

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 29TH 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 MONDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 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-

(1) By the Speaker of the National Assembly:

- (i) Report of the Auditor General to the National Assembly on the Public Accounts of Guyana and on the Accounts of Ministries, Departments and Regions for the fiscal year ended 31st December, 2011.

(To be Circulated)

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- (ii) Second Annual Report of the Women and Gender Equality Commission for the period June, 2011 to May, 2012.

(To be Circulated)

- (iii) Report of the Indigenous Peoples' Commission for the period ended 31st December, 2011.

(To be Circulated)

- (iv) Minutes of Proceedings of the 1st Meeting of the Committee of Selection held on Friday, 24th February, 2012.

(To be Circulated)

- (v) Minutes of Proceedings of the 2nd Meeting of the Committee of Selection held on Wednesday, 7th March, 2012.

(To be Circulated)

(2) By the Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs:

Audited Financial Statements of the Public Utilities Commission for the years ended 31st December, 2000 – 2010.

(To be Circulated)

(3) By the Minister of Finance:

- (i) Mid-Year Report 2012.

(To be Circulated)

- (ii) The Value-Added Tax (Amendment of Schedule I) Order 2012 – No. 178 of 2012.

(To be Circulated)

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(iii) The Customs Duties (Amendment) Order 2012 – No. 179 of 2012.

(Circulated)

(iv) Loan Contract **No. 2567/BL-GY** dated September 23, 2011 between the Co-operative Republic of Guyana and the Inter-American Development Bank for US\$5,000,000 for the Sustainable Operation of the Electricity Sector and Improved Quality of Service.

(To be Circulated)

(v) Government Concessional Loan Agreement signed on November 4, 2011 between the Government of the Republic of Guyana and the Export-Import Bank of China **GCL No. (2011) 35 Total No. (385) No. 1420203052011111336** for Renminbi Yuan ¥215,000,000 for the E-Government Project.

(To be Circulated)

(vi) Sales Contract **No. SA 142251 (PETROCARIBE)** dated January 1, 2012 between PDVSA Petróleo, S.A. and the Guyana Energy Agency (GEA) to supply the Government of Guyana with crude oil, refined oil products and LPG of up to 5,200 barrels per day on an annual basis.

(To be Circulated)

(vii) Audited Financial Statements of the Integrity Commission for the year ended 31st December, 2011.

(To be Circulated)

(viii) The Guyana Oil Company Limited Annual Report for the year 2011.

(To be Circulated)

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- (ix) The Audited Financial Statements of the Linden Mining Enterprise Limited for the period 9th December, 2004 to 31st December, 2004.
(To be Circulated)
- (x) The Audited Financial Statements of the Linden Mining Enterprise Limited for the year ended 31st December, 2005.
(To be Circulated)
- (xi) The Audited Financial Statements of the Linden Mining Enterprise Limited for the year ended 31st December, 2006.
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- (xii) The Audited Financial Statements of the Linden Mining Enterprise Limited for the year ended 31st December, 2007.
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- (xiii) The Audited Financial Statements of the Linden Mining Enterprise Limited for the year ended 31st December, 2008.
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- (xiv) The Audited Financial Statements of the Linden Mining Enterprise Limited for the year ended 31st December, 2009.
(To be Circulated)
- (xv) The Audited Financial Statements of the Linden Mining Enterprise Limited for the year ended 31st December, 2010.
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(xvi) The Audited Financial Statements of the Linden Mining Enterprise Limited for the year ended 31st December, 2011.

(To be Circulated)

(xvii) The Audited Financial Statements of the Atlantic Hotel Inc. for the period 10th September, 2009 to 31st December, 2009.

(To be Circulated)

(xviii) The Audited Financial Statements of the Atlantic Hotel Inc. for the year ended 31st December, 2010.

(To be Circulated)

(xix) The Audited Financial Statements of the Guyana Electricity Corporation Inc. for the year ended 31st December, 2008.

(To be Circulated)

(xx) The Annual Report of the Linden Electricity Company Inc. for the year ended 31st December, 2007.

(To be Circulated)

(xxi) The Annual Report of the Linden Electricity Company Inc. for the year ended 31st December, 2008.

(To be Circulated)

(xxii) Audited Financial Statements of the Aroaima Mining Company Inc. for the year ended 31st December, 2006.

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(xxiii) The Audited Financial Statements of the Aroaima Mining Company Inc. for the year ended 31st December, 2007.

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(xxiv) The Audited Financial Statements of the Aroaima Mining Company Inc. for the year ended 31st December, 2008.

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(xxv) The Audited Financial Statements of the Aroaima Mining Company Inc. for the year ended 31st December, 2009.

(To be Circulated)

(xxvi) The Audited Financial Statements of the Aroaima Mining Company Inc. for the year ended 31st December, 2010.

(To be Circulated)

(xxvii) The Annual Report of the Guyana National Printers Limited for the year ended 31st December, 2011.

(To be Circulated)

(4) By the Minister of Agriculture:

Guyana Rice Development Board Annual Report for the year 2011.

(To be Circulated)

(5) By the Minister of Home Affairs:

The Immigration (Amendment) Regulations 2012 – No. 9 of 2012.

(To be Circulated)

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REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES-

ORAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

For Written Replies

1. **EXCAVATOR (HYMAC) ON THE WANINA ROAD, NORTH WEST DISTRICT**

Member Asking: Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Joseph Harmon, M.S.M., M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

Is the Hon. Minister aware that an Excavator (Hymac) has been lying on the Wanina Road, North West District, for over one (1) year to be repaired?

If so, could the Hon. Minister say who is responsible for this expensive piece of equipment being there for such a long time?

(Notice Paper No. 85 (Q 50 Opp 50) published on 2012-07-27)

2. **FULL-TIME TUTORS FOR THE GEORGETOWN SCHOOL OF NURSING**

Member Asking: Mrs. Valerie Garrido-Lowe, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Health

Given the fact that there is a shortage of tutors at the Georgetown School of Nursing and that there are over 500 students presently attending the Institution with at least 300 attending on a daily basis and there are only 7 full- time tutors at the said Institution, would the Hon. Minister agree that in order to facilitate maximum learning, one (1) tutor is required to tutor 25 students?

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Can the Hon. Minister say when the Ministry of Health will be providing the Georgetown School of Nursing with the required amount of tutors that are urgently needed to tutor 300 students on a daily basis at the Institution?

(Notice Paper No. 86 (Q 51 Opp 51) published on 2012-07-27)

3. **CLINICAL INSTRUCTORS AT THE GEORGETOWN SCHOOL OF NURSING**

Member Asking: Mrs. Valerie Garrido-Lowe, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Health

Since the New Pilot Curriculum that the Georgetown School of Nursing is now using specifies that Clinical Instructors must be part of the programme, can the Hon. Minister say, why there are no Clinical Instructors at the school?

Can the Hon. Minister also say why the Pilot Curriculum has not yet been evaluated since this is the third year since it has been implemented?

(Notice Paper No. 87 (Q 52 Opp 52) published on 2012-07-27)

4. **UP-TO-DATE TEXT BOOKS FOR STUDENTS AT THE GEORGETOWN SCHOOL OF NURSING**

Member Asking: Mrs. Valerie Garrido-Lowe, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Health

Is the Hon. Minister aware that there is a shortage of up-to-date text books at the Georgetown School of Nursing and, if so, will the Hon. Minister state when the Ministry of Health will be providing the school with the urgently needed text books, which include the following:-

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1. Anatomy and Physiology
2. Fundamentals of Nursing
3. Medical Surgical Nursing
4. Emergency Nursing
5. Nutrition
6. Path physiology
7. Sociology for Nursing
8. Pharmacology for Nursing
9. Drug Guide for Nursing
10. Myles Midwifery Text Book
11. Maye's Midwifery Text Book
12. Anatomy and Physiology for Midwives?

(Notice Paper No. 88 (Q 53 Opp 53) published on 2012-07-27)

5. EXPANSION OF LIBRARY AT THE GEORGETOWN SCHOOL OF NURSING

Member Asking: Mrs. Valerie Garrido-Lowe, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Health

Can the Hon. Minister say whether his Ministry has plans to provide a larger library at the Georgetown School of Nursing to facilitate approximately 500 students that are presently attending the Institution?

(Notice Paper No. 89 (Q 54 Opp 54) published on 2012-07-27)

6. ADDITIONAL COMPUTERS FOR GEORGETOWN SCHOOL OF NURSING

Member Asking: Mrs. Valerie Garrido-Lowe, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Health

Is the Hon. Minister aware that there are only 5 computers at the Georgetown School of Nursing? If so, can the Hon. Minister say when the Ministry of Health will provide the

Georgetown School of Nursing with at least 20 more computers to facilitate the research work of the students?

(Notice Paper No. 90 (Q 55 Opp 55) published on 2012-07-27)

7. GUYANA'S FOREIGN MISSIONS

Member Asking: Mrs. Deborah Backer, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Minister Answering: The Minister of Foreign Affairs

Could the Hon. Minister provide the National Assembly with the following:-

(a) A list of the Heads of each of Guyana's Foreign Missions?

(b) The period that each head of Mission has served at his/her current posting?

(Notice Paper No. 93 (Q 58 Opp 58) published on 2012-07-27)

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 Readings

1. **FIREARMS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – Bill No. 21/2012**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Firearms Act.

2. **MUSIC AND DANCING LICENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – Bill No. 23/2012**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Music and Dancing Licences Act.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

(i) **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

Bills – Second Readings

1. **TELECOMMUNICATIONS BILL 2012 – Bill No. 18/2012 published on 2012-08-09**

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

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A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the establishment of the Telecommunications Agency and for a regular, coordinated, open and competitive telecommunications sector and for matters incidental thereto or connected therewith.

(Read a first time on 2012-08-09)

2. **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – Bill No. 17/2012 published on 2012-08-09**

The Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Public Utilities Commission Act.

(Read a first time on 2012-08-09)

MOTIONS

3. **CONFIRMATION OF THE CUSTOMS DUTIES (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2012 – No. 179 of 2012**

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 2012 (No. 179 of 2012), which was made on 27th August, 2012, under Section 8 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01 and published in the Official Gazette dated 8th September, 2012.

(Notice Paper No. 98 (M40 Govt 16) published on 2012-09-10)

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*4. **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”;

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),

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

14.

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)

BILLS – Second Readings, Committee and Third Readings

***5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – Bill No. 12/2012 published on 2012-07-31**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Local Government Act.

(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2012-07-30)

***6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION BILL – Bill No. 13/2012 published on 2012-07-31**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

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

15.

A BILL intituled AN ACT to establish the Local Government Commission, as provided for by Article 78A of the Constitution, to provide for the Commission's functions and procedure, and for connected and incidental purposes.

(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2012-07-30)

*7. **MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCILS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – Bill No. 19/2012 published on 2012-08-09**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Municipal and District Councils Act.

(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2012-08-09)

*8. **FISCAL TRANSFERS BILL 2012 – Bill No. 20/2012 published on 2012-08-09**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the objective criteria for the allocation of resources to local authorities and for matters connected therewith.

(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2012-08-09)

BILLS – Committee and Third Reading

*9. **DEEDS REGISTRY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – Bill No. 11 of 2012 published on 2012-07-10**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

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

16.

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Deeds Registry Act.

(Read a first time on 2012-07-12)

(Read a second time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2012-08-02)

(ii) PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

MOTION

10. **STEPS TO BE UNDERTAKEN TO ESTABLISH THE INDEPENDENCE AND AUTHORITY OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P. to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Needs Assessment of the Guyana National Assembly as contained in the Report of the Commonwealth Senior Parliamentary Staff Advisor (Sir Michael Davies Report) to the Guyana National Assembly, February, 2005, recommended, *inter alia*, that

“The National Assembly should be given much greater independence in respect of its own budget. Systems should be established within the Parliament Office to undertake the estimating, monitoring, controlling and accounting for the Assembly’s expenditure; and

The Clerk of the National Assembly should become the employer of all staff of the Parliament Office. A larger Personnel Office should be established to carry out these additional responsibilities.”

AND WHEREAS the Guyana Fiduciary Oversight Project Final Framework and Guidelines Report, Volume 2, has recommended at component 6 of its recommendation that, ‘Parliament should employ its own staff, and the Speaker should appoint the Clerk of the House after consultation with all parties’;

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AND WHEREAS the Government signaled its acceptance of these recommendations in the 2005 Draft Poverty Reduction Report released on the 21st June, 2005;

AND WHEREAS the basis of these recommendations is the need for Parliament to be fully independent of the Executive,

BE IT RESOLVED:

(1) That a Special Select Committee be appointed to examine these recommendations with a view to advising the National Assembly on the steps to be undertaken to establish the independence and authority of the National Assembly in respect of its own budget; and

(2) That this Special Select Committee examines these recommendations with a view to advising the National Assembly on the steps to be undertaken to enable the Clerk to become the employing authority of the staff of the Parliament Office;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Special Select Committee submit its final report one month after its appointment.

(Notice Paper No. 50 (M20 Opp 12) published on 2012-04-19)

BILL – Second Reading

11. **OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL 2012 – No. 8/2012 published on 2012-08-10**

Mrs. Volda Lawrence, M.P., to move the second reading of the following Bill:

18.

A BILL intituled AN ACT to set out the responsibilities and authority of the Clerk and Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly of Guyana and to provide for the establishment and administration of an independent Office of the Clerk of the National Assembly.

(Read a first time on 2012-08-09)

MOTIONS

12. PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – No. 15/2012

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P., to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order No. 52(1), grant leave for the introduction and first reading of the Public Utilities Commission (Amendment) Bill 2012 – Bill No. 15/2012 –

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Public Utilities Commission Act.

(Notice Paper No. 96 (M38 Opp 22) published on 2012-08-02)

If leave is granted, the Clerk shall read aloud the title of the Bill.

13. TELECOMMUNICATIONS BILL 2012 – Bill No. 16/2012

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P., to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order No. 52(1), grant leave for the introduction and first reading of the Telecommunications Bill 2012 – Bill No. 16/2012 –

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19.

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the establishment of the Telecommunication Agency and for a regular, coordinated, open and competitive telecommunications sector and for matters incidental thereto or connected therewith.

(Notice Paper No. 97 (M39 Opp 23) published on 2012-08-02)

If leave is granted, the Clerk shall read aloud the title of the Bill.

14. **FISCAL MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012**
– No. 24/2012

Mr. Carl Greenidge, M.P., to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order No. 52(1), grant leave for the introduction and first reading of the Fiscal Management and Accountability (Amendment) Bill 2012 – Bill No. 24/2012 –

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Fiscal Management and Accountability Act 2003.

(Notice Paper No. 99 (M41 Opp 23) published on 2012-10-02)

If leave is granted, the Clerk shall read aloud the title of the Bill.

15. **FORMER PRESIDENTS (BENEFITS AND OTHER FACILITIES)**
(AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – No. 25/2012

Mr. Carl Greenidge, M.P., to move the following motion:

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BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order No. 52(1), grant leave for the introduction and first reading of the Former Presidents (Benefits and Other Facilities) (Amendment) Bill 2012 – Bill No. 25/2012 –

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Former Presidents (Benefits and Other Facilities) Act 2009.

(Notice Paper No. 100 (M42 Opp 24) published on 2012-10-02)

If leave is granted, the Clerk shall read aloud the title of the Bill.

*16. **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;

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

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

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))

*17. **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;

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

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,

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))

(iii) COMMITTEES BUSINESS

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S.E. ISAACS
Clerk of the National Assembly

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

17th October, 2012.

