

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 23RD SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND
SESSION (1990) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON WEDNESDAY, 11TH JULY, 1990

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PRAYERS -

OATHS -

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT -

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER -

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS -

Private Bills

(i) By Cde. K.B. Bancroft:

Petition on behalf of the Guyana and Trinidad Mutual Life Insurance Company Limited, seeking to have introduced in the Assembly a Private Bill to amend the Guyana and Trinidad Mutual Life Insurance Company Ordinance, Chapter 209 (1953 Edition).

(ii) By Cde. K.B. Bancroft:

Petition on behalf of the Guyana and Trinidad Mutual Fire Insurance Company Limited, seeking to have introduced in the Assembly a Private Bill to amend the Guyana and Trinidad Mutual Fire Insurance Company Ordinance, Chapter 210 (1953 Edition).

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.-

(1) By the Minister of Trade and Tourism:

Annual Report of the Ministry of Trade and Tourism for the year 1989.

(Circulated)

(2) By the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee:

- (i) Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Public Accounts of Guyana for the years 1968 and 1969.

(Circulated)

- (ii) Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Public Accounts of Guyana for the years 1970 to 1974. X

(Circulated)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS, -

No. 4 - INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION TO ABANDON ASCENSION COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING, ETC.

Mr. E. Kwayana to ask the Prime Minister the following question:

QUESTION: Will the Prime Minister disclose to Parliament his involvement in a decision to abandon the present Ascension Community High School building, allow the proprietor of Demerara Ice Factory to build a new school on the site of a landfill and to use the grounds of the present school to sink a well and build a cold room and food factory?

(Notice Paper No. 11 (Q4 Opp 4) published 1990-03-16)

No. 5 - FLOODING AT DOORN HAAG, LEGUAN

Cde. H. Nokta to ask the Minister of Regional Development the following question:

QUESTION: (i) Is the Minister aware that a faulty koker at Doorn Haag, Leguan, has been the cause of flooding of housing and farming plots during high tides, and that nothing has been done to remedy the situation despite repeated requests by the residents?

(ii) If the Minister is aware of the situation, will the Minister say how soon remedial works will be carried out to prevent further flooding?

(Notice Paper No. 13(Q5 Opp 5) published 1990-03-16)

No. 6 - CONDITION OF ROAD FROM NEW AMSTERDAM FERRY STELLING

Cde. H. Nokta to ask the Minister of Regional Development the following question:

QUESTION: Is the Minister aware that the roadway from the N/A Ferry Stelling to the town is in a deplorable condition for pedestrians and vehicular traffic alike; especially when rain falls, and will he say how soon will work to convert it into an all-weather roadway commence?

(Notice Paper No. 14(Q6 Opp 6) published 1990-03-16)

No. 7 - IMPORTATION, COSTS AND AVAILABILITY OF BUSES

Cde. H. Nokta to ask the Minister of Communications and Works the following question:

- QUESTION: (i) Will the Minister say how many buses were imported by the Government over the period 1980 to December 1989, and at what cost?
- (ii) Will the Minister also say how many of these vehicles are still in service and how many more could be put back on the road if spare parts are available?

(Notice Paper No. 15 (Q7 Opp 7) published 1990-03-16)

No. 8 - CONDITION OF MV TORANI

Cde. H. Nokta to ask the Minister of Communications and Works the following Question:

- QUESTION: (i) Is the Minister aware that the MV Torani which serves the New Amsterdam/Rosignol ferry has broken down frequently through engine trouble?
- (ii) If so, will he say what action has been taken to eliminate the inconvenience suffered by commuters and losses by farmers and businessmen using the service?

(Notice Paper No. 16 (Q8 Opp 8) published 1990-03-16)

No. 9 - OCCUPANCY OF BOND AT T. & H.D. STELLING AT KUMAKA, NWD

Cde. H. Nokta to ask the Minister of Communications and Works the following question:

- QUESTION: (i) Will the Minister say who is the businessman now occupying the bond in the Transport and Harbours stelling at Kumaka, North West District? How long has he been occupying it and for what purpose or purposes?
- (ii) Will the Minister also say whether the person is paying a rent for such occupation and if so, how much; and also, who authorised and fixed the rental and to whom it is paid?

