

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**ORDER PAPER**  
**FOR THE 70<sup>TH</sup> 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, 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2005**  
**IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS,**  
**BRICKDAM, 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, ETC.**

(1) **By the Speaker of the National Assembly:**

Advisory Papers on Needs Assessment of the Guyana National Assembly prepared  
by Mr. James Pender, Senior Parliamentary Consultant/Advisor.

(To be Circulated)

(2) **By the Prime Minister:**

- (i) **Reports of the Auditor General to the Members of the National Frequency Management Unit on the Financial Statements for the years ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1993, 1994, 1997, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003.**

**(To be Circulated)**

- (ii) **Report of the Auditor General to the Members of the Post Office on the Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1997.**

**(To be Circulated)**

- (iii) **Share Subscription and Purchase Agreement by and among Cambior Inc. and the Cooperative Republic of Guyana and National Industrial and Commercial Investments Limited and Omai Bauxite Mining Inc..**

**(To be Circulated)**

- (iv) **Management Agreement among the Linden Mining Enterprises, Ltd., and Omai Gold Mines Limited.**

**(To be Circulated)**

- (v) **Mineral Agreement among the Cooperative Republic of Guyana and Cambior Inc. and Omai Bauxite Mining Inc.**

**(To be Circulated)**

- (vi) **Linmine Restructuring Project Agreement among the Republic of Guyana and Linden Mining Enterprises, Ltd., and Cambior Inc.**

**(To be Circulated)**

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(3) By the Minister of Home Affairs:

(i) The National Registration (Residents) (Amendment) Regulation 2005.  
(To be Circulated)

(ii) The National Registration (Amendment) Regulation 2005.  
(To be Circulated)

(4) By the Minister of Finance:

(a) Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Guyana Revenue Authority for the year ended 2003.  
(To be Circulated)

(b) Loan Contract No. **1548/SF-GY** between the Government of Guyana and the Inter-American Development Bank signed on May 27, 2005 for US\$23,000,000 for the Health Sector Program.  
(To be Circulated)

(c) Loan Contract No. **1554/SF-GY** between the Government of Guyana and the Inter-American Development Bank signed on June 6, 2005 for US\$37,300,000 for the Moleson Creek - New Amsterdam Road Project.  
(To be Circulated)

(d) Loan Contract No. **1604/SF-GY** between the Government of Guyana and the Inter-American Development Bank signed on June 17, 2005 for US\$5,000,000 for the Institutional Development Sector Facility Public Management Modernisation Program (PMMP).  
(To be Circulated)

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- (e) **Loan Agreement No. 17/SFR-GU between the Caribbean Development Bank and the Government of Guyana signed on January 31, 2005 for US\$500,000 for the Natural Disaster Management - Immediate Response (Severe Floods).**  
(To be Circulated)
- (f) **Government Concessional Loan Agreement China Eximbank GCL No. (2005) 1 between the Ministry of Finance of the Government of Guyana and the Export-Import Bank of China signed on January 25, 2005 for Renminbi Yuan Y270,000,000 for the Design and Supply of the Co-Generation Plant under the Skeldon Sugar Modernisation Project.**  
(To be Circulated)
- (g) **Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) Debt Relief Agreement dated December 15, 2000 with the Government of Guyana for US\$5,500,000 in net present value (NPV) terms under the Enhanced HIPC Framework.**  
(To be Circulated)
- (h) **Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Initiative Debt Initiative (HIPC DI) Agreement No. 006A-GY between the Government of Guyana and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (the Fund) dated May 10, 2004 for an additional amount of SDR889,881 in net present value (NPV) terms under the Enhanced HIPC (E-HIPC) Debt Initiative framework.**  
(To be Circulated)
- (i) **European Commission Debt Relief Agreement dated August 2, 2004 with the Government of Guyana for Euro8,600,000 in net present value (NPV) terms under the Enhanced HIPC Framework.**  
(To be Circulated)

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- (j) Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Debt Relief Agreement dated March 17, 2004 with the Government of Guyana for US\$65,100,000 in net present value (NPV) terms under the Enhanced HIPC Framework.

(To be Circulated)

- (k) Bilateral Agreement No. 890-GUY-GUYPC6 dated June 24, 2004 implementing the Paris Club Agreed Minute on the Consolidation of the Debt of Guyana signed on January 14, 2004 between the Export Development Canada (EDC) of Canada and the Government of Guyana for US\$1,398,225.80.

(To be Circulated)

- (l) Bilateral Agreement No. 75/204 dated May 25, 2004 implementing the Paris Club Agreed Minute on the Consolidation of the Debt of Guyana signed on January 14, 2004 between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Guyana for 15,120,806.57 and US\$28,824,011.73 (Equivalent to a total of 34,024,729.84).

