

PARLIAMENTARY AGENDA

FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, 29th July, 2013 - FRIDAY, 2nd August, 2013

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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 25th Meeting held on 16th and 20th May, 2013 and 26th Meeting held on 30th May, 2013 respectively;

(ii) Matters Arising;

(iii) Audit Office:

* Recruitment of Deputy Human Resources Manager – Training and Development;

- Performance Report for the 1st Quarter (January – March, 2013);

*(iv) To consider letter re: Establishment of a Global Organization of Parliamentarians against Corruption (GOPAC) Branch in Guyana;

(v) To consider the nominees for appointment to the Public Procurement Commission; and

(vi) To commence examination of the Public Accounts of Guyana for the fiscal years ended 31st 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. Region 8 – Potaro/Siparuni	436 – 437 (2) (2010) 463 – 478 (15) (2011)	Mr. Ronald Harsawack

Any Other Business

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

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) Correction and confirmation of Minutes of the 13th Meeting held on Monday, 3rd June, 2013;
 - (ii) Matters arising;
 - (iii) To examine matrix the Club Register of the two contending factions of the Demerara Cricket Board;
 - (iv) To continue consideration of the **deferred** sections in the matrix showing differences and similarities in the constitutions of the two contending factions of the DCB; and
 - (v) To examine the revised Guyana Cricket Administration Bill with the amendments made by the Committee and the Guyana Cricket Board incorporated therein – prepared by Mr. Cecil Dhurjon, Chief Parliamentary Counsel.

Any Other Business

***Not Opened to the Public**

Tuesday, 11th June, 2013

Sitting National of the Assembly

NIL

Meetings of Parliamentary Committees

NIL

Wednesday, 12th June, 2013

Sitting of the National Assembly

NIL

Meetings of Parliamentary Committees

1. *Committee on Appointments

TIME: 10.00 a.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 10th Meeting held on Wednesday, 29th May, 2013;
 - (v) Matters arising;
 - (vi) To consider the draft criteria to be used when identifying Entities to be consulted to submit nominees for Appointment to Commissions;
 - (vii) To discuss the increase in Membership of the Ethnic Relations Commission;
 - (viii) To continue consideration of the list of entities to be consulted to nominate Members to be appointed to the Ethnic Relations Commission; and
 - (ix) 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 Bussiness.

***Not Opened to the Public**

2.*Special Select Committee on the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (Amendment) Bill 2013 – Bill No. 12/2013

TIME: 4.30 p.m.

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

- BUSINESS:**
- (i) Correction and confirmation of Minutes of the 3rd, 4th and 5th Meetings held on 16th, 20th and 23rd May, 2013, respectively;
 - (ii) Matters arising; and
 - (iii) To continue consideration of the Anti – Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (Amendment) Bill 2013 – Bill No. 12/2013.

Any Other Business

***Not Opened to the Public**

Thursday, 13th June, 2013

Sitting of the National Assembly

TIME: 2.00 p.m.

VENUE: Parliament Chamber, Public Buildings, Brickdam,
Georgetown.

BUSINESS:

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS-

By the Minister of Labour:

The National Minimum Wage Order 2013 – No. 5 of 2013.

(To be Circulated)

(i) GOVERNMENT'S BUSINESS

BILLS – Second Readings

1. **EVIDENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 7/2013 published on 2013-02-14**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Evidence Act.

(Read a first time on 2013-03-14)

2. **MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 8/2013 published on 2013-02-14**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act.

(Read a first time on 2013-03-14)

3. **FIRE SERVICE (CHANGE OF NAME) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 13/2013 published on 2013-05-02**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to rename the Fire Service Act, the Fire Service and for related purposes.

(Read a first time on 2013-05-07)

4. **POLICE (CHANGE OF NAME) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 14/2013 published on 2013-05-02**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to rename the Police Act, the Police Force, the Police (Discipline) Act and for related purposes.

(Read a first time on 2013-05-07)

5. **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)

6. **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)

(ii) **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

MOTIONS

7. **THE MARRIED PERSONS (PROPERTY) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 9 of 2013**

Mrs. Deborah Backer, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly 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 Married Persons (Property) (Amendment) Bill 2013 – Bill No. 9 of 2013:-

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

(Notice Paper No. 164 (M 60 Opp.37) published on 2013-03-13)

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

8. **APPOINTMENT OF A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY TO INVESTIGATE THE INCIDENCE OF ILLNESS AND DEATHS IN THE BARIMA-WAINI REGION OF GUYANA**

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 Republic of Guyana prescribes at Article 24 that “Every citizen has the right to free medical attention etc;” and, at Article 36 that, “The well-being for the nation depends upon preserving clean air, fertile soils, pure water, etc;”

AND WHEREAS there have been credible reports that several persons – including a two-month old child, a seven-month old child and a twelve-month old child – have died and over 500 persons became ill since February, 2013 and several other persons had died and become ill from time to time, from similar

causes said to be associated with the supply of water, elsewhere in the same Barima-Waini Region;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the Commission of Inquiry Act, Ch. 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 RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly expresses its sympathy with the relatives of the deceased children and with the victims of the illness in the Barima-Waini Region; 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, Ch. 19:03, to appoint a commission of inquiry to inquire into the illness and deaths of persons and to make recommendations to prevent a recurrence of such illness and deaths and to preserve the well-being of the residents of the Barima-Waini Region.

(Notice Paper No. 187 (M 74 Opp 47) published on 2013-05-09)

9. **HONOURING THE 21ST AUGUST, 2012 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA AND THE REGIONAL DEMOCRATIC COUNCIL, REGION #10**

Ms Vanessa Kissoon, M.P. to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the people of Linden have from the time of the announcement by the Government that there would be an increase in electricity tariff, consequent to the government's

intended withdrawal of the subsidy, indicated through their pronouncements in the national media, peaceful picketing exercises and other forms of peaceful protest that the community did not have the economic capacity to pay the steep and unconscionable increase in the cost of electricity and therefore saw the decision as an unjust imposition on the people of Linden;

AND WHEREAS the Government continued to take action to impose the increase in the cost of electricity on the people of Linden in total violation of the people's right to be involved in decisions that directly affect them as is explicit in Article 13 of the Constitution which states that, "The principal objective of the State is to establish an inclusionary democracy by providing increasing opportunities for the participation of citizens, and their organizations in the management and decision-making processes of the State, with particular emphasis on those areas of decisions-making that directly affect their well being";

RECOGNISING that the Government was not responsive to the concerns and interests of the people of Linden and therefore left the people of Linden with no alternative, but to continue to protest;

AND WHEREAS the people of Linden were involved in peaceful protest and were subjected to the uncalled for use of excessive and lethal force by the Guyana Police Force resulting in the death of Mr. Allen Lewis, Mr. Ron Sommerest, Mr. Shemroy Bouyea and the injuring of scores of unarmed protestors;

AND WHEREAS the use of lethal force rather than instilling fear that was intended, increased the resolve of the people and escalated the protest forcing the Government to respond to concerns of the people of Linden and enter into negotiations with the people of Region 10, represented by their elected and legitimate representatives;

CONCERNED that even while the negotiations were ongoing the Guyana Police and Guyana Defence Forces were used against the people of Linden, including the indiscriminate shooting and injuring of innocent people in their homes on a quiet Sunday;

NOTING that in the face of such provocation, the Region continued to negotiate with the Government in good faith;

AND WHEREAS these negotiations resulted in the Agreement of 21st August, 2012, between the Government of Guyana and Region 10 Regional Democratic Council signed, on behalf of the Government of Guyana, by the Hon. Prime Minister, Mr. Samuel Hinds, O.E., M.P., and on behalf of Region 10, Regional Democratic Council, by Mr. Sharma Solomon;

AND WHEREAS the full text of the aforesaid written Agreement, which is attached to this motion, contains the details of the Agreement, inclusive of the deadlines for implementation and the actions required to be undertaken by all parties to the Agreement; (See Appendix)

CONCERNED that six (6) months after the signing of the Agreement many aspects of the Agreement have not been implemented, especially the commitment to return the dish and transmitter to the people of Linden, inter alia;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly calls on the Government of Guyana to immediately adhere to its commitments and obligations under the written Agreement of 21st August, 2012 thereby ensuring that the benefits which were to accrue to the residents of Region 10 are realized; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Government of Guyana be held solely accountable and responsible for all direct and indirect consequences flowing from its continued unwillingness to adhere to the letter and spirit of the written Agreement of 21st August, 2012.

(Notice Paper No. 165 (M 61 Opp.38) published on 2013-03-13)

Meetings of Parliamentary Committees

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Friday, 14th June, 2013

Sitting of the National Assembly

NIL

Meetings of Parliamentary Committees

1. *Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Economic Services

TIME: 10.00 a.m.

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

BUSINESS: (i) Correction and confirmation of Minutes of the 4th Meeting held on 10th May, 2013;

(ii) Matters arising;

(iii) To consider the Committee's draft Work Programme – (2013-2017).

Any Other Business.

***Not Open to the Public**

2.*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: 4.00 p.m.

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

- BUSINESS:**
- (i) Correction and confirmation of Minutes of the 15th Meeting held on 31st May, 2013;
 - (ii) Matters arising; and
 - (iii) To consider the Deferred/Parked Clauses of the Fiscal Transfers Bill 2012 – Bill No. 20/2012.

Any Other Business

***Not Open to the Public**

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

10th June, 2013