(Notice Paper No. 17 (Q9 Opp 9) published 1990-03-16)

No. 10 - OVERSEAS TRIPS MADE BY HEAD OF D.I.E.C.

Mr. E. Kwayana to ask the Prime Minister the following question:

- QUESTION: (i) How many trips out of Guyana were made in the year 1988 and the year 1989 by the Head of the Department of International Economic Co-operation?
- (ii) What was the cost to the Government of Guyana of each trip?
- (iii) What is the breakdown of the expenses?
- (iv) What was the purpose of each trip?

(Notice Paper No. 20 (Q10 Opp 10) published 1990-03-19)

No. 11 - FOREIGN VISITS MADE BY PRESIDENT

Mr. K. Kwayana to ask the Minister of Finance, the following question:

- QUESTION: (i) How many foreign visits were made by President Hoyte in his official capacity from January 1st 1986 to December 1989?
- (ii) If any visit or visits were not paid for by the Guyana Government please say what Government or Organisation paid the travel and other expenses of the trip.
- (iii) What is the cost of Presidential visits to the Treasury in the year 1988 and the year 1989?
- (Notice Paper No. 21 (Q11 Opp 11) published 1990-03-19)

No. 12 - OVERSEAS ALLOWANCES PAID

Mr. E. Kwayana to ask the Minister of Finance, the following question:

- QUESTION: What is the allowance per day allocated to -
- (a) a senior public servant
- (b) a Minister
- on official visits to:
- (i) the Caribbean
- (ii) North America
- (iii) Western Europe
- (iv) Eastern Europe
- (v) China
- (vi) South America

(Notice Paper No. 22 (Q12 Opp 12) published 1990-03-19)

No. 13 - DECLARATION OF PATZCUARO

Mr. E. Kwayana to ask the Minister of Regional Development the following question:

- QUESTION: Will the Minister make a statement on the July 1980 Declaration of Patzcuaro on the Right to Language in respect of all, or some, of the indigenous citizens of Guyana?

(Notice Paper No. 23 (Q13 Opp 13) published 1990-03-19)

No. 14 - FORM OF EXISTENCE OF NATIONAL GUARD SERVICE

Mr. E. Kwayana to ask the Minister of Home Affairs the following question:

QUESTION: In the light of the participation of the National Guard Service in the Joint Services Course sponsored by the Guyana National Service, and remarks by the Commissioner of Police in which the NGS was directly named, will the Minister tell the National Assembly whether the National Guard Service is -

- (a) one of the joint services;
- (b) if it is a member of the joint services, whether it is a reserve of the GDF;
- (c) if it is not a member of the joint services, whether it has a form of corporate existence and if so what form?

(Notice Paper No. 24 (Q14 Opp 14) published 1990-03-19)

No. 15 - POST OF COMMISSIONER OF NATIONAL REGISTRATION

Mr. E. Kwayana to ask the Minister of Home Affairs the following question:

QUESTION: (i) Was the post of Commissioner of National Registration advertised when it fell vacant in 1986?

- (ii) If it was advertised, how many persons applied for the post?
- (iii) If it was not advertised, how was the new Commissioner selected?
- (iv) Who was the officer who was Deputy Commissioner during the time Mr. Hammond held office?
- (v) What was the new Commissioner's job experience and what was his job just before becoming Commissioner?

(Notice Paper No. 25 (Q15 Opp 15) published 1990-03-19)

No. 16 - HEAD AND SUBHEAD OF 1985 ELECTIONS EXPENDITURE

Mr. E. Kwayana to ask the Minister of Home Affairs the following question:

QUESTION: (i) Under what Head and Sub-Head were -

- (a) salaries of elections officers, and
- (b) other expenses

- of the 1985 General and Regional Elections

(ii) What was the total sum involved?

