

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
ORDER PAPER
FOR THE 21ST SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION
(1998-1999) OF THE SEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON WEDNESDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY, 1999
IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, 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, ETC.-

By the Minister of Local Government:

Annual Report of the Ministry of Local Government and
Regional Development for the year 1997.

(Circulated)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS-

No. 15 - VIABILITY OF THE GUYANA NATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Mr. Dunstan Barrow to ask the Minister of Finance the following question:

*Would the Minister of Finance bring us up-to-date on his Government's strategy and plans for making the Guyana National Co-operative Bank (GNCB) viable?

(Notice Paper No. 32 (Q15 Opp15) published 17.12.98).

No. 16 - COMPUTERISATION OF GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Mr. Dunstan Barrow to ask the Minister of Information the following question:

*Would the Minister of Information tell us how many Ministries have computerised their operations and what steps has the Government taken to bring those Ministries up-to-date with the year 2000 (Y2K) compliance?

(Notice Paper No. 33 (Q16 Opp 16) published 17.12.98)

No. 17 - GUYANA AIRWAYS CORPORATION

Mr. Dunstan Barrow to ask the Minister of Trade, Tourism and Industry the following question:

*Would the Minister of Trade, Tourism and Industry outline to us the Mission Statement of the Guyana Airways Corporation (GAC) as well as that corporation's objectives for the year 1998 and the Government's strategies and plans for making the GAC a viable entity?

(Notice Paper No. 34 (Q17 Opp17) published 17.12.98)

No. 18 - ESTABLISHMENT OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH UNITS

Miss Jean Persico to ask the Minister of Health and Labour the following question:

Would the Minister of Health and Labour say what plans his Ministry has to ensure that all agencies and institutions establish Occupational Safety and Health Units at the workplace, in the shortest possible time?

(Notice Paper No. 36 (Q19 Opp19) published 17.12.98)

No. 19 - AMBULANCE SERVICE

Dr. Rupert Roopnaraine to ask the Minister of Health and Labour the following question:

Will the Minister of Health and Labour say how many ambulances the Ministry provides, what is the condition of each ambulance, including its facilities for patient safety and survival and whether each is served by a driver trained for such service?

(Notice Paper No. 37(Q20 Opp20) published 17.12.98)

No. 20 - HEADQUARTERS OF INTEGRITY COMMISSION

Dr. Rupert Roopnaraine to ask the Minister of Finance the following question:
Did the Integrity Commission express a desire to have its headquarters under Section 8 of the Act at the Office of the President?

(Notice Paper No. 38 (Q21 Opp1) published 17.12.98)

No. 21 - PRIMARY EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Dr. Rupert Roopnaraine to ask the Minister of Finance the following questions:

- (i) How much was paid in consultants' fees, and in each case for what purpose, under the Primary Education Improvement Project in respect of each year from the start of the Project to the year ending December 31, 1997?
- (ii) Will the Minister in answering list the firms receiving payments and the amounts received by each in respect of each year separately?

(Notice Paper No. 39 (Q22 Opp22) published 17.12.98)

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS-

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS-

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE-

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND MOVED BY A MINISTER-

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS-

Presentation and First Reading

- (1) **TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING BILL 1999 - Bill No. 3/1999**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the promotion of technical and vocational education and training, and for purposes connected therewith.

- (2) **CORPORATIONS (PROVISION FOR CONVERSION INTO PUBLIC COMPANIES) BILL 1999 - Bill No. 4/1999**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to make provision for converting corporations under the Public Corporations Act 1988 into public companies and for matters connected therewith.

- (3) **SUMMARY JURISDICTION (LAY MAGISTRATES) BULL 1999 - Bill No. 5/1999**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:

A BILL to intituled AN ACT for the constitution of lay magistrates' courts; for the appointment of lay magistrates; for the regulation of their jurisdiction, practice and procedure and for other like purposes.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

1. **JURISDICTION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Mr. H. Desmond Hoyte to move the following motion:

WHEREAS under our Constitution of Guyana the Attorney General has no jurisdiction whatsoever in criminal matters;

AND WHEREAS under the said Constitution the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions is autonomous and insulated from political direction;

AND WHEREAS on the 29th day of June, 1998, the Attorney General wrongly and unlawfully directed the Deputy Solicitor General to prepare a Notice of Appeal in relation to a matter arising out of a criminal case heard by a Magistrate in the Georgetown Judicial District;

AND WHEREAS the Attorney General improperly and unlawfully directed the Acting Director of Public Prosecutions to sign the said Notice of Appeal:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly rebuke the Attorney General for-

- (a) unlawfully interfering in a matter which he had no jurisdiction and to which he was not a party, and
- (b) giving unlawful directions to the Acting Director of Public Prosecutions.

(Notice Paper No. 30 (M16 Opp4) published 30.11.98)

2. **RECONSTITUTION OF PUBLIC SERVICE APPELLATE TRIBUNAL**

Mr. H. Desmond Hoyte to move the following motion:

Whereas the Public Service Appellate Tribunal Act of 1984 provides for the establishment of a Tribunal to enable aggrieved Public Servants to appeal against decisions which they consider to be wrong or unfair;

AND WHEREAS the said Tribunal has not been constituted since August 24, 1995:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly recommend that the Public Service Appellate Tribunal be reconstituted forthwith.

(Notice Paper No. 29 (M15 Qpp3) published 30.11.98)

BILLS - Second Reading

3. **DEEDS REGISTRY AUTHORITY BILL 1998 - Bill No. 26/1998 published 30.11.98**

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

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

(Read a first time on 30.11.98)

*4. **MONEY LAUNDERING (PREVENTION) BILL 1998 - Bill No. 10/1998 published 10.10.98**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the prevention of money laundering and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Read a first time on 29.10.98)

*5. **NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES (CONTROL) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1999 - Bill No. 2/1999**

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 Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Control) Act 1988.

(Read a first time on 11.1.99)

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

*6. **PESTICIDES AND TOXIC CHEMICALS CONTROL BILL 1998 -**
Bill No. 12/1998 published 15.10.98

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to regulate the manufacture, importation, transportation, storage, sale, use and disposal of pesticides and toxic chemicals, and to provide for the establishment of the Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals Control Board, and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Read a first time on 29.10.98)

(Read a second time and committed to a Select Committee on 30.11.98)

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22nd January, 1999

* Not to be proceeded with at this sitting.