

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 7TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION

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

AT 1.00 P.M.

ON TUESDAY, 10TH APRIL, 2012

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-

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES-

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ORAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

For Written Replies

1. **STUDENTS PRESENTLY ENROLLED AT LEVEL SEVEN IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM**

Member Asking: Mrs. Cathrine Hughes, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

Can the Hon. Minister say how many students are presently enrolled at Level Seven in the public school system?

(Notice Paper No. 16 (Q 13 Opp 13) published on 2012-03-05)

2. **LEVEL SEVEN STUDENTS PROVIDED WITH TEXTBOOKS IN THE FOUR 'CORE' SUBJECTS**

Member Asking: Mrs. Cathrine Hughes, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

Can the Hon. Minister say how many Level Seven students have been provided by the government with individual textbooks in the four 'core' subject areas?

(Notice Paper No. 17 (Q 14 Opp 14) published on 2012-03-05)

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3. **ACQUIRING LEVEL SEVEN TEXTBOOKS IN THE FOUR 'CORE' SUBJECTS**

Member Asking: Mrs. Cathrine Hughes, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

Can the Hon. Minister say how much money was spent during the period January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2011 on acquiring Level Seven textbooks in the four 'core' subject areas?

(Notice Paper No. 18 (Q 15 Opp 15) published on 2012-03-05)

4. **ANNUAL REPORTS OF MINISTRIES AND DEPARTMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2007**

Member Asking: Mrs. Cathrine Hughes, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of the Public Service

- (i) Can the Hon. Minister say how many government ministries and other departments are yet to table in the National Assembly their Annual Reports for the year 2007?
- (ii) Can the Hon. Minister provide a list of any defaulting ministry or departments?

(Notice Paper No. 19 (Q 16 Opp 16) published on 2012-03-05)

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5. **ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTIES FOR THE PAYMENT OF RATES AND TAXES**

Member Asking: Mrs. Cathrine Hughes, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

- (i) Can the Hon. Minister say what measures are in place to effect the valuation of properties constructed in and after 2007 for assessment for the payment of Rates and Taxes to the Georgetown municipality?

- (ii) Can the Hon. Minister say what measures are in place to effect the valuation of properties constructed in and after 2007 for assessment for the payment of Rates and Taxes to the other municipalities and Neighbourhood District Councils?

(Notice Paper No. 20 (Q 17 Opp 17) published on 2012-03-05)

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-

Presentation and First Reading

INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – Bill No. 4/2012

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Income Tax Act.

PUBLIC BUSINESS -

(i) GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

MOTIONS

1. BUDGET SPEECH 2012 – MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2012

Assembly to resume the debate on the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 2012.

(Moved by the Minister of Finance on 2012-03-30)

***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 10th 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;

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”;

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AND WHEREAS the existing balance of the parties in the 10th 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

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)

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(ii) PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

MOTIONS

***3. REPRESENTATION ON SECTORAL COMMITTEES**

The Assembly to resume the debate on the following motion after the Standing Orders Committee has reported thereon:

WHEREAS Standing Order No. 86(1) makes provision for the appointment of the four (4) Sectoral Committees pursuant to Article 119B of the Constitution as soon as may be after the beginning of each National Assembly;

AND WHEREAS Standing Order No. 86(2) provides that each Sectoral Committee shall consist of seven (7) members, four (4) representing the Government and three (3) the Opposition, respectively;

AND WHEREAS in this 10th Parliament, the Opposition is in the majority and the Government the minority,

AND WHEREAS Standing Order No. 86(2) does not represent the new majority reality in this 10th Parliament;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Standing Order No. 86(2) be amended to read that representation on the Sectoral Committees should be calculated in accordance with the seat allocation to the Political Parties in Parliament; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the four (4) Sectoral Committees not be constituted until and unless representation thereto is calculated in accordance with the seat allocation to the Political Parties in the 10th Parliament.

(Notice Paper No. 21 (M4 Opp 1) published on 2012-03-05)

(Referred to Standing Orders Committee on 2012-03-30 in accordance with Standing Order No.111(3))

*4. **COMPOSITION OF THE PARLIAMENTARY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The Assembly to resume the debate on the following motion after the Standing Orders Committee has reported thereon:

WHEREAS Standing Order No. 85(1) makes provision for the appointment of a Parliamentary Management Committee as soon as may be after the beginning of each National Assembly;

AND WHEREAS Standing Order No. 85(2) provides that the Parliamentary Management Committee shall comprise ten (10) members, five (5) representing the Government and five (5) representing the Opposition to be nominated by the Committee of Selection, with the Speaker as the Chair, and if the latter is not a member of the Committee, he or she shall not have an original or casting vote;

AND WHEREAS the provision of the said Standing Order No. 85(2) could lead to gridlock and impasse in the work of the Parliamentary Management Committee,

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

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BE IT RESOLVED:

That Standing Order No. 85(2) be amended to provide that the composition of the Parliamentary Management Committee shall be nine (9) members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That representation on the nine (9) member Parliamentary Management Committee shall be determined in accordance with the seat allocation to the Political Parties in the Assembly.

(Notice Paper No. 22 (M5 Opp 2) published on 2012-03-05)

(Referred to Standing Orders Committee on 2012-03-30 in accordance with Standing Order No.111(3))

*5. **THE RIGHT TO VOTE IN PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES**

The Assembly to resume the debate on the following motion after the Standing Orders Committee has reported thereon:

WHEREAS Standing Orders Nos. 80(5), 88(2) and 93(2) provide that unless otherwise provided for in the Standing Orders any member of the Assembly, whether elected or non-elected, shall be eligible for membership of any Standing Committee, Select Committee and Special Select Committee, respectively, and shall have the right to vote therein,

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

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Standing Orders Nos. 80(5), 88(2) and 93(2) be amended to read that only an elected member of the Assembly shall have the right to vote in any Standing Committee, Select Committee and Special Select Committee.

(Notice Paper No. 23 (M6 Opp 3) published on 2012-03-05)

(Referred to Standing Orders Committee on 2012-03-30 in accordance with Standing Order No.111(3))

(iii) COMMITTEES BUSINESS

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2nd April, 2012.