(To be Circulated)

- (m) Bilateral Agreement signed on May 19, 2004 between the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark and the Government of Guyana on the reduction of the debt of the Republic of Guyana to the Kingdom of Denmark for US\$1,071,409.39 pursuant to the Agreed Minute signed in Paris on January 14, 2004 as a result of the meeting on the Consolidation of the Debt of Guyana.

(To be Circulated)

- (n) Bilateral Agreement signed on September 6, 2004 between the Government of Guyana and the Government of the French Republic on the consolidation of the debt

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of the Republic of Guyana for US\$1,058,823.05 and EUR299,755.74 with a view to implementing the recommendations of the Agreed Minute of the Paris Club signed on January 14, 2004 and the French Debt Initiative for the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries.

(To be Circulated)

- (o) Bilateral Agreement signed on June 24, 2004 between the Government of United States of America and the Government of Guyana regarding the cancellation of debt owed to, guaranteed by, or insured by the United States Government in accordance with the recommendations contained in the Agreed Minute on the Consolidation of the Debt of Guyana signed on January 14, 2004 for US\$35,947,749.60.

(To be Circulated)

- (p) Bilateral Agreement signed on December 3, 2004 between the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Government of Guyana on the cancellation of foreign debt of the Republic of Guyana for EUR12,316,164.06 with reference to the Agreed Minute on the Consolidation of the Debt of Guyana signed in Paris on January 14, 2004.

(To be Circulated)

- (q) (i) Bilateral Agreement between the Government of Guyana and the Government of the Russian Federation on the settlement of the debt of Guyana to the Russian Federation on previously granted credits for US\$1,220,638.15 signed on December 22, 2004 in compliance with the terms of the Agreed Minute on the Consolidation of the Debt of Guyana signed in Paris on June 25, 1999.

(To be Circulated)

- (r) (ii) Amendment to the Agreement between the Government of Guyana and the Government of the Russian Federation on the settlement of the debt of Guyana to the Russian Federation on previously granted credits for US\$277,939.31 signed on December 22, 2004 in compliance with the terms of the Agreed Minute on the Consolidation of the Debt of Guyana signed in Paris on January 14, 2004.

(To be Circulated)

- (s) Cancellation Letter dated June 2, 2004 from Atradius Dutch State Business (formerly known as Nederlandsche Credietverzekering Maatschappij NV (NCM) and Gerling (NCM) of the Netherlands to the Government of Guyana regarding the implementation of the Agreed Minute of the Paris Club dated January 14, 2004 for US\$265,451.44 and EUR3,696,132.15 (Equivalent to the total of US\$4,732,227.14).

(To be Circulated)

- (t) The Customs Duties (Amendment) Order 2005.

(Circulated)

(5) By the Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security:

Proposal on the following Convention which was adopted by the International Labour Conference at its 91<sup>st</sup> Session held in June, 2003;

- Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention (Revised) 2003, No. 185.

(To be Circulated)

(6) By the Minister of Agriculture(ag):

Annual Reports of the Guyana Sugar Corporation Inc. for the years 2001 and 2002.

(To be Circulated)

**QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS**

**For Written Replies**

1. **ELECTRICITY GENERATION PLANT ON THE WASHER POND ROAD AT LINDEN**

Mr. Abdul Kadir, M.P., to ask the Hon. Prime Minister the following question:

Would the Prime Minister say if the Environmental Protection Agency has given its approval for OMAI, or any other corporate entity, to build and operate an Electricity Generation Plant on the Washer Pond Road at Linden?

*(Notice Paper No. 203 (Q114 Opp109) published on 2005-06-30)*

2. **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

Mr. Abdul Kadir, M.P., to ask the Hon. Prime Minister the following question:

Would the Prime Minister say, if an Environmental Impact Assessment was conducted for the new Electricity Generation Plant being built by OMAI on the Washer Pond Road at Linden?

*(Notice Paper No. 204 (Q115 Opp110 published on 2005-06-30)*

3. **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY**

Mr. Abdul Kadir, M.P., to ask the Hon. Prime Minister the following questions:

Would the Prime Minister say:

- (i) If an Environmental Impact Study was done, in accordance with the established EPA guidelines, for the new Electricity Generation Plant being built by OMAI on the Washer Pond Road at Linden?



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- (ii) If the Environmental Impact Study, for the new Electricity Generation Plant being built by OMAI on the Washer Pond Road at Linden, was done by an EPA approved Consultant or Contractor?
  
- (iii) If the Environmental Impact Study, for the new Electricity Generation Plant being built by OMAI on the Washer Pond Road at Linden, was made available to the public, in accordance with the guidelines established by the EPA, prior to the holding of Public Consultations as part of the approval process for the Environmental Impact Assessment?

*(Notice Paper No205 (Q116 Opp111) published on 2005-06-30)*

4. **PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS**

Mr. Abdul Kadir, M.P., to ask the Hon. Prime Minister the following questions:

Would the Prime Minister say:

- (i) If Public Consultations were held, as legally required, as part of that EPA process for the approval of the Environmental Impact Assessment for the new Electricity Generation Plant being built by OMAI on the Washer Pond Road at Linden?
  
- (ii) When and where the Public Consultations were held, as part of the approval process for the Environmental Impact Assessment, for the new Electricity Generation Plant being built by OMAI on the Washer Pond Road at Linden?
  
- (iii) How many persons attended the Public Consultations, as part of the approval process for the Environmental Impact Assessment, for the new Electricity Generation Plant being built by OMAI on the Washer Pond Road at Linden?

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- (iv) If the verbatim or other record of the proceedings of the Public Consultations can be laid in the National Assembly?

*(Notice Paper 206 (Q117 Opp112) published on 2005-06-30)*

5. **ASSETS OF LINMINE**

Mr. Abdul Kadir, M.P., to ask the Hon. Prime Minister the following questions:

Would the Prime Minister say:

- (i) Who represented the interests of the owners of the assets of LINMINE, the people of Guyana, in the negotiations with CAMBIOR for the privatization of LINMINE?
- (ii) How much of the US\$30M has OMAI secured prior to the transfer of the assets of LINMINE to them?
- (iii) If all of the Scrap Metals which were part of LINMINE's assets, within and outside of the Bauxite Plant fence, will be handed over to OMAI at privatization?

*(Notice Paper No. 207 (Q118 Opp113) published on 2005-06-30)*

6. **IMMEDIATE INVESTMENT OF US\$30M IN LINMINE**

Mr. Abdul Kadir, M.P., to ask the Hon. Prime Minister the following question:

Would the Prime Minister say, whether CAMBIOR is still required to abide by the terms and conditions contained in the original MOU wherein OMAI is obligated to mobilize an immediate investment of US\$30M in LINMINE?

*(Notice Paper No. 208 (Q119 Opp114) published on 2005-06-30)*

7. **OMAI'S PROJECTED BAUXITE PRODUCTS PRODUCTION**

Mr. Abdul Kadir, M.P., to ask the Hon. Prime Minister the following questions:

Would the Prime Minister say:

- (i) On the basis of OMAI's projected bauxite products production over the next 20 years, why was it necessary for the GGMC to include Block 37 as part of the reserves being assigned to the new company?
- (ii) If the GGMC, as the custodians of the Nation's Bauxite Patrimony, has included any provision, in the agreement with OMAI, to repossess any reserves which the company cannot demonstrate that it will beneficially utilise within its 20 years projected production?

*(Notice Paper No. 209 (Q120 Opp115) published on 2005-06-30)*

8. **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OF LINMINE**

Mr. Abdul Kadir, M.P., to ask the Hon. Prime Minister the following question:

Would the Prime Minister say, what is the value of the Intellectual Property of Linmine which has been included in the assets handed over to OMAI?

*(Notice Paper No. 210 (Q121 Opp116) published on 2005-06-30)*

9. **FORMER EMPLOYEES OF LINMINE**

Mr. Abdul Kadir, M.P., to ask the Hon. Prime Minister the following question:

Would the Prime Minister say, how many former employees of LINMINE were rehired by OMAI since 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2003?

*(Notice Paper No. 211 (Q122 Opp117) published on 2005-06-30)*

**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 Reading**

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2005 - Bill No. 14/2005**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Environmental Protection Act 1996.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**BILL - Second Reading**

1. **AMERINDIAN BILL 2005 - Bill No. 13/2005 published on 2005-08-03**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the recognition and protection of the collective rights of Amerindian Communities, the granting of land to Amerindian Communities and the promotion of good governance within Amerindian Communities.

*(Read a first time on 2005-08-04)*

**MOTION**

2. **CONFIRMATION OF THE CUSTOMS DUTIES (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2005**

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, confirm the Customs Duties (Amendment) Order 2005, which was made on 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2005, under section 8 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01, and published in the Official Gazette dated 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2005.

*(Notice Paper No. 221 (M87 Govt 80) published on 2005-10-05)*

**BILL - Report from Select Committee and Third Reading**

\*3. **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)*

**BILL - Second Reading**

- \*4. **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**

- \*5. **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:

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)**

  
S.E. ISAACS

**Clerk of the National Assembly**

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

**13<sup>th</sup> October, 2005.**

\*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting