

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 60TH 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, 18TH JULY, 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-

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PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS-

(1) By the Minister of Home Affairs:

The Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2013 – No. 3 of 2013.

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(2) By the Minister of Finance:

- (i) Annual Report of the National Industrial and Commercial Investments Ltd. for the year ended 31st December, 2006.

(To be Circulated)

- (ii) Audited Financial Statements of the Mahdia Power and Light Company Inc. for the year ended 31st December, 2011.

(To be Circulated)

(3) By the Minister of Labour:

Annual Report of the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund Committee for the year 2011.

(To be Circulated)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES-

By Mr. Basil Williams, M.P. (Chairman of the Special Select Committee of the Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2012; the Local Government Commission Bill 2012; the Municipal and District Councils (Amendment) Bill 2012 and the Fiscal Transfers Bill 2012):

- (i) Report of the Special Select Committee on the Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2012 – Bill No. 12/2012.

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- (ii) Report of the Special Select Committee on the Local Government Commission Bill 2012 – Bill No. 13/2012.

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- (iii) Report of the Special Select Committee on the Municipal and District Councils (Amendment) Bill 2012 – Bill No. 19/2012.

(Circulated)

- (iv) Report of the Special Select Committee on the Fiscal Transfers Bill 2012 – Bill No. 20/2012.

(Circulated)

ORAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

For Written Replies

1. **AGREEMENT/CONTRACT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA AND TELEVISION GUYANA INC.(TVG)**

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

- (i) Can the Hon. Minister provide copy(s) of the Agreement/Contract between the Government of Guyana and Television Guyana Inc. (TVG) for the use of TVG's teleport/transmission facilities to broadcast the Learning Channel?
- (ii) Can the Hon. Minister state when the tender for the provision of this service was advertised and in which media?
- (iii) How much money has been paid over to Television Guyana Inc. (TVG) to date for the provision of these services?

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- (iv) What is the duration of this contract/contractual arrangement – yearly, monthly or indefinite?
- (v) How many persons are employed by the Learning Channel and from which communities are they?
- (vi) Does the Learning Channel (the Company) possess its own satellite receivers/dishes?
 - (a) If yes, in which geographical location/communities are they located?
 - (b) If yes, when were these purchased? From whom were they purchase and at what cost? Would the Hon. Minister provide copies of such Purchase Agreements?
- (vii) How many antennas does the Learning Channel utilise and in what geographical areas?
- (viii) In what geographical areas does the Learning Channel utilise the equipment of Digicel, GT&T or any other network for the broadcast of its programming?

(Notice Paper No.188 (Q 114 Opp 112) published on 2013-06-06)

2. MARITIME NAVIGATION LIGHTS

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Public Works

- (i) Could the Hon. Minister confirm that the Maritime Navigation Lights from the Georgetown Light House will be placed on top of the Hotel under construction on the Northern side of the present Light House?

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- (ii) If this is so, could the Hon. Minister provide the National Assembly with the contract detailing the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the date when the change will take place?

(Notice Paper No.189 (Q 115 Opp 113) published on 2013-06-06)

3. **DEATHS WHICH OCCURRED AT GOVERNMENT-FUNDED DORMITORIES/HOSTELS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE HINTERLAND REGIONS**

Member Asking: Brig. (Ret'd) David Granger, M.S.S., M.P.,
Leader of the Opposition

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

- (i) Could the Hon. Minister inform the National Assembly of the names of persons who have died by suicide or other causes in Government-Funded Dormitories/Hostels attached to Secondary Schools in the Hinterland Regions of Guyana between January, 1999 and April, 2013?
- (ii) Could the Hon. Minister inform the National Assembly of the actual dates, the names of the schools of each of these events?
- (iii) Could the Hon. Minister inform the National Assembly whether inquiries have been conducted into any or all of these events and whether, as a result of the findings of those inquiries, if any, there has been remedial action to prevent recurrences?

(Notice Paper No.190 (Q 116 Opp 114) published on 2013-06-06)

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4. **DEATHS AS A RESULT OF MARITIME ACCIDENTS**

Member Asking: Brig. (Ret'd) David Granger, M.S.S., M.P.,
Leader of the Opposition

Minister Answering: The Minister of Public Works

- (i) Could the Hon. Minister inform the National Assembly of the names of persons who have been killed in the rivers and coastal waters of Guyana as a result of accidental collisions involving vessels, river boats, etc., between January, 1999 and April, 2013?
- (ii) Could the Hon. Minister inform the National Assembly of the actual dates, the names of the rivers and nearest locations of each of these events and the names and owners of the vessels, etc., involved?
- (iii) Could the Hon. Minister inform the National Assembly whether inquiries have been conducted into any or all of these events and whether, as a result of the findings of those inquiries, if any, there has been criminal prosecution of persons found to be blameworthy and, if so, what were the outcomes of such prosecution?

(Notice Paper No.191 (Q 117 Opp 115) published on 2013-06-06)

5. **DEATHS AS A RESULT OF DISEASES IN THE BARIMA-WAINI REGION**

Member Asking: Brig. (Ret'd) David Granger, M.S.S., M.P.,
Leader of the Opposition

Minister Answering: The Minister of Health

- (i) Could the Hon. Minister inform the National Assembly of the names and ages of persons who have died as a result of gastro-enteritis or of similar or related diseases, infections, etc., in the Barima-Waini Region, between January, 1999 to April, 2013?

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- (ii) Could the Hon. Minister inform the National Assembly of the actual dates, the names of the locations where each of these deaths occurred and the names and locations of the hospitals, medical treatment centres, etc., at which those persons were treated, if known?
- (iii) Could the Hon. Minister inform the National Assembly whether inquiries has been conducted into any or all of these deaths and whether as a result of the findings of those inquiries, if any, administrative or other action has been taken to prevent recurrences of such deaths?

(Notice Paper No.192 (Q 118 Opp 116) published on 2013-06-06)

6. DEATHS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED “IN A SUDDEN, VIOLENT OR UNNATURAL MANNER” IN GUYANA

**Member Asking: Brig. (Ret’d) David Granger, M.S.S., M.P.,
Leader of the Opposition**

Minister Answering: The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

- (i) Could the Hon. Minister inform the National Assembly of the names of persons into whose deaths inquests have been conducted in accordance with the Coroners Act, Ch. 4:03 of the Laws of Guyana between January, 1999 to April, 2013?
- (ii) Could the Hon. Minister inform the National Assembly of the actual dates, the names of the Magistrates or Coroners and the locations of the Courts at which each of these inquests was conducted?

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- (iii) Could the Hon. Minister inform the National Assembly whether, as a result of these inquests into “unnatural deaths” as defined by the Coroners Act, there have been criminal prosecutions of persons found to be blameworthy and, if so, what were the outcomes of such prosecutions?

(Notice Paper No.193 (Q 119 Opp 117) published on 2013-06-06)

7. **DEATHS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF ANY ACCIDENTS OR DISEASES IN THE COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT IN GUYANA**

Member Asking: Brig. (Ret’d) David Granger, M.S.S., M.P.,
Leader of the Opposition

Minister Answering: The Minister of Labour

- (i) Could the Hon. Minister inform the National Assembly of the names of persons whose deaths have occurred as a result of any accidents or diseases “arising out of and in the course of... employment” and whether inquests or investigations have been conducted in accordance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act, Ch. 99:10 of the Laws of Guyana between January, 1999 and April, 2013?
- (ii) Could the Hon. Minister inform the National Assembly of the actual dates, the names of the Magistrates, Coroners or other “competent persons” appointed by the Minister in accordance with the Act and the locations of the Courts or other places at which each of these inquests, etc., was conducted?

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- (iii) Could the Hon. Minister inform the National Assembly whether, as a result of these inquests, etc., into the deaths of workers which occurred as a result of accidents and diseases “arising out of and in the course of... employment” as defined by the Occupational Health and Safety Act, there have been criminal prosecutions of persons found to be blameworthy and, if so, what were the outcomes of such prosecutions?

(Notice Paper No.194 (Q 120 Opp 118) published on 2013-06-06)

8. CONSTRUCTION OF A WALK-THROUGH AQUARIUM

Member Asking: Mr. Christopher Jones, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport

The Hon. Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport in his Budget Speech for 2012 stated –

“The construction of a walk-through Aquarium at the National Museum to showcase the bio-diversity of our aquatic life forms”.

Could the Hon. Minister inform the Assembly whether the construction of this walk-through Aquarium has been completed and if not, why not?

(Notice Paper No.198 (Q 121 Opp. 119) published on 2013-06-25)

9. GRANTS TO 87 GROUNDS/COMMUNITIES

Member Asking: Mr. Christopher Jones, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport

The Hon. Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport during consideration of the 2013 Budget Estimates spoke about Grants to 87 grounds/communities.

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Could the Hon. Minister provide the Assembly with a list of the 87 grounds/communities, which applied for grants and were granted, and the amounts that were granted?

(Notice Paper No.199 (Q 122 Opp. 120) published on 2013-06-25)

10. START OF PREPARATIONS OF TWO (2) IMPORTANT MILESTONES ON THE NATION'S CALENDAR

Member Asking: Mr. Christopher Jones, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport

The Hon. Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport in his Budget Speech for 2012 stated and I quote-
“This year also, we will start preparations for two important milestones on the Nation’s Calendar. In 2013 it would mark 250 years since the historic slave uprising in Berbice, regarded as one of the earliest uprising in the Western Hemisphere”

- (a) Could the Hon. Minister inform this Assembly what plans are in place to celebrate these 250 years of the Berbice slave uprising?
- (b) Could the Hon. Minister name the organisation/s that formed part of the Committee, if any?

(Notice Paper No.200 (Q 123 Opp. 121) published on 2013-06-25)

11. REHABILITATION OF 1763 MONUMENT SITE

Member Asking: Mr. Christopher Jones, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport

The Hon. Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport in his Budget Speech 2012 stated –

“We will complete the rehabilitation of the 1763 Monument site, the restoration of the fountain and lights to enhance the beauty of this site.”

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Could the Hon. Minister inform this Assembly whether all rehabilitation works have been completed in order to enhance the beauty of this site and if not, whether this will be completed to coincide with the 250 years milestone?

(Notice Paper No.201 (Q 124 Opp. 122) published on 2013-06-25)

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS, INCLUDING POLICY STATEMENTS-

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

(i) PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

MOTION

1. **APPOINTMENT OF A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY TO INVESTIGATE THE INCIDENCE OF MARITIME AND RIVERINE INCIDENTS, INJURIES AND DEATHS**

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

WHEREAS the Constitution of the Co-operative of Guyana prescribes at Article 40(1) that "Every person in Guyana is entitled to the basic right to a happy, creative and productive life, free from hunger, ignorance and want;"

AND WHEREAS several persons have been robbed of their potentially “happy, creative and productive” lives by suffering injury, pain and discomfort; by being killed, or losing personal possessions and property as a result of accidents caused by negligence or as a result of deliberate acts on this country’s waterways or coastal waters;

AND WHEREAS it is apparent that riverine traffic is increasing in volume, composition and complexity; that there is competing use of the waterways between riverine villagers who are obliged to rely on boats, sometimes canoes, corials and balahoos to go about their daily lives and other users including barges and tugs carrying commodities and other vessels involved in trade;

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 authorising 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,”

BE IT RESOVLED:

That the National Assembly declares its concern over the incidence of maritime and riverine incidents, especially those which result in the loss of human life; expresses its sympathy with the victims – and to the families of the victims – of maritime and riverine accidents and asserts the responsibility of the State to protect all of its citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly calls upon the President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, in accordance with the Commission of Inquiry Act, Chapter 19:03, to appoint

a Commission of Inquiry to inquire into maritime and riverine incidents which have occurred since 1st January, 1999, to determine the extent of such incidents and to make recommendations for safe travel and the protection of life on this country's waterways and coastal waters.

