

# **PARLIAMENTARY AGENDA**

## **FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2013 - FRIDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2013**

**MONDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2013**

**SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

NIL

### **Meetings of Parliamentary Committees**

#### **1. Public Accounts Committee**

**TIME:** 1.30 p.m.

**Venue:** Parliament Chamber, Public Buildings, Brickdam, Georgetown.

- Business:**
- (i) Correction and confirmation of Minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2013;
  - (ii) Matters Arising;
  - (iii) To consider the letter re: Establishment of a Global Organization of Parliamentarians against Corruption (GOPAC) branch in Guyana; and
  - (iv) To commence examination of the Public Accounts of Guyana for the fiscal years ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2010 and 2011, together with the Report of the Auditor General thereon, in respect of the following:

<b>Ministry/Department/Other</b>	<b>Paragraph in Auditor General's Report</b>	<b>Accounting Officer</b>
1.Region 5 – Mahaica/Berbice	394-414 (16) (2010) 433-439 (6) (2011)	Mr.Ashford Ambedkar

**Any Other Business**

**\*2. Special Select Committee on the Guyana Cricket Administration Bill 2012- Bill No. 31/2012**

**Time:** 4.00 p.m.

**Venue:** Committee Room No. 2 (Ground Floor, West of the Main Stairway)  
Public Buildings, Brickdam, Georgetown.

- Business:**
- (i) To receive oral presentation from Mr. Basil F. Butcher, Former Guyana and West Indian Cricketer @ 4.00 p.m;
  - (ii) Correction and confirmation of Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2013;
  - (iii) Matters Arising;

**Any Other Business**

**\*Not opened to the public**

**TUESDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2013**

**Sitting of the National Assembly**

NIL

**Meetings of Parliamentary Committees**

NIL

**WEDNESDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2013**

**Sitting of the National Assembly**

NIL

**Meetings of Parliamentary Committees**

**1.\*Special Select Committee on Guyana's Commitment to the United Nations Human Rights Council with Regard to the Abolition of Corporal Punishment in the Schools, the Abolition of the Death Penalty and the Decriminalization of Consensual Adult Same Sex Relations and Discrimination Against Lesbians, Gays, Bi-Sexual and Transgender Persons**

**Time:** 1.00 p.m.

**Venue:** Committee Room No. 2 (Ground Floor, West of the Main Stairway)  
Public Buildings, Brickdam, Georgetown.

- Business:**
- (i) Correction and confirmation of Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2012;
  - (ii) Matters Arising; and
  - (iii) Proposed methodology for the consideration of the Decriminalization of Consensual Adult Same Sex Relations and Discrimination against Lesbians, Gays, Bi-Sexual and Transgender Persons.

### **Any Other Business**

### **2.\*Committee on Appointments**

**Time:** 3.00 p.m.

**Venue:** Committee Room No. 2 (Ground Floor, West of the Main Stairway)  
Public Buildings, Brickdam, Georgetown.

- Business:**
- (i) Call to Order;
  - (ii) Announcements;
  - (iii) Confirmation of Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2013;
  - (iv) Matters Arising;

- (v) To continue consideration of the list of entities to be consulted to nominate Members to be appointed to the Ethnic Relations Commission; and
- (vi) To identify entities to be consulted to nominate Members to be appointed to the:
  - Rights of the Child Commission; and
  - Women & Gender Equality Commission.

### **Any Other Business**

### **3.\*Special Select Committee on the Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2012 – Bill No. 12/2012;Local Government Commission Bill 2012 – Bill No. 13/2012; Municipal and District Councils (Amendment) Bill 2012- Bill No. 19/2012; and the Fiscal Transfer Bill 2012 – Bill No. 20/2012.**

**Time:** 5.00 p.m.

**Venue:** Committee Room No. 2 (Ground Floor, West of the Main Stairway)  
Public Buildings, Brickdam, Georgetown.

- Business:**
- (i) Correction and confirmation of Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2013;
  - (ii) Matters Arising; and
  - (iii) To consider the deferred Clauses in the Local Government Commission Bill 2012 – Bill No. 13/2012; and
  - (iv) To continue consideration of the Fiscal Transfers Bill 2012 – Bill No. 20/2012.

**Any Other Business**

**\*Not opened to the public**

**THURSDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2013**

**Sitting of the National Assembly**

**Time:** 2.00 p.m.

**Venue:** Parliament Chamber, Public Buildings, Brickdam, Georgetown.

**Business:**

**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)

(ii) PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

MOTION

5. 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";

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,

**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)

## **BILLS – Second Readings**

### **6. THE CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 4 of 2013 published on 2013-02-08**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Constitution of Guyana in accordance with Article 164 of the Constitution of Guyana.

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

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

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

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

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

## MOTIONS

### 8. 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’;

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 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)**

(iii) COMMITTEES BUSINESS

Meetings of Parliamentary Committees

\*The Assembly Committee

**Time:** 4.30 p.m.

**Venue:** Committee Room No. 2 (Ground Floor, West of the Main Stairway)  
Public Buildings, Brickdam, Georgetown.

- Business:**
- (i) Correction and confirmation of Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2012;
  - (ii) Matters Arising;
  - (iii) Discussion on matters of concern/discomfort to Members of Parliament, as per list overleaf;
  - (iv) Discussion on the proposed Codes of Conduct for visitors in the Public Gallery, and Journalists and other Media Personnel;
  - (v) Discussion on the creation of a Code of Conduct for Members of Parliament;
  - (vi) Discussion on the document: *“Parliamentary Decorum and Etiquette”*; and
  - (vii) Discussion on the review of salaries, benefits and emoluments for Members of Parliament.

Any Other Business

FRIDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2013

Sitting of the National Assembly

NIL

Meetings of Parliamentary Committees

NIL

Parliament Office,  
Public Buildings,  
Brickdam,  
Georgetown.

11<sup>th</sup> February, 2013.

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