

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 33RD 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, 20TH DECEMBER, 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-

ORAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

For Oral Reply

1. SKELDON SUGAR FACTORY

Member Asking: Dr. Vishwa Mahadeo, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Agriculture

* (i) I am informed that there are a number of faults that the Skeldon Sugar Factory is encountering; can the Hon. Minister say if this is so, and, if this is the case, are these being addressed?

Can the Hon. Minister also state:-

* (ii) If the factory is working to its capacity?

* (iii) What is the present performance of the factory? How much cane is needed to produce one ton of sugar in comparison with the last crop?

* (iv) What acreage of cane expansion is yet to be completed in order to supply the factory with sufficient canes for it to perform at maximum capacity?

* (v) If there are further 'repairs' to be undertaken at the factory? If so, what will it entail?

* (vi) If there is any systems in place to have 'continuous' maintenance at the facility?

* (vii) If the Skeldon factory is providing any power to the national grid, if so, how much?

(Notice Paper No.105 (Q 60 PPP/C 1) published on 2012-11-29)

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For Written Replies

**2. VEHICLES FOR THE PORT KAITUMA AND MATTHEWS RIDGE
HOSPITALS**

Member Asking: Mr. Richard Allen, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Health

Could the Honourable Minister say to this Honourable House why the Port Kaituma and Matthews Ridge hospitals have been without vehicles for over five years and when this situation will be corrected?

(Notice Paper No.106 (Q 61 Opp. 60) published on 2012-11-29)

3. KAMAKA REVETMENT PROJECT PLAN

Member Asking: Mr. Richard Allen, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Transport and Hydraulics

- (i) Who was/were the engineer(s) who was/were responsible for the drafting of the Kamaka revetment project plan?
- (ii) Was the failure of the project the fault of the engineer's plan or the contractor's?
- (iii) How much money was spent on the project and what steps or actions have been taken to recover the money?
- (iv) What is the cost of the new project?
- (v) When will this project be completed?

(Notice Paper No.107 (Q 62 Opp. 61) published on 2012-11-29)

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4. DOCKING OF THE TWO NORTH WEST FERRIES

Member Asking: Mr. Richard Allen, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Transport and Hydraulics

Could the Honourable Minister say why the two North West ferries have not been docked as yet and when they will be docked?

(Notice Paper No.108 (Q 63 Opp. 62) published on 2012-11-29)

5. HOUSING SCHEME AT KOKERITE VILLAGE, MABARUMA, NORTH WEST DISTRICT

Member Asking: Mr. Richard Allen, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Housing and Water

(i) Would the Honourable Minister agree that the preparation work for the housing scheme at Kokerite Village, Mabaruma, North West District has been going on since 2001? If so, could the Honourable Minister say when his ministry will complete this housing scheme?

(ii) Who is the engineer attached to this project?

(Notice Paper No.109 (Q 64 Opp. 63) published on 2012-11-29)

6. WATER FOR RESIDENTS IN MABARUMA SETTLEMENT, NORTH WEST DISTRICT

Member Asking: Mr. Richard Allen, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Housing and Water

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- (i) Could the Honourable Minister say what his ministry has in store for the more than one hundred families who have been without water for over fifteen years in the Mabaruma Settlement, North West District?
- (ii) How and when will this ongoing problem be rectified?

(Notice Paper No.110 (Q 65 Opp. 64) published on 2012-11-29)

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'S BUSINESS**

MOTIONS

- 1. **CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 3/2012**

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:

6.

BE IT RESOLVED:

Financial Paper No. 3/2012 – Statement of Excess (Current) Estimates totalling \$204,609,821 for the period ended 2012-12-31.

(Notice Paper No. 117 (M 50 Govt. 18) published on 2012-12-17)

(Paper presented on 2012-12-17)

2. **CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 4/2012**

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:

Financial Paper No. 4/2012 – Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$2,713,939,675 for the period 2012-09-02 to 2012-12-17

(Notice Paper No. 118 (M 51 Govt. 19) published on 2012-12-17)

(Paper presented on 2012-12-17)

3. **CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 5/2012**

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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BE IT RESOLVED:

Financial Paper No. 5/2012 – Supplementary Estimates (Capital) totalling \$393,000,000 for the period ended 2012-12-31.

(Notice Paper No. 119 (M 52 Govt. 20) published on 2012-12-17)

(Paper presented on 2012-12-17)

Bills – Second Readings

4. **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:

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)

5. **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)

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6. **MUSIC AND DANCING LICENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – Bill No. 23/2012 published on 2012-09-21**

The Minister of Finance to move the second reading of the following Bill:

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

(Read a first time on 2012-10-22)

7. **SEXUAL OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – Bill No. 26/2012 published on 2012-10-29**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Sexual Offences Act.

(Read a first time on 2012-11-08)

8. **BUSINESS NAMES (REGISTRATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – Bill No. 27/2012 published on 2012-10-30**

The Minister of Finance to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Business Names (Registration) Act.

(Read a first time on 2012-11-08)

9. **DEEDS AND COMMERCIAL REGISTRIES AUTHORITY BILL 2012 – Bill No. 28/2012 published on 2012-11-19**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

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A BILL intituled AN ACT to establish the Deeds and Commercial Registries Authority as a corporate body, to establish and promote the efficient and orderly operation of the Deeds Registry and the Commercial Registry, to establish the conditions governing the employment of officers and employees of the Authority, to provide for funding of the operations of the Authority, and for connected matters.

(Read a first time on 2012-11-22)

MOTION

10. 40TH ANNIVERSARY SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA AND THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA

Minister of Foreign Affairs to move the following motion:

WHEREAS December 8, 2012 marked the 40th Anniversary since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Republic of Guyana and the Republic of Cuba;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Cuba for over five decades and more, especially since the establishment of diplomatic relations with Guyana, has consistently rendered valuable assistance in the areas of tertiary education; providing health care practitioners for over 30 years to Guyana's health care system; the provision of many eye surgeries to many Guyanese through "Operation Miracle"; the provision of other expertise and major material resources that have contributed to the development of Guyana and in particular the social sector;

AND WHEREAS this National Assembly recognises the tremendous progress made by the Government and people of Cuba in the development of their country notwithstanding the negative impact of the economic embargo imposed on that country;

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AND WHEREAS notwithstanding this longstanding embargo and consequently the daunting constraints and challenges, the Government and people of Cuba continue to maintain international solidarity with the developing world by making substantial contributions not only to the development of Guyana, but also to the development of the countries of the Caribbean, Latin America, Africa, Asia and to humanity in general;

AND WHEREAS Guyana and Cuba continue to share common interests and concerns primarily in the areas of sustainable development, economic equity and social justice, the vulnerability of smaller economies in the region and combating climate change among others,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly on behalf of the people of Guyana conveys to the Government and people of Cuba our congratulations on the 40th Anniversary since the establishment of diplomatic relations between Guyana and Cuba;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly extends our gratitude to the Government and people of Cuba for the valuable assistance they have rendered to the people of Guyana while at the same time enduring great sacrifice;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That we the Members of this National Assembly will continue to call for the removal of the unjust economic and financial embargo against Cuba; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly reaffirms our commitment to strengthening and deepening relations between our two countries to realize the legitimate aspirations of our peoples.

(Notice Paper No. 113 (M48 Govt 17) published on 2012-12-12)

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BILLS – Second Reading

*11. **FIREARMS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – Bill No. 21/2012 published on 2012-09-04**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Firearms Act.

(Read a first time on 2012-10-22)

MOTION

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

12.

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)

BILLS – Second Readings, Committee and Third Readings

*13. **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:

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

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)

- *14. **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:

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)

- *15. **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)

- *16. **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:

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

14.

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

- *17. **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:

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**

BILLS – Second Readings

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

Mr. Carl Greenidge, M.P., to move the second reading of the following Bill:

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

(Read a first time on 2012-12-17)

MOTIONS

***19. 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.

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

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.

MOTION

***21. PREVENTING HONOURABLE CLEMENT ROHEE, M.P., MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS FROM SPEAKING IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

The Assembly to resume the debate on the following motion after the Committee of Privileges has reported thereon:

WHEREAS Article 171(1) of the Constitution provides that subject to the provisions of this Constitution and of the rules of procedure of the National Assembly, any member of the Assembly may introduce any Bill or propose any motion for debate in, or may present any Petition to the Assembly and the same shall be debated and disposed of according to the rules of the procedure of the Assembly;

AND WHEREAS Article 165(1) of the Constitution provides that, subject to the provisions of this Constitution the National Assembly may regulate its own procedure and may make rules for that purpose;

AND WHEREAS on the 25th day of July, 2012, Brig. (Ret.'d) David Granger moved a motion in the National Assembly of No Confidence in the Hon. Clement Rohee, M.P., as Minister of Home Affairs and called for his immediate removal, and dismissal from office;

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

17.

AND WHEREAS on the 30th day of July, 2012, Resolution No. 18 of 2012, was passed by the National Assembly in accordance with the said motion;

AND WHEREAS the Hon. Clement Rohee, M.P., is a member of the Cabinet of Guyana with the portfolio of the Minister of Home Affairs;

AND WHEREAS Standing Order No. 47 Rule 10 of the Standing Orders of the National Assembly provides that “Nothing in this Standing Order shall be taken to deprive the Assembly of the power of proceeding against any Member according to any Resolution of the Assembly”;

AND WHEREAS Standing Order No. 113 of the said Standing Orders of the National Assembly provides that “In any matter not herein provided for, resort shall be had to the usage and practice of the House of Commons Assembly of Parliament of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, which shall be followed as far as the same, may be applicable to the Assembly, and not inconsistent with these Standing Orders or with the practice of the Assembly”;

AND WHEREAS the practice and convention in the House of Commons of England is that a Minister who loses a no confidence motion, resigns as Minister,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That since the National Assembly, by National Assembly Resolution No. 18 of 2012, has expressed no confidence in the performance of the Honourable Clement Rohee, M.P. as Minister of Home Affairs, that he be prevented from speaking in the National Assembly so long as he is purporting to carry out the functions of Minister of Home Affairs as published in the Official Gazette.

(Notice Paper No. 104 (M45 Opp 27) published on 2012-11-22)

(Referred to Committee of Privileges on 2012-11-22 in accordance with Standing Order No. 91)

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BILL – Committee and Third Reading

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

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 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)

(Read a second time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2012-12-17)

(iii) **COMMITTEES BUSINESS**

MOTION

23. ADOPTION OF THE SECOND REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

Ms Amna Ally, M.P., Opposition Chief Whip, to move the following motion:

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

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the second Report of the Standing Orders Committee be adopted.

(Notice Paper No. 120 (M 53 Opp. 31) published on 2012-12-17)

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S.E. ISAACS
Clerk of the National Assembly

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17th December, 2012.