

# **PARLIAMENTARY AGENDA**

## **FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 - FRIDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2014**

**Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2014**

**Sitting of the National Assembly**

**NIL**

### **Meetings of Parliamentary Committees**

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

**TIME:** 2.00 p.m.

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

**BUSINESS:**

- \* (i) Correction and confirmation of Minutes of the 47<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2014;
- (ii) Matters arising;
- \* (iii) To continue the review of the Audit Office's Evaluation Criteria for Recruitment;
- \* (iv) To receive a Progress Report: Sub-Committee on the Public Procurement Commission;
- \* (v) Consideration of the submission received for nomination of members for the Public Procurement Commission;

**\*Not to be proceeded with at this meeting**

- (vi) To discuss outstanding matters in relation to the Guyana Elections Commission;
- (vii) 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/ others	Department/	Paragraphs in Auditor General's Report	Accounting Officer
1. Ministry of Finance		10-61 (52) (2011)	Mr. NeermalRekha
Programme 1 - Ministry Administration		75-86 (11) 2011	
Programme 2 – Accountant General		89-108 (20) 2010 87-100 (13) 2011	

**2. SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE ANTI-MONEY  
LAUNDERING AND COUNTERING THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM  
(AMENDMENT) BILL 2013 –BILL NO. 22/2013**

**TIME:** 6.00 p.m.

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

**BUSINESS:** (i) Correction and confirmation of Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Meetings held on 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 and the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, Meetings held on 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2014, and the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Meetings held on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2014, respectively;

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

- (ii) To consider draft amendments proposed by the Attorney General to the AMLCFT Act 2009;
- (iii) To consider the amendments to the Principal Act: The Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Act, Act No. 13 of 2009; and
- (iv) To consider the Draft Report (7<sup>th</sup> Revision) on the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (Amendment) Bill 2013 –Bill No. 22/2013.

**ANY OTHER BUSSINESS**

**Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2014**

**Sitting of the National Assembly**

**NIL**

**Meetings of Parliamentary Committees**

**1.\*Special Select Committee on the Public Utilities Commission (Amendment) Bill 2012-Bill No. 17/2012 and the Telecommunications Bill 2012-Bill No. 18/2012**

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

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

**\*Not open to the Public**

**BUSINESS:** Presentation by Representatives from Guyana Telephone & Telegraph Company Ltd. (GT&T) in support of written submissions on the Public Utilities Commission (Amendment) Bill 2012 – Bill No. 17/2012 and the Telecommunications Bill 2012-Bill No. 18/2012.

**ANY OTHER BUSSINESS**

## **2. \*Parliamentary Sectoral Committee of Foreign Relations**

**TIME:** 11:00 p.m.

**VENUE:** Committee Room No. 2 (Ground floor, west of the main stairway), Public Buildings, Brickdam, Georgetown.

**BUSINESS:** (i) Election of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson;

(ii) Correction and confirmation of Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Meetings held on August 6<sup>th</sup> and October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013, respectively;

(iii) Matters arising from the Minutes;

(iv) Correspondence; and

(v) To continue formulating the Committee's Work Programme for 2013-2014.

**ANY OTHER BUSSINESS**

**\*Not open to the Public**

**Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2014**

**Sitting of the National Assembly**

**TIME:** 2:00 p.m.

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

**BUSINESS:**

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS-**

By Mr. Trevor Williams, M.P.

Petition on behalf of the retired employees of the Guyana Telecommunications Corporation and active servants of the Guyana Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Guyana Postal and Telecommunications Workers Union (GPWU) request that the former employees of the Guyana Telecommunication Corporation who continued in service with the Guyana Telephone and Telegraph Company and retired, be paid their just and due pension in accordance with the Pensions Act as enshrined in the Constitution of Guyana. Also for the Minister of Finance to kindly state the reason preventing the responsible agency from affecting payment of the correct pension that is just and due to pensioners, and when would the payment to the pensioners be effected, and request that it be read.

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-**

**For Written Replies**

1. **ESTABLISHMENT OF A LIBRARY AT THE MADHIA SCHOOL  
DORMITORIES**

**Member Asking:** Mrs. Valerie Garrido-Lowe, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Education

Whereas the Madhia School Dormitories do not have a library, hence, students living in these facilities are denied the opportunity of reading for relaxation and enjoyment and for the expansion of their consciousness;

And whereas it is the duty of the State to create a good study environment for these students.

Could the Hon. Minister say if her Ministry has any plans of setting up a library in the Madhia School Dormitories anytime soon and, if so, how soon would that be?

**(Notice Paper No. 305 (Q 206 Opp. 203) published on 2014-03-20)**

2. **CONSTRUCTION OF THE PARAMAKATOI PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Member Asking:** Mrs. June Marcello, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Education

(i) Could the Hon. Minister tell this House why construction of the Paramakatoi Primary School, Region 8, that started in April, 2012, has not been completed?

(ii) Could the Hon. Minister tell this House when construction of the Paramakatoi Primary School would be completed?

**(Notice Paper No. 293 (Q 195 Opp. 193) published on 2014-02-13)**

**3. DISBURSEMENT OF THE \$10,000 GRANT BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

**Member Asking:** Ms Amna Ally, M.P., Opposition Chief Whip

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Education

Can the Hon. Minister say:-

\* (i) What mechanism will be employed by the Ministry of Education to disburse the \$10,000.00 per child, as has been promised in Budget 2014?

\* (ii) When will this money be disbursed?

**(Notice Paper No. 322 (Q 222 Opp. 219) published on 2014-04-28)**

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

**BILLS – Second Readings**

**1. BROADCASTING (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 19/2013**  
**published on 2014-02-28**

Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Joseph Harmon, M.S.M., M.P., to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Broadcasting Act.

**(Read a first time on 2014-02-28)**

**MOTIONS**

**2. APPOINTMENT OF A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY TO INVESTIGATE THE TORTURE OF PERSONS BY THE GUYANA POLICE FORCE BETWEEN 2006 AND 2013**

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 141, that “No person shall be subjected to torture or to inhuman or degrading punishment or other treatment;”

AND WHEREAS it has been widely reported that persons were tortured by members of the Guyana Police Force between the years 2006 and 2013, inclusive;

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 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 victims of torture; 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, Chapter 19:03, to appoint a commission of inquiry to inquire



into the torture of persons by members of the Guyana Police Force and to make recommendations to prevent a recurrence of such torture.

**(Notice Paper No. 281 (M 97 Opp 57) published on 2014-02-05)**

3. **APPOINTMENT OF A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY TO INVESTIGATE THE SHOOTING OF CITIZENS BY THE GUYANA POLICE FORCE ON 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2011 IN GEORGETOWN**

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 141, that “No person shall be subjected to torture or to inhuman or degrading punishment or other treatment;”

AND WHEREAS it has been widely reported that several persons were shot with pellets by members of the Guyana Police Force at about 10.55 hrs. on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 in or near Hadfield Street in the city of Georgetown;

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 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 victims of the shooting which occurred on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2011; 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, Chapter 19:03, to appoint a commission of inquiry to inquire into injury of persons by shooting and to make recommendations to prevent a recurrence of such shooting.

**(Notice Paper No. 282 (M 98 Opp 58) published on 2014-02-07)**

### **Meetings of Parliamentary Committees**

NIL

**Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2014**

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

NIL

### **Meetings of Parliamentary Committees**

#### **1. Committee on Appointments**

**TIME:** 3.00 p.m.

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

- BUSINESS:**
- (i) Call to Order;
  - (ii) Announcements;
  - (iii) Correspondence;
  - (iv) Confirmation of Minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2014;
  - (v) Matters Arising;
  - (vi) To commence the process for the Appointment of Members to the Police Service Commission;
  - (vii) To commence the process for the Appointment of Members to the Judicial Services Commission; and
  - (viii) 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; and
    - Women & Gender Equality Commission.

**ANY OTHER BUSSINESS**

**2. \*Special Select Committee on the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (Amendment) Bill 2013 – Bill No. 22.2013.**

**TIME:** 5.30 p.m.

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

**\*Not open to the Public**

- BUSINESS:**
- (i) Correction and confirmation of Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Meetings held on 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 and the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Meetings held on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 and the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Meetings held on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 and the 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 respectively;
  - (ii) To consider modified version of AMLCFT (Amendment) Bill 2013 submitted by the Attorney General based on a CFATF correspondence dated May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014; and
  - (iii) To consider the Amendments to the Principal Act: The Anti –Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Act, Act No. 13 of 2009; and
  - (iv) To consider the Draft Report (8<sup>th</sup> Revision) on the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (Amendment) Bill 2013- Bill No. 22/2013.

## **ANY OTHER BUSSINESS**

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**Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2014**

**Sitting of the National Assembly**

**NIL**

**Meetings of Parliamentary Committees**

**\*PARLIAMENTARY SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES**

**TIME:** 3.00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Committees Room No.1 Committees Division, Public Buildings, Brickdam, Stabroek, Georgetown

**BUSINESS:**

- (i) Correction and confirmation of Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2014;
- (ii) Matters Arising; and
- (iii) To continue examination of the Committee's Work Programme

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

**19<sup>th</sup> May, 2014.**