENCE IN GUYANA

Mrs. Sheila Holder to ask the Prime Minister the following question:

What is the procedure for acquiring a licence to provide a radio service in Guyana?

(Notice Paper No. 71 (Q42 Opp42) published on 2003-11-12)

No. 4 - LICENCE TO OPERATE CELLULAR SERVICE

Mrs. Sheila Holder to ask the Prime Minister the following question:

What is the procedure for acquiring a licence to operate a cellular service in Guyana?

(Notice Paper No. 72 (Q43 Opp43) published on 2003-11-12)

No. 5 - GUYANA TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH COMPANY Ltd. (G.T.&T.)

Mrs. Sheila Holder to ask the Prime Minister the following question:

How much is the Guyana Telephone & Telegraph Company Ltd. (G.T.&T.) paying the National Frequency Management Unit (NFMU) for the cellular frequency which (G.T.&T.) is utilizing?

(Notice Paper No. 73 (Q44 Opp44) published on 2003-11-12)

No.6 - CEL *STAR GUYANA Ltd.

Mrs. Sheila Holder to ask the Prime Minister the following question:

How much has Cel *Star Guyana Ltd. been requested to pay for the Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) frequency which they have been allocated?

(Notice Paper No. 74 (Q45 Opp45) published on 2003-11-12)

No. 7 - INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION (I.T.U.)

Mrs. Sheila Holder to ask the Prime Minister the following question:

Is Guyana a signatory to the International Telecommunications Union (I.T.U.)? If so, is the NFMU adhering to the protocol that the Industrial, Scientific and Medical (ISM) bands should be free, unlicensed to potential users and utilized for developmental purposes? If so, please state what is the NFMU's executing policy in this regard?

(Notice Paper No. 75 (Q46 Opp46) published on 2003-11-12)

No. 8 - SALE PRICES OF MMA/ADA HOUSES

Mrs. Sheila Holder to ask the Minister of Agriculture the following question:

What was the criteria applied by the Mahaica Mahaicony Abary/Agricultural Development Authority (MMA/ADA) in arriving at the sale prices of MMA/ADA houses offered for sale to ex-employees and current employees at Onverwagt, West Coast Berbice who occupy those houses?

(Notice Paper No. 76 (Q47 Opp47) published on 2003-11-12)

No. 9 - DISPARITY IN THE CURRENT ASKING PRICES OF MMA/ADA EMPLOYEE HOUSES

Mrs. Sheila Holder to ask the Minister of Agriculture the following question:

How has the Minister resolved the issue of claims of disparity in the current asking prices of MMA/ADA employee houses brought to his attention in a letter of July 22, 2003 by the MMA/ADA ex-employees Association of Onverwagt, West Coast Berbice?

(Notice Paper No. 77 (Q48 Opp48) published on 2003-11-12)

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS -**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 NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY AND MOVED BY A MINISTER -****INTRODUCTION OF BILLS-****Presentation and First Readings****1. CUSTOMS DUTIES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) ORDER 2003] VALIDATION
BILL 2004 - Bill No. 1/2004**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to validate the Customs Duties (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2003 (No. 29 of 2003) published in the Gazette on 1st September, 2003.

2. PUBLIC PROCUREMENT COMMISSION TRIBUNAL BILL 2004 - Bill No. 2/2004

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, on behalf of the Government to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the establishment of the Public Procurement Commission Tribunal and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto.

3. **RIGHTS COMMISSIONS TRIBUNAL BILL 2004 - Bill No. 3/2004**

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, on behalf of the Government to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the establishment of the Rights Commissions Tribunal and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto.

4. **PENSIONS (PRESIDENT) BILL 2004 - Bill No. 4/2004**

The Minister of Finance, on behalf of the Government to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to make provision for the payment of superannuation benefits in respect of service in the Office of the President.

5. **AUDIT BILL 2004 - Bill No. 5/2004**

The Minister of Finance, on behalf of the Government to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to set out the responsibilities and authority of the Auditor General; to strengthen parliamentary oversight of the working of the Auditor General; to provide for the establishment and administration of an independent Audit Office; and to regulate such other matters connected with or incidental to the independent auditing of the finances of Guyana.

PUBLIC BUSINESS**BILL - Second and Third Readings**

1. **GUYANA ENERGY AGENCY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2003 - Bill No. 22/2003**
published on 2003-12-08

The Prime Minister, to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Guyana Energy Act 1997 to increase the powers of the Agency to grant petroleum and petroleum products import, wholesale, retail and other licences; to empower the Agency to mark petroleum and petroleum products and to apply an approved standard or specification thereto; to increase the Agency's regulation making powers and to increase penalties.

(Read a first time on 2003-12-11)

BILLS - Report from Select Committee and Third Reading

2. **INVESTMENT BILL 2003 - Bill No. 17/2003 published on 2003-07-30**

The Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce to move:

- (i) That the report of the Special Select Committee on the Investment Bill 2003, be adopted, and
- (ii) That the Investment Bill 2003 be read a third time and passed as amended.

3. **SMALL BUSINESS BILL 2003 - Bill No. 18/2003 published on 2003-07-30**

The Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce to move:

- (i) That the report of the Special Select Committee on the Small Business Bill 2003, be adopted, and
- (ii) That the Small Business Bill 2003 be read a third time and passed as amended.

MOTIONS

4. **CONFIRMATION OF THE CUSTOMS DUTIES (AMENDMENT) (No. 1)**

ORDER 2004

The Minister of Finance to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with section 9 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01, confirms the Customs Duties (Amendment) Order 2004 (No. 1 of 2004), which was made on 9th February, 2004, under section 8 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01, and published in the Official Gazette dated 10th February, 2004.

(Notice Paper No. 93 (M35 Govt 32) published on 2004-02-10)

5. **CONFIRMATION OF THE CUSTOMS DUTIES (AMENDMENT) (No. 2) ORDER**
2004

The Minister of Finance to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with section 8 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01, confirms the Customs Duties (Amendment) Order 2004 (No. 2 of 2004), which was made on 1st March, 2004, under section 8 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01, and published in the Official Gazette dated 1st March, 2004.

(Notice Paper No. 98 (M40 Govt 36) published on 2004-03-04)

6. **CONFIRMATION OF THE CUSTOMS DUTIES (AMENDMENT) (No. 3) ORDER**
2004

The Minister of Finance to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with section 8 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01, confirms the Customs Duties (Amendment) Order 2004 (No. 3 of 2004), which was made on 1st March, 2004, under section 8 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01, and published in the Official Gazette dated 1st March, 2004.

(Notice Paper No. 99 (M41 Govt 37) published on 2004-03-04)

7. **CONFIRMATION OF THE CUSTOMS DUTIES (AMENDMENT) (No. 4) ORDER
2004**

The Minister of Finance to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with section 8 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01, confirms the Customs Duties (Amendment) Order 2004 (No. 4 of 2004), which was made on 1st March, 2004, under section 8 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01, and published in the Official Gazette dated 1st March, 2004.

(Notice Paper No. 100 (M42 Govt 38) published on 2004-03-04)

BILL - Second reading

*8. **CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) (No. 3) BILL, 2003 - Bill No. 10/2003
published on 2003-07-04**

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

A Bill intituled AN ACT to alter the Constitution in
accordance with articles 66 and 164.

(Read a first time on 2003-07-10)


S. E. ISAACS

Clerk of the National Assembly

**PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.**

5th March, 2004.

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