(Notice Paper No. 26 (Q16 Opp 16) published 1990-03-19)

No. 17 - INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR REYNOLDS GUYANA MINES LTD. WORKERS,

Mr. E. Kwayana to ask the Prime Minister the following question:

QUESTION: (i) What is the present status of Group Policy No. 2003 held by Reynolds Guyana Mines Ltd issued February 5, 1973 by American Life Insurance Company regarding its employees in Guyana, that is, did any successor institution become the policy holder?

(ii) How were the benefits due to workers affected by the nationalisation of Reynolds?

(iii) Have any benefits yet been paid out under the policy?

(Notice Paper No. 35 (Q17 Opp 17) published 1990-04-05)

No. 18 - GENERAL ELECTIONS REPORTS - 1980 & 1985

Cde. C.C. Collymore to ask the Minister of Home Affairs, the following question:

QUESTION: Can the Minister say when the Reports on the 1980 and 1985 General Elections will be laid in the National Assembly?

(Notice Paper No. 39(Q 18 Opp 18) published 1990-06-18)

No. 19 - AGREEMENT WITH S.G. WARBURG

Mr. E. Kwayana to ask the Minister of Finance, the following question:

QUESTION: (i) Will the Minister state the details of the Agreement under which S.G. Warburg advises the Government?

(Notice Paper No. 44 (Q19 Opp 19) published 1990-06-08)

No. 20 - DOCTORS EMPLOYED BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Cde. Janet Jagan, to ask the Prime Minister the following question:

*QUESTION: (i) Could the Prime Minister state the ratio between Guyanese-born and foreign-born doctors?

(ii) How many Guyanese-born doctors employed by the Ministry of Health have entered the service in the period since January, 1989?

(iii) How many have left?

(Notice Paper No. 46 (Q20 Opp 20) published 1990-06-08)

No. 21 - NURSES IN THE MEDICAL SERVICES

Cde. Janet Jagan to ask the Prime Minister the following question:

- *QUESTION: (i) Could the Prime Minister state the number of nurses who have left the medical services during the year 1989?
- (ii) How many new recruits have been employed?
- (iii) How many nurses have completed training since January, 1989?

(Notice Paper No. 47 (Q21 Opp 21) published 1990-06-08)

No. 22 - DRUGS AT PUBLIC HOSPITALS

Cde. Janet Jagan to ask the Prime Minister the following question:

- *QUESTION: (i) Will the Prime Minister say if there has been a shortage of urgently needed injectible drugs in the public hospitals to deal with hypertension, infections and diabetes?
- (ii) What is the rate of post operative infections in the public hospitals?
- (iii) Have there been maternity deaths due to lack of injectible hypertensive drugs?

(Notice Paper No. 48 (Q22 Opp 22) published 1990-06-08)

No. 23 - UG GRADUATES WITH DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION

Cde. S.F. Mohamed to ask the Minister of Education the following question:

- *QUESTION: Will the Minister say -
- (i) how many persons have graduated from the University of Guyana between the period January, 1985 and December, 1989 with the Diploma in Education?
- (ii) how many of these graduates are currently employed by the Ministry of Education?

(Notice Paper No. 53 (Q27 Opp 27) published 1990-06-08)

No. 24 - QUALIFICATIONS OF TEACHERS

Cde. S.F. Mohamed to ask the Minister of Education the following question:

- *QUESTION: What percentage of the total number of teachers in the Education System are the holders of -
- (a) a Trained Teacher's Certificate
- (b) a Degree in Education
- (c) a Diploma in Education?

(Notice Paper No. 54 (Q28 Opp 28) published 1990-06-08)

No. 25 - LABORATORIES IN SCHOOLS

Cde. S.F. Mohamed to ask the Minister of Education the following question:

*QUESTION: Will the Minister say whether in the agreements reached with overseas agencies provision has been made for assistance in equipment and essential supplies which are necessary for the effective functioning of Schools' laboratories.

(Notice Paper No. 55 (Q29 Opp 29) published 1990-06-00)

No. 26 - PASSING OF TRANSPORTS IN NORTH HASLINGTON

Mr. E. Kwayana to ask the Prime Minister the following question:

QUESTION: (i) What steps, if any, is Government taking to pass transports to individual owners in North Haslington in Region 4?

(ii) Is the Prime Minister aware that many residents cannot go ahead with their small investment plans because of lack of security?

(iii) Does the Prime Minister agree that failure to pass transports without delay can hinder the improvement of the particular households?

(Notice Paper No. 56 (Q30 Opp 30) published 1990-06-08)

No. 27 - RICE LANDS AT NO. 48 VILLAGE

Mr. E. Kwayana to ask the Minister of Agriculture the following question:

*QUESTION: (i) Is the Minister aware that hundreds of acres of rice lands at No. 48 Village, Eastern Berbice, have been left idle because farmers have no access to the back lands?

(ii) Will the Minister take steps to see that the Regional agricultural authorities attend to this problem so that rice cultivation can be resumed?

(Notice Paper No. 57 (Q31 Opp 31) published 1990-06-08)

No. 28 - RICE CULTIVATION IN NO. 51 VILLAGE

Mr. E. Kwayana to ask the Minister of Agriculture the following question:

*QUESTION: (i) What are the reasons for the decline of rice cultivation in the No. 51 Village area, Eastern Berbice, over the last five years?

(ii) Does the Minister agree with farmers who complain that poor maintenance of kokers and other drainage and irrigation works is responsible?

(Notice Paper No. 58 (Q32 Opp 32) published 1990-06-08)

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 SITTING OF THE ASSEMBLY AND MOVED BY A MINISTER -

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

1. ACCOMMODATION AND STAFF FOR MINORITY LEADER

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud to move the following motion:

WHEREAS under paragraph (1) of article 110 of the Constitution provision is made for an office of Minority Leader;

AND WHEREAS for a number of years premises, adequate staff and other basic facilities have not been provided for the Office of the Minority Leader which is tantamount to a breach of the spirit and letter of the Constitution:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of the provision of premises, staff and all facilities to permit the Office of the Minority Leader to function in consonance with the Constitution and calls up on the Government to give effect to this resolution.

(Notice Paper No. 27 (M11 Opp 5) published 1990-03-21)

2. CHAIRMAN OF ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly calls upon the President to remove the current Chairman of the Elections Commission and to fill the vacancy created thereby by a person after consultation with all political parties and with agreement of all parties represented in the National Assembly.

(Notice Paper No. 28 (M12 Opp 6) published 1990-03-21)

3. REPRESENTATION ON ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud to move the following motion

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly calls on the Government to take steps to amend the relevant article of the Constitution to allow all parties represented in the National Assembly to have representatives on the Elections Commission.

(Notice Paper No. 29 (M13 Opp 7) published 1990-03-21)

4. RECOMMENDATIONS OF INTEGRITY COMMISSION

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly calls on the Government to take immediate steps to have legislation enacted to give effect to the Recommendations of the Integrity Commission which were submitted to the President on 4th June, 1987.

(Notice Paper No. 30 (M14 Opp 8) published 1990-03-21)

BILLS - Second Reading

*5. EQUAL RIGHTS BILL 1990 - Bill No. 5/1990 published 1990-03-17

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

A Bill intituled An Act to make provision for the enforcement of the principles enshrined in article 29 of the Constitution so as to secure equality for women and for matters connected therewith.

(Read a first time on 1990-03-19)

*6. FAMILY AND DEPENDANTS PROVISION BILL 1990 - Bill No. 6/1990 published 1990-03-17

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

A Bill intituled An Act empowering the Court to make provision out of the estate of a deceased person for the spouse, child, child of the family or dependant of that person; and for matters connected therewith.

(Read a first time on 1990-03-19)

*7. MARRIED PERSONS (PROPERTY) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 - Bill No. 7/1990 published 1990-03-17

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 Married Persons (Property) Act.

(Read a first time on 1990-03-19)

*8. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 - Bill No. 8/1990 published 1990-03-24

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

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Registration of Births and Deaths Act.

(Read a first time on 1990-03-23)

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*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting