

# **PARLIAMENTARY AGENDA FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2013 - FRIDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2013**

**MONDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2013**

**Sitting of the National Assembly**

**NIL**

**Meetings of Parliamentary Committees**

**Public Accounts Committee**

**Time:** 1.30 p.m.

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

**Business:** (i) Correction and confirmation of Minutes of 35<sup>th</sup>  
Meeting held on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2013;

(ii) Matters Arising;

(iii) To receive a Progress Report: Sub-Committee on the Public  
Procurement Commission;

(iv) To continue the review of the Audit Office's Evaluation Criteria  
for Recruitment; and

- (v) 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:

Ministry/ Department/ other	Paragraphs in Auditor General's Report	Accounting Officer
1. Supreme Court of Judicature	335-340 (6) (2010) 340-346 (7) (2011)	Mr. Rashid Mohamed
2. Office of the President	66-72 (7 ) (2010) 62-73 (12) (2011)	Mr. Omar Shariff

### **Any Other Business**

## **TUESDAY, 10<sup>Th</sup> DECEMBER, 2013**

### **Sitting of the National Assembly**

NIL

### **Meetings of Parliamentary Committee**

NIL

## **WEDNESDAY, 11<sup>Th</sup> DECEMBER, 2013**

### **Sitting of the National Assembly**

NIL

## **Meetings of Parliamentary Committees**

### **\*Committee on Appointments**

**TIME:** 3:00 p.m.

**VENUE:** Committee Room No. 1, Committees Division, Public Buildings,  
Brickdam, Georgetown.

**BUSINESS:** (i) Call to order;

(ii) Announcements;

(iii) Correspondence;

(iv) Confirmation of the Minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on Wednesday,  
27<sup>th</sup> November, 2013;

(v) Matters Arising;

(vi) To consider the Draft Report of the Committee on Appointments in  
relation to the appointment of members of the Ethnic Relations  
Commission;

(vii) To consider the Draft Motions and the list of entities to be consulted  
to nominate members to be appointed to the:

- Rights of the Child Commission;
- Women & Gender Equality Commission; and

(viii) To commence the process for the appointment of members to the  
Public Service Commission.

**\*Not open to the public**

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

# **THURSDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2013**

## **Sitting of the National Assembly**

**TIME:** 2.00 p.m.

**VENUE:** Parliament Chambers, Public Buildings

**BUSINESS:**

### **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS-**

(1) By the Speaker of the National Assembly:

Annual Report of the Rights of the Child Commission for the year 2011.

(To be Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Finance:

(i) The Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices  
(Emoluments) Order 2013 – Nol. 37 of 2013.

(To be Circulated)

(ii) The Constitutional Offices (Remuneration of Holders) Order 2013 – No.  
38 of 2013.

(To be circulated)

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-**

#### **For Written Reply**

### **TEMPORARY COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS FOR AMERINDIAN DEVELOPMENT FUND**

**Member Asking:** Mr. Ronald Bulkan, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Amerindian Affairs

- (i) Can the Hon. Minister provide the National Assembly with the system for recruitment of temporary Community Support Officers associated with the pilot phase of the Amerindian Development Fund channeled through UNDP, financed by the Guyana REDD + Development Fund (GRIF), and focused on 27 pre-selected Amerindian communities?
- (ii) Provide the National Assembly with the advertisement(s) showing the eligibility criteria for recruitment of these CSOs?
- (iii) Demonstrate to the National Assembly how the recruitment process for these CSOs was actually operated?
- (iv) Provide the National Assembly with the exact instructions under which each of the CSOs are now operating, and to detail the areas and scope for which they been given administrative discretion?

**(Notice Paper No. 243 (Q 165 Opp. 163) published on 2013-10-04)**

## **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

### **Presentation and First Readings**

#### **1. WILDLIFE IMPORT AND EXPORT BILL 2013 –Bill No. 20/2013**

The Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to regulate international trade of Guyana’s wildlife and to enable Guyana to fulfill its obligations under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, Washington, 1973.

#### **2. LOCAL AUTHORITIES (ELECTIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 21/2013**

The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:

BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Local Authorities (Elections) Act to provide for the postponement of elections of councilors of local democratic organs.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

(i) **GOVERNMENT'S BUSINESS**

**MOTIONS**

1. **CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1/2013**

Assembly to resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

**In Committee of Supply**

The Minister of Finance to signify the recommendation or consent of the Cabinet and to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

Financial Paper No. 1/2013 – Statement of Excess (Current and Capital) Estimates totalling \$3,384,528,708 for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2013.

**(Notice Paper No. 253 (M 85 Govt 27) published on 2013-11-08)**

**(Paper presented on 2013-11-07)**

2. **CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 2/2013**

Assembly to resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

**In Committee of Supply**

The Minister of Finance to signify the recommendation or consent of the Cabinet and to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

Financial Paper No. 2/2013 – Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) - Advances made from the Contingencies Fund, totaling \$1,261,596,480 for the period 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2013 to 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2013.

**(Notice Paper No. 254 (M 86 Govt 28) published on 2013-11-08)**  
**(Paper presented on 2013-11-07)**

3. **CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 3/2013**

Assembly to resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

**In Committee of Supply**

The Minister of Finance to signify the recommendation or consent of the Cabinet and to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

Financial Paper No. 3/2013 – Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totaling \$7,737,984,510 for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2013.

**(Notice Paper No. 255 (M 87 Govt 29) published on 2013-11-08)**  
**(Paper presented on 2013-11-07)**

**BILLS – Second Readings**

4. **GUYANA CRICKET ADMINISTRATION BILL 2012 – Bill No. 31/2012 published on 2012-12-20**

The Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport to move the second reading of the following Bill, which was referred to a Special Select Committee:

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)**

*Please note that the abovementioned Report was laid in the National Assembly on 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2013.*

5. **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)**

6. **PROCUREMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 17/2013 published on 2013-11-07**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Procurement Act.

**(Read a first time on 2013-11-07)**

(ii) **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

**BILLS – Second Reading**

7. **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)**

**MOTIONS**



8. **REINTRODUCTION OF THE BERBICE RIVER FERRY SERVICE FROM NEW AMSTERDAM TO KWAKWANI**

Mr. Trevor Williams, M.P. to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Berbice River Ferry previously served a number of Communities from New Amsterdam to Kwakwani, providing critical and affordable transportation to hundreds of Guyanese families and their goods to and from the Berbice Coast;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana with no explanation unilaterally removed this critical service which linked the hinterland with the Coast;

AND WHEREAS individuals, families, organizations and institutions from Communities of the Berbice River benefitted from this service in the past and now have to severely alter their way of life to the extent of relocating and abandoning their primary economic activity;

AND WHEREAS many of these communities have now become abandoned and deserted due to lack of significant economic activities;

AND WHEREAS many young people can no longer embrace a future in Agricultural activities to further develop themselves;

AND WHEREAS this Ferry service remains a critical component to the development of the Berbice Riverain Communities;

AND WHEREAS other far flung areas in Guyana which remain accessible by river mainly Northwest, Bartica and Essequibo Coast have had the ferry services maintained, thereby providing critical support to residents and facilitating the transport of large scale commodities,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly immediately calls on the Government of Guyana to restore this service thereby reviving those communities and giving hope and stability to the many Guyanese who wish to venture into Agricultural entrepreneurship.

(Notice Paper No. 256 (M 88 Opp 52) published on 2013-11-13)

9. **RESTORATION OF THE ANNUAL SUBVENTION/GRANT TO THE CRITCHLOW LABOUR COLLEGE**

Mr. Trevor Williams, M.P. to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Critchlow Labour College through its three Campuses in Georgetown, Linden and Berbice served to educate thousands of Guyanese, both adult and youth, for decades and giving many a second chance at educating themselves;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana, both PNC and PPP/C, through the Ministry of Finance, provided a subvention to the Critchlow Labour College thereby subsidising the cost of education to thousands of Guyanese from all walks of life;

AND WHEREAS through the benefit of this subvention the Critchlow Labour College successfully entered into partnerships for developing education within Guyana and abroad with reputable institutions;

AND WHEREAS through its offering of academic courses hundreds of young Guyanese entered and re-entered the job market and rose through the ranks to become highly skilled and successful professionals;

AND WHEREAS parents and guardians alike were able to access affordable education at a convenient time, thereby developing themselves and making their families more stable;

AND WHEREAS after the withdrawal of this subvention the institution eventually collapsed thereby bringing to ruin the hopes and aspirations of thousands of young Guyanese from all walks of life;

AND WHEREAS the Critchlow Labour College now offers a significantly reduced curriculum thereby limiting the options of those desiring higher education,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly calls on the Government of Guyana to restore the full subvention thereby allowing the Critchlow Labour College to be re-opened to its full capacity.

**(Notice Paper No. 257 (M 89 Opp 53) published on 2013-11-13)**

10. **THE BROADCASTING (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013 – BILL NO. 19 OF 2013**

Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Joseph Harmon, M.S.M., 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 Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2013 – Bill No. 19 of 2013:-

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Broadcasting Act.

**(Notice Paper No. 259 (M 91 Opp 54) published on 2013-11-21)**

If leave is granted, the Clerk shall read aloud the title of the Bill.

**(iii) COMMITTEES BUSINESS**

**MOTION**

11. **ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE DEEDS REGISTRY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – BILL NO. 11 OF 2012**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs (Chairman of the Special Select Committee on the Deeds Registry (Amendment) Bill 2012) to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Report of the Special Select Committee on the Deeds Registry (Amendment) Bill 2012 – Bill No. 11/2012 be adopted.

**(Notice Paper No. 226 (M 78 Committee 4) published on 2013-07-18)**

### **BILLS – THIRD READING**

#### **12. THE DEEDS REGISTRY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – Bill No. 11/2012 published on 2012-07-10**

In accordance with Standing Orders No. 58(4), the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs (Chairman of the Special Select Committee on the Deeds Registry (Amendment) Bill 2012) to move the third reading of the following Bill:

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)**

## **Meetings of Parliamentary Committees**

### **\*Standing Orders Committee**

**TIME:** During suspension of sitting

**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 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on  
13<sup>th</sup> December, 2012 and

(ii) Matters Arising

### **Any Other Business**

**FRIDAY, 13<sup>Th</sup> DECEMBER, 2013**

**Sitting of the National Assembly**

**NIL**

**Meetings of Parliamentary Committees**

**NIL**

**Any other Business**

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**Parliament Office,  
Public Buildings,  
Brickdam,  
Georgetown.**

**9<sup>th</sup> December, 2013.**