

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 39th SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION

(2012 - 2013) OF THE TENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON THURSDAY, 14th MARCH, 2013

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-

By the Minister of Finance:

Compensation Agreement in the Framework of the PETROCARIBE Energy Cooperation Agreement dated December 28, 2012 between the Co-operation Republic of Guyana and the PDVSA Petróleo, S.A. (PDVSA) for the cancellation of the oil debt in compensation for the white rice and paddy shipments under the Guyana/Venezuela Rice Trade Agreements in the amount of US\$100,822,924.12.

(To be Circulated)

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REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES-

ORAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

For Written Replies

1. PLACEMENT OF CYRIL POTTER COLLEGE OF EDUCATION GRADUATES

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

Could the Hon. Minister inform this House:-

- (i) Whether all the teachers who graduated from the Cyril Potter College of Education have been placed at schools across the country?
- (ii) Whether this has any effect on the rehired retired teachers?
(Notice Paper No.136 (Q 78 Opp. 77) published on 2013-01-31)

2. DORMITORY ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

Could the Hon. Minister:-

- (i) Identify the areas where there is need for dormitory accommodation facilities particularly in the riverain communities?
- (ii) State how soon Government will put in place facilities where these are absent?
(Notice Paper No.137 (Q 79 Opp. 78) published on 2013-01-31)

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3. REHIRED RETIRED OFFICERS IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

- (i) Could the Hon. Minister list the positions of rehired retired officers in the Ministry of Education?
- (ii) Do these officers have contractual arrangements?
- (iii) What is the duration of these contracts?

(Notice Paper No.138 (Q 80 Opp. 79) published on 2013-01-31)

4. TWENTY-FOUR HOURS SECURITY AT SCHOOLS

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

Could the Hon. Minister:-

- (i) List the schools as well as the security services where a twenty-four hour security is being provided?
- (ii) Will the remaining schools that do not enjoy this luxurious facility of security at their schools be provided with these facilities in 2013?

(Notice Paper No.139 (Q 81 Opp. 80) published on 2013-01-31)

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5. POST OF REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT

Member Asking: **Mr. James Bond, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs**

Could the Hon. Minister inform this House on the following:-

- (i) Who is the person filling the post of Registrar (a.g.) of the Supreme Court?
- (ii) What are his/her qualifications?
- (iii) Are those qualifications reposed in the said Registrar (a.g.) in keeping with the requirements of the Act?
- (iv) Who was the person who performed such functions preceding the appointment of the current Registrar (a.g.)?
- (v) What are the qualifications of that person?
- (vi) Were those qualifications reposed in the previous Registrar (a.g.) in keeping with the requirements of the Act?

(Notice Paper No.140 (Q 82 Opp. 81) published on 2013-01-31)

6. NOTE-TAKING BY JUDGES AND MAGISTRATES

Member Asking: **Mr. James Bond, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs**

Could the Hon. Minister inform this House when will the arduous task of copious note-taking by our Judges and Magistrates be replaced by stenographers and/or voice compilation equipment?

(Notice Paper No.141 (Q 83 Opp. 82) published on 2013-01-31)

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7. **ASSIGNMENT OF RESEARCH CLERKS TO JUDGES AND MAGISTRATES**

Member Asking: Mr. James Bond, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

Could the Hon. Minister inform this House whether Judges and Magistrates will be assigned Research Clerks?

(Notice Paper No.142 (Q 84 Opp. 83) published on 2013-01-31)

8. **MAKING COURTS SOUND-PROOF**

Member Asking: Mr. James Bond, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

Could the Hon. Minister inform this House which of our Courts are sound-proof and which ones will be made sound-proof?

(Notice Paper No.143 (Q 85 Opp. 84) published on 2013-01-31)

9. **APPOINTMENT OF AN OMBUDSMAN**

Member Asking: Mr. James Bond, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

- (i) Could the Hon. Minister inform this House how long the Republic of Guyana has been without an Ombudsman?
- (ii) What are the circumstances responsible for the non-appointment of an Ombudsman?
- (iii) Is the Hon. Minister taking any positive measures to remove those circumstances?

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- (iv) If he is, what are the measures being employed by him to remove those circumstances?
- (v) If the Hon. Minister is not employing any measures to remove those circumstances, does he have a good and proper reason for his inaction?

(Notice Paper No.144 (Q 86 Opp. 85) published on 2013-01-31)

10. UNEMPLOYMENT AMONGST THE YOUTHS IN GUYANA

Member Asking: Ms Africo Selman, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Labour

Could the Hon. Minister of Labour inform this House what analysis has been made by his Ministry of the special factors contributing to increasing unemployment amongst the youth population in Guyana with specific emphasis on rural dwellers?

(Notice Paper No.146 (Q 88 Opp. 87) published on 2013-02-05)

11. POLICIES AND PROGRAMS TO REDUCE UNEMPLOYMENT IN GUYANA

Member Asking: Ms Africo Selman, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Labour

Could the Hon. Minister of Labour say to this House what policies and programs are being formulated to reduce unemployment in Guyana and the timeline for the implementation of those policies and programs?

(Notice Paper No.147 (Q 89 Opp. 88) published on 2013-02-05)

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12. **IMPACT OF THE ‘NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND POLICY’**

Member Asking: Ms Africo Selman, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

Could the Hon. Minister of Education inform this House whether an evaluation has been conducted to ascertain the impact of the ‘No Child left behind Policy’ on the delivery of education in Guyana.

(Notice Paper No.148 (Q 90 Opp. 89) published on 2013-02-05)

13. **ASSESSMENT OF THE ‘NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND POLICY’**

Member Asking: Ms Africo Selman, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

Could the Hon. Minister of Education inform this House whether the Hon. Minister considers an assessment of the ‘No Child left behind Policy’ a necessity in relation to the improvement of the quality of education delivery in Guyana?

(Notice Paper No.149 (Q 91 Opp. 90) published on 2013-02-05)

14. **INFRASTRUCTURAL WORKS AT AMELIA’S WARD**

Member Asking: Ms Vanessa Kissoon, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Housing and Water

Could the Hon. Minister of Housing and Water inform this House why infrastructural works ceased in Phase 2 in Amelia’s Ward and Phase 3 has commenced in the same area?

(Notice Paper No.150 (Q 92 Opp. 91) published on 2013-02-05)

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15. GUYANA-CHINA US\$130 MILLION LOAN AGREEMENT FOR THE CHEDDI JAGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT EXPANSION

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Finance

Would the Hon. Minister be kind enough to lay in the National Assembly the Guyana-China US\$130 Million loan agreement for the Cheddi Jagan International Airport expansion signed on or around the 31st October, 2012, between the Government of Guyana and the People's Republic of China?

(Notice Paper No.153 (Q 95 Opp 93) published on 2013-02-06)

16. GY\$998.0 MILLION ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Finance

Would the Hon. Minister be kind enough to lay in the National Assembly the GY\$998.0 Million on Economic and Technical Co-operation Agreement signed on or around the 28th December, 2012 between the Government of Guyana and the People's Republic of China?

(Notice Paper No.154 (Q 96 Opp 94) published on 2013-02-06)

17. THREE CO-OPERATION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Foreign Affairs

Would the Hon. Minister be kind enough to lay in the National Assembly the three Co-operation Agreements signed between the Government of Guyana and the Government of Cuba on or around the 19th October, 2012?

(Notice Paper No.155 (Q 97 Opp 95) published on 2013-02-06)

18. AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Foreign Affairs

Will the Hon. Minister be kind enough to present to the National Assembly the two below stated Agreements signed between the Government of Guyana and the Government of the United States of America on or around the 1st day of February, 2013 and if so, when?

- (i) The Caribbean Basin Security Initiative Agreement; and
- (ii) The Cooperative Sensor Information Integration Agreement.

(Notice Paper No.156 (Q 98 Opp 96) published on 2013-02-06)

19. TELEVISION CHANNELS AND RADIO FREQUENCIES IN GUYANA

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

Minister Answering: The Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs

- (i) Can the Hon. Prime Minister say which channels and radio frequencies have been allocated for television and radio broadcast in Guyana?
- (ii) Can the Hon. Prime Minister provide the names of the Individuals, Companies including their Directors, or Entities that have been allocated or are using each allocated frequency/channel and the numeric frequency/channel assigned from 1992 to 2012?
- (iii) Can the Hon. Prime Minister also state the date of granting of the licence for each of the frequencies/channels assigned?
- (iv) Can the Hon. Prime Minister say which frequencies are currently available for television and radio broadcast?

(Notice Paper No.157 (Q 99 Opp 97) published on 2013-02-06)

20. CHINA CENTRAL TELEVISION (CCTV) STATION CHANNEL 27/CABLE 78

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

Minister Answering: The Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs

- (i) Can the Hon. Prime Minister state whether NCN is receiving monetary remuneration or fees for managing the entity CCTV on behalf of the Government of China?

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- (ii) Can the Hon. Prime Minister detail the procedure that was followed by NCN to obtain the relevant license for the CCTV operation and what fees were paid to the National Frequency Management Unit?

(Notice Paper No.158 (Q 100 Opp 98) published on 2013-02-06)

21. MONEY RECEIVED FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION FOR THE YEARS 1992 – 2012

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Agriculture

- (i) Can the Hon. Minister say how much money was received from the European Union for the years 1992 – 2012 for the diversification of Guyana's sugar industry?
- (ii) Can the Hon. Minister provide a list of the projects funded with the money received and how much was spent on each project?
- (iii) Can the Hon. Minister say if any money set aside by the European Union for the diversification of Guyana's sugar industry was not accessed?
- (iv) If money set aside for the diversification of Guyana's sugar industry was not accessed, can the Hon. Minister provide explanation(s)?

(Notice Paper No.159 (Q 101 Opp 99) published on 2013-02-06)

22. SENIOR SECONDARY BOARD MANAGED HIGH SCHOOLS IN GUYANA

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

- (i) Can the Hon. Minister state which Senior Secondary Board managed High Schools in Guyana are currently in receipt of an annual subvention?

- (ii) Can the Hon. Minister state which Senior Secondary Board managed High Schools received a subvention during the years 2005 – 2012 and how much money was allocated each year to each school?

(Notice Paper No.160 (Q 102 Opp 100) published on 2013-02-06)

23. PAYMENT OF CLEANERS BY PARENT TEACHER'S ASSOCIATIONS (PTA)

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

Can the Hon. Minister explain why Parent Teacher's Associations (PTA) are being asked to pay cleaners employed at senior secondary schools?

(Notice Paper No.161 (Q 103 Opp 101) published on 2013-02-06)

For Oral Replies

24. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS

Member Asking: Ms Vanessa Kissoon, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

- (i) *Could the Hon. Minister inform this House why monies for Community Development Councils (CDC) do not go to the Regional Democratic Council for payments to the Councils?
- (ii) *Could the Hon. Minister explain to this House what is the role of the Director of the Community Development Council (CDC)?
- (iii) *Could the Hon. Minister explain to this House why staff of the CDCs have to travel from Linden to Georgetown to uplift cheques?

(Notice Paper No.151 (Q 93 Opp. 92) published on 2013-02-05)

25. REHABILITATION OF THE EAST BANK BERBICE PUBLIC ROAD

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Public Works

Could the Hon. Minister of Public Works say -

- (i) *Whether there are any plans for the rehabilitation of the East Bank Berbice Public Road?
- (ii) *Will this commence in this year and what length of road is projected to be done in this phase?

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(iii) *What are the projected costs or budgetary allocation, if available, to do these works?

(iv) *Has there been any remedial works done in the meantime to alleviate the situation?

(v) *What are the costs of these works?

(vi) *What distance of roads will be completed?

(Notice Paper No.152 (Q 94 PPP/C Private Member 2) published on 2013-02-06)

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. **EVIDENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 7/2013**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Evidence Act.

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2. **MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 8/2013**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

(i) **GOVERNMENT'S BUSINESS**

BILLS – Second Readings

1. **CUSTOMS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 2/2013 published on 2013-01-08**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Customs Act.

(Read a first time on 2013-01-10)

2. **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)

3. **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)

4. **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

*5. **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;

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

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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 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

***6. 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)

***7. 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)

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*8. **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)

*9. **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)

*10. **GUYANA CRICKET ADMINISTRATION BILL 2012 – Bill No. 31/2012**

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 make provisions for the incorporation of autonomous national cricket administrative organizations in Guyana and to provide for other matters connected therewith.
(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2012-12-20)

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

BILLS – Committee and Third Reading

*11. **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 Reading

12. THE FISCAL MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 5 of 2013 published on 2013-02-08

The Assembly to resume the debate on the following Bill:

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

(Read a first time on 2013-02-07)

MOTIONS

13. RESTORATION OF GEORGETOWN

Mrs. Volda Lawrence, M.P., to move the following motion:

WHEREAS Georgetown is the capital city of Guyana, commonly known as ‘Garden City of the Caribbean’;

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

AND WHEREAS the expanded boundaries of the city of Georgetown have placed severe strain and pressures on the drainage systems. In addition the heavy siltation of canals, the dumping of refuse and various other kinds of items which block drains, the lack of maintenance of the outfall channels have all led to poor drainage of the city;

AND WHEREAS refuse collection and disposal have reached a critical point where large amounts of garbage are being dumped on street corners, open spaces and canals, creating public nuisance and health hazards;

AND WHEREAS many construction sites continue to block drains and dispose of waste on city parapets and in many instances create stagnant pools of water that encourage the breeding of mosquitoes;

AND WHEREAS the Georgetown City Council is unable to carry out its mandate as prescribed in the Municipal and District Councils Act of 1969 and the Local Democratic Organs Act of 1980, due to the severe under-collection of taxes, rents and fees as well as the miserly subvention received from Central Government,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly of the Parliament of Guyana commits its support towards the restoration of our Capital City, Georgetown;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly calls upon the Government to:

- (i) Utilize every machinery, work force, and agencies at its disposal and command in conjunction with the Georgetown City Council, Members of the National

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Assembly, the business and commercial sector, NGOs, Clubs and citizens in the removal of garbage, abandoned vehicles and builders waste as well as the de-siltation of canals and alleyways over the next three (3) months in an effort to “Restore Georgetown to the Garden City of the Caribbean”; and

- (ii) That the Government establishes a Committee consisting of Members of Parliament, Officials of the Georgetown City Council, Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development and the Ministry of Transport and Hydraulics to monitor the progress of the restoration of Georgetown and report to the National Assembly within four (4) months of the establishment of the Committee.

(Notice Paper No. 135 (M 58 Opp.35) published on 2013-01-22)

*14. **THE APPOINTMENT OF A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY TO INVESTIGATE THE INCIDENCE OF CRIMINAL VIOLENCE FROM 2004 TO 2010 IN GUYANA**

Brig. (Ret'd) David Granger, M.S.S., M.P., Leader of the Opposition, to move the following motion:

WHEREAS, Article 138(1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Guyana prescribes that no person shall be deprived of his life intentionally save in the execution of the sentence of a court in respect of an offence under the Laws of Guyana of which he has been convicted;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the Commission of Inquiry Act, Chapter 19:03, “The President may issue a commission appointing one or more commissioners and authorizing such commissioner or commissioners to inquire into any matter in which an inquiry would, in the opinion of the President, be for the public welfare”;

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

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AND WHEREAS this country has witnessed a pattern of unlawful killing of undetermined numbers of persons – including assassinations; executions; murders; extra-judicial killings by members of the Guyana Police Force Target Special Squad and other forms of criminal violence in Guyana during a period of ‘troubles’ on the East Coast and East Bank of Demerara and elsewhere – which were harmful to the public welfare;

AND WHEREAS several of these killings have been of a deliberate and systematic nature – particularly those which occurred at Agricola; Bartica; Buxton; Eccles; Lindo Creek; Lusignan and Bel Air, Bourda and Kitty in Georgetown – which can be classified as massacres and have engendered alarm and despondency among the population;

AND WHEREAS some killings involved members of the Guyana Police Force, the Guyana Defence Force and unidentified criminal gangs in which gangsters were equipped with a variety of electronic ‘eavesdropping’ equipment, weapons and vehicles that were provided with assistance and support by members of the Guyana Police Force;

AND WHEREAS commissions of inquiry and coroners’ inquests have not been conducted into some unnatural deaths and criminal investigation reports by the Guyana Police Force, with regard to the most egregious of these crimes, have often been inconclusive;

AND WHEREAS the National Assembly is the supreme legislative forum of our Republic wherein the people’s elected representatives discuss and determine matters of national interest and which is obliged to consider the grave threats to the public welfare and public security which prevailed during the aforesaid period of the ‘troubles’ and which remain substantially uninvestigated,

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BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly condemns the killing of citizens of Guyana which occurred during the period of the 'troubles' and expresses its concern that commissions of inquiry have not been convened to investigate the unlawful killings, including the assassination of a Minister of the Government in April, 2006, on the East Coast of Demerara;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly calls upon the President of Guyana, in accordance with the Commission of Inquiry Act, Chapter 19:03, to appoint a Commission of Inquiry to inquire into the unlawful killing of citizens during the years 2004 to 2010.

(Notice Paper No. 112 (M47 Opp 29) published on 2012-12-12)

*15. **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.

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

***16. 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 –

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.

***17. 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;

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

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;

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)

BILL – Committee and Third Reading

***18. 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)

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

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8th March, 2013.