

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
ORDER PAPER
FOR THE 61ST SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND
SESSION
(2002-2005) OF THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON THURSDAY, 12TH MAY, 2005
IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
BRICKDAM, 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.

By the Speaker (Chairman of the Committee of Selection):

Minutes of Proceedings of the 13th Meeting of the Committee of Selection which was held on Tuesday, 3rd May, 2005.

(To be Circulated)

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QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS-

For Written Replies

1. **CONTINGENCY FUND**

Mrs. Sheila Holder, M.P., to ask the Minister of Finance the following question:

How much money is in the contingency fund at this point in time?

(Notice Paper No. 163 (Q100 Opp95) published on 2004-11-06)

2. **CONSTRUCTION OF A MODERN JUDICIAL COMPLEX**

Mr. Raphael Trotman, M.P., to ask the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs the following question:

Can the Minister say whether the Government is prepared to conduct a feasibility study to discover the cost of constructing a modern judicial complex to replace the existing structure?

(Notice Paper No. 143 (Q80 Opp79) published on 2004-10-26)

3. **DETENTION OF NATALIA HAMID AT THE NEW OPPORTUNITY CORPS**

Mr. Raphael Trotman, M.P., to ask the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs the following question:

Can the Hon. Minister say whether Cabinet approved or authorised the filing of legal proceedings by the Attorney General's Chamber challenging or inquiring into the detention of Natalia Hamid at the New Opportunity Corps?

(Notice Paper No. 144 (Q81 Opp80) published on 2004-10-26)

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4. **STATUTORY AGE OF SEXUAL CONSENT**

Mr. Raphael Trotman, M.P., to ask the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs the following question:

What plans are there to review the statutory age of sexual consent?

(Notice Paper No. 145 (Q82 Opp81) published on 2004-10-26)

5. **PENALTIES FOR SEXUAL OFFENCES**

Mr. Raphael Trotman, M.P., to ask the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs the following question:

Is the Government planning to introduce legislation to increase the penalties for sexual offences, and if so, when?

(Notice Paper No. 146 (Q83 Opp82) published on 2004-10-26)

6. **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CARIBBEAN COURT OF JUSTICE**

Mr. Raphael Trotman, M.P., to ask the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs the following question:

What obligations remain to be performed by the Government of Guyana vis-a-vis the establishment of the Caribbean Court of Justice?

(Notice Paper No. 147 (Q84 Opp83) published on 2004-10-26)

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7. **DELAY IN UTILIZATION OF THE ESSEQUIBO HIGH COURT**

Mr. Raphael Trotman, M.P., to ask the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs the following question:

What is responsible for the delay in utilization of the Essequibo High Court?
(Notice Paper No. 148 (Q85 Opp84) published on 2004-10-26)

8. **ESTABLISHMENT OF A LAW REVISION COMMISSION**

Mr. Raphael Trotman, M.P., to ask the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs the following question:

What plans, if any, does the Government have to establish a Law Revision Commission?
(Notice Paper No. 149 (Q86 Opp85) published on 2004-10-26)

9. **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION BILL**

Mr. Raphael Trotman, M.P., to ask the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs the following question:

When will a Freedom of Information Bill be introduced by the Government in the National Assembly?
(Notice Paper No. 150 (Q87 Opp86) published on 2004-10-26)

10. **PROPOSALS TO INTRODUCE MODERN BANKRUPTCY LAWS**

Mr. Raphael Trotman, M.P., to ask the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs the following question:

What, if any, are the proposals to introduce modern bankruptcy laws in Guyana to give protection to debtors and creditors alike?

(Notice Paper No. 151 (Q88 Opp87) published on 2004-10-26)

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

1. **CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1/2005**

Assembly to resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Minister of Finance to signify the recommendation or consent of the Cabinet and to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Assembly approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 1/2005 - Supplementary Estimates (Current) totalling \$1,376,752,295 for the period 2005-03-30 to 2005-04-08.

(Notice Paper No. 182 (M77 Govt71) published on 2005-04-26)

(Paper presented on 2005-04-21)

2. **ADOPTION OF REPORT OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE**

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Report of the Standing Orders Committee on the motion for the amendment of Standing Order No. 73(5) be adopted.

(Notice Paper No. 181 (M76 Govt70) published on 2005-04-14)

3. **AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDER NO. 73(5)**

The Assembly to resume the debate on the following motion:

WHEREAS Standing Order 73(5) provides that the deliberations of a Select Committee shall be held in private;

AND WHEREAS the said Standing Order also applies to Standing and Sectoral Committees;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that the deliberations of some Committees be held in public or in private if they so decide.

RESOLVED that,

1. **Standing Order 73(5) be amended to provide that meetings of the Sectoral Committees and the Public Accounts Committee be held in public except where the said Committees determine otherwise;**

2. **The said amendment be effected by:**

(a) **deleting the fullstop at the end of Standing Order 73(5) and replacing it by a colon;**

(b) **adding the following at the sentence as a new paragraph:**

“Provided that (a) the deliberations of the Sectoral Committees and the Public Accounts Committee shall be held in public except where these Committees determine otherwise; (b) meetings of the Parliamentary Management Committee shall not be held in public”.

3. **After the amendment the Standing Order will read as follows:**

“The deliberations of a Select Committee shall be in private and shall be confined to the matter referred to it by the Assembly and any extension or limitation thereof made by the Assembly and, in the case of a Select Committee on a Bill to the Bill committed to it and relevant amendments”;

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Provided that:

- (a) the deliberations of the Sectoral Committees and the Public Accounts Committee shall be held in public except where these Committees determine otherwise;**
- (b) deliberations of the Parliamentary Management Committee shall not be held in public.**

(Notice Paper No. 170 (M65 Govt60) published on 2004-12-10)

BILLS - Report from Select Committee and Third Reading

***4. AGE OF CONSENT BILL 2004 - Bill No. 22/2004 published on 2004-11-29**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stage(s) of the following Bill, after the Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Criminal Law (Offences) Act and the Marriage Act.

(Read a first time on 2004-11-29)

(Read a second time on 2004-12-09 and committed to a Special Select Committee)

***5. VALUE-ADDED TAX BILL 2005 - Bill No. 3/2005 published on 2005-03-12**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stage(s) of the following Bill, after the Select Committee has reported hereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the imposition and collection of Value-Added Tax.

(Read a first time on 2005-03-10)

(Read a second time on 2005-04-14 and committed to a Special Select Committee)

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

***6. EXCISE TAX BILL 2005 - Bill No. 4/2005 published on 2005-04-11**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stage(s) of the following Bill, after the Select Committee has reported hereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the imposition and collection of
Excise Tax.

(Read a first time on 2005-04-14)

(Read a second time on 2005-04-21 and committed to a Special Select Committee)

BILL - Second Reading

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

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs 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)

MOTION

***8. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1/2004**

Assembly to resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Minister of Finance to signify the recommendation or consent of the Cabinet and to move the following motion:

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*Not to be proceeded with this sitting

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Assembly approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 1/2004 -
Supplementary Estimates (Capital) totalling \$330,000,000 for the period ending
2004-12-31

(Notice Paper No. 118 (M59 Govt55) published on 2004-09-29)

(Paper presented on 2004-08-05)



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6th May, 2005.