

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**ORDER PAPER**

**FOR THE 4<sup>TH</sup> SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION**

**(2012) OF THE TENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD**

**AT 2.00 P.M.**

**ON THURSDAY, 15TH MARCH, 2012**

**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-**

(1) By the Minister of Home Affairs:

The Police Complaints Authority Annual Report for the year 2010.

(To be Circulated)

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(2) By the Minister of Finance:

- (i) Annual Report of the Guyana National Printers Limited for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2010.

(To be Circulated)

- (ii) The Guyana National Insurance Scheme Annual Report and Audited Accounts for the year 2010.

(To be Circulated)

### **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES-**

### **ORAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-**

#### **For Written Replies**

#### **1. PROGRAMME FOR THE REHABILITATION OF JUVENILES**

**Member Asking:** Ms Amna Ally, M.P., Chief Whip

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Education

Could the Honourable Minister of Education tell this National Assembly whether there is a programme for the rehabilitation of juveniles in particular at the Paramakatoi Secondary School where twenty three pupils were expelled due to their alleged use of marijuana?

*(Notice Paper No. 1 (Q 1 Opp 1) published on 2012-02-08)*

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2. **PARAMAKATOI SECONDARY SCHOOL**

**Member Asking:** Ms Amna Ally, M.P., Chief Whip

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Education

- (i) Could the Honourable Minister of Education explain to this National Assembly whether one Warden and one Matron are adequate to shepherd four hundred children at the Paramakatoi Secondary School dormitory?
  
- (ii) Could the Honourable Minister indicate whether the Ministry of Education has a plan to detail adequate security at the dormitory for the Paramakatoi Secondary School and if so how soon?

*(Notice Paper No. 2 (Q 2 Opp 2) published on 2012-02-08)*

3. **UITVLUGT SECONDARY SCHOOL**

**Member Asking:** Ms Amna Ally, M.P., Chief Whip

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Education

Could the Honourable Minister of Education tell this National Assembly how soon works are expected to be completed to make the Uitvlugt Secondary School habitable and conducive for the education of our Nation's children?

*(Notice Paper No. 3 (Q 3 Opp 3) published on 2012-02-08)*

4. **TEACHER – INCENTIVE FOR IMPROVED PERFORMANCE**

**Member Asking:** Ms Amna Ally, M.P., Chief Whip

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Education

Could the Honourable Minister of Education indicate whether there is a plan to increase emoluments for teachers as an incentive for improved performance? If so, how soon can teachers expect an increase and how much?

*(Notice Paper No. 4 (Q 4 Opp 4) published on 2012-02-08)*

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5. **PILOT PROJECT TO IMPROVE THE TEACHING OF MATH AND ENGLISH**

**Member Asking:** Ms Amna Ally, M.P. Chief Whip

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Education

Could the Honourable Minister of Education outline the programme for the spending of the 85.7 million dollars earmarked for the pilot project to improve the teaching of Math and English in the Ministry of Education, as announced by Dr. Roger Luncheon, M.D., Cabinet Secretary at his weekly post- Cabinet news briefing on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2012?

(Notice Paper No. 15 (Q 12 Opp 12) published on 2012-02-15)

6. **AMAILA FALLS ACCESS ROAD PROJECT**

**Member Asking:** Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Public Works

- (i) Can the Hon. Minister of public Works provide copies of the contract document/s for the Amaila Falls Access road project?
- (ii) Can the Hon. Minister also provide a breakdown of all payments made to date on this project?

(Notice Paper No. 8 (Q 5 Opp 5) published on 2012-02-15)

7. **CONSTRUCTION OF A TERMINAL AT CHEDDI JAGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

**Member Asking:** Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs

Can the Hon. Prime Minister provide copies of the agreement with China Harbour Engineering Company (CHEC) to design and build a terminal at the Cheddi Jagan International Airport?

(Notice Paper No. 9 (Q 6 Opp 6) published on 2012-02-15)

8. **DEFECTS OF THE SUPERNAAM STELLING**

**Member Asking:** Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Public Works

Can the Hon. Minister of Public Works provide copies of the report by the independent engineers on the defects of the Supernaam Stelling?

(Notice Paper No. 10 (Q 7 Opp 7) published on 2012-02-15)

9. **OLYMPIC- SIZE SWIMMING POOL**

**Member Asking:** Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport

Can the Hon. Minister provide a complete schedule of costs, inclusive of design fees, construction costs, land acquisition, etc., for the Olympic- size swimming pool?

(Notice Paper No. 11 (Q 8 Opp 8) published on 2012-02-15)

10. **MARRIOTT GEORGETOWN HOTEL**

**Member Asking:** Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Finance

- (i) Can the Hon. Minister provide a copy of the agreement between the Government of Guyana and China Shanghai Construction Group for the construction of the Marriott Guyana Georgetown Hotel?

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- (ii) Can the Hon. Minister provide a copy of MOU/Agreement(s) entered into with Atlantic Hotel Inc.?
- (iii) Were any feasibility study and any environmental impact study done prior to Agreement(s) being signed? If so, can the Minister provide a copy of each?
- (iv) In relation to the financing of the Marriott Hotel, could the Minister give the facts on financing structure and arrangement of this project, namely, how much equity has been committed and by whom, how much will be borrowed from which bank, and whether any (and how much) State funds have been spent and are committed?
- (v) Is there any Government Guarantee to any financial institution or Chinese company?
- (vi) Who are the shareholders of Atlantic Hotel Inc.? Could the Minister provide documented evidence of this?
- (vii) Who are the owners of the land on which this Marriott Hotel is to be built? Could the Minister provide the copy of transport or title or lease?
- (viii) How much management fee is going to be paid per annum, and to whom, for operating this US\$52M hotel?
- (ix) What rate return is the taxpayer going to get per annum?

**(Notice Paper No. 12 (Q 9 Opp 9) published on 2012-02-15)**

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**11. APPLICATIONS FOR RADIO LICENCES**

**Member Asking:** Mrs. Catherine Hughes, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs

- (i) Can the Hon. Prime Minister provide a list of all persons/ businesses whose applications for radio licences were approved?
- (ii) Can the Hon. Prime Minister provide a list of the criteria used to assess applications for radio broadcast licences?
- (iii) Can the Hon. Prime Minister say what scoring system was used to evaluate the applications for radio licences?

**(Notice Paper No. 13 (Q 10 Opp 10) published on 2012-02-15)**

**12. EXISTING TELEVISION STATIONS**

**Member Asking:** Mrs. Catherine Hughes, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs

- (i) Can the Hon. Prime Minister provide a list of all existing television stations whose applications to extend their signal were approved?
- (ii) Can the Hon. Prime Minister provide the names of all persons who were responsible for identifying the applicants to be granted approval to operate radio stations?

**(Notice Paper No. 14 (Q 11 Opp 11) published on 2012-02-15)**

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**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**

**MOTIONS**

**1. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 8/2011**

The Assembly to resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider Financial Paper No. 8/2011.

**(Moved by the Minister of Finance on 2012-02-16)**

**2. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE OF SELECTION**

The Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the House selected nine (9) members to the Parliamentary Committee on Selection of the 10<sup>th</sup> Parliament on February 10, 2012;

AND WHEREAS the House selected four (4) members for the governing PPP/C, four (4) members for the opposition APNU and one (1) member for the opposition AFC;



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AND WHEREAS the allocation of a nine (9) member Committee of Selection was by way of an amendment by the combined APNU/AFC opposition to the motion tabled by the Leader of the House for a ten (10) member Committee with five (5) for PPP/C, four (4) APNU and one (1) AFC;

AND WHEREAS Standing Order No. 94(1) provides for “each Select Committee being so constituted to ensure that, as far as possible, the balance of parties in the National Assembly be reflected in the Committee”;

AND WHEREAS the existing balance of the parties in the 10<sup>th</sup> Parliament is as follows:

PPP/C:	32 seats
APNU:	26 seats
AFC:	7 seats

AND WHEREAS the balance of the parties in the existing Committee of Selection does not conform to Standing Order No. 94(1),

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the decision of the House on the composition of the Parliamentary Committee of Selection be declared inconsistent with Standing Order 94(1);

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:

That the House takes immediate steps to ensure that the composition of the Parliamentary Committee of Selection is brought into conformity with Standing Order No. 94(1); and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the currently constituted Committee of Selection be prevented from discharging its functions under Standing Order No. 81.

**(Notice Paper No. 24 (M7 Govt 4) published on 2012-03-07)**

3. **APPROVAL OF GOVERNMENT'S POLICY IN PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

The Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly expresses its sincere thanks and appreciation to His Excellency the President, Mr. Donald Ramotar, for his Address to the National Assembly which was made on the occasion of the Ceremonial Opening of the First Session of the Tenth Parliament of Guyana on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2012, and approves of the policy adumbrated therein.

**(Notice Paper No. 7 (M3 Govt 3) published on 2012-02-14)**

**BILLS – Second Reading**

4. **LOCAL AUTHORITIES (ELECTIONS)(AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – Bill No. 2**  
**/2012 published on 2012-02-02**

The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Local Authorities (Elections) Act to provide for the postponement of elections of councillors of local democratic organs.

**(Read a first time on 2012-02-10)**

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(ii) **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

(iii) **COMMITTEES BUSINESS**

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

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**9<sup>th</sup> March, 2012.**