(Notice Paper No. 197 (M 77 Opp.47) published on 2013-06-24)

BILLS – Second Reading

- *2. **THE MARRIED PERSONS (PROPERTY) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 9 of 2013 published on 2013-06-14**

Mrs. Deborah Backer, M.P. to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled AN ACT to amend the Married Persons (Property) Act.

(Read a first time on 2013-06-13)

MOTION

- *3. **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;

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

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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”;

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)

*4. **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;

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

16.

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,

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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)

*5. **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.

*6. **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**

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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.

BILL – Committee and Third Reading

***7. 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)

(ii) GOVERNMENT'S BUSINESS

BILLS – Second Readings

8. HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013 – Bill No.15/2013 published on 2013-06-13

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

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Hydro-Electric Power Act.

(Read a first time on 2013-06-13)

MOTION

9. **LIMIT ON AMOUNT OUTSTANDING UNDER GUARANTEES GIVEN UNDER THE GUARANTEE OF LOANS (PUBLIC CORPORATIONS AND COMPANIES) ACT**

The Minister of Finance to move the following motion:

WHEREAS in accordance with Section 3(1) of the Guarantee of Loans (Public Corporations and Companies) Act, Chapter 77:01, the Government may in such manner and on such terms and subject to such conditions as may be agreed between it and a lending agency –

- (a) Guarantee the discharge by a Corporation of its obligations under any agreement which may be entered into by the Corporation with a lending agency in respect of any borrowing by that Corporation that is authorised by the Government;
- (b) Assume such other obligation as may be agreed between the Government and a lending agency in relation to or pursuant to any such agreement;
- (c) Undertake the repayment to a lending agency of such sums as the lending agency may have advanced to or for the benefit of the Government;

AND WHEREAS it is provided under Section 2(2) of the aforesaid Act that, for the purposes of the Act, a borrowing by a Corporation shall be deemed to include the obligation of the Corporation to make payments to any person arising out of any contract lawfully entered into by the Corporation;

AND WHEREAS it is provided under Section 4(1) of the aforesaid Act that the aggregate amount of the liability of the Government in respect of guarantees given under Section 3 of the Act shall not at any time exceed the sum of one thousand million dollars or such greater sum as may from time to time be specified by the Resolution of the National Assembly;

AND WHEREAS it has become necessary to specify in accordance with the said Section 4(1) a greater sum for the purpose of enabling the aggregate amount of the liability of the Government in respect of guarantees to be increased due to the extended activities of those incorporated bodies to which the Act applies in accordance with the country's development programme,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approve that the aggregate amount of the liability of the Government under Section 4(1) of the Guarantee of Loans (Public Corporations and Companies) Act, in respect of guarantees given under Section 3 of the Act, shall not at any time exceed the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand million dollars.

(Notice Paper No. 195 (M 75 Govt. 25) published on 2013-06-13)

BILLS – Second Readings

10. LAND SURVEYORS (PROFESSION) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 16/2013 published on 2013-06-26

The Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to make provision for the establishment of a Board of Land Surveyors, the registration and licensing of land surveyors, the regulation of the practice of land surveying and for connected matters.

(Read a first time on 2013-06-27)

11. **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 Bill:

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)

12. **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)

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

The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development to move the second reading of the following Bill, which was referred to a Special Select Committee:

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)

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

The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development to move the second reading of the following Bill, which was referred to a Special Select Committee:

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)

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

The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development to move the second reading of the following Bill, which was referred to a Special Select Committee:

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)

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

The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development to move the second reading of the following Bill, which was referred to a Special Select Committee:

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)

MOTION

***17. 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**

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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 Reading, Committee and Third Reading

***18. 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 Readings

- *19. **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)

- *20. **ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING AND COUNTERING THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 12/2013 published on 2013-04-22**

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 Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Act.

(Read a first time on 2013-04-22)

(Read a second time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2013-05-07)

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

(iii) **COMMITTEES BUSINESS**

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