

PARLIAMENTARY AGENDA

FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, 5TH AUGUST, 2013 – FRIDAY, 9TH AUGUST, 2013

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SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NIL

MEETINGS OF PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

1. **Public Accounts Committee**

Time: 11.00 a.m.

Venue: Parliament Chamber, Parliament Office, Public Buildings, Brickdam.

Business: (i) Correction and confirmation of Minutes of the 31st Meeting held on Monday, 29th July, 2013;

(ii) Matters Arising;

- (iii) To consider the nominees for appointment to the Public Procurement Commission;
- (iv) To consider Audit Office of Guyana Estimates of Current and Capital Expenditure for 2014; and
- (v) To continue examination of the Public Accounts of Guyana for the fiscal year ended 31st December, 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 10 – Upper Demerara/Upper Berbice	499-529(31)(2011)	Ms Yolanda Hilliman

Any other Business

***2. Committee on Appointments**

Time: 12.30 p.m.

Venue: Committee Room 1, Committees Division, Public Buildings, Brickdam.

Business: (i) Call to Order;

(ii) Announcements;

(iii) Correspondence;

***Not Opened to the Public**

- (iv) Confirmation of the Minutes of the 14th Meeting held on Wednesday, 24th July, 2013;
- (v) Matters Arising;
- (vi) To continue consideration of the list of entities to be consulted to nominate Members to be appointed to the:
 - The Ethnic Relations Commission;
 - Rights of the Child Commission; and
 - Women & Gender Equality Commission.

Any other Business

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

Time: 5.00p.m.

Venue: Committee Room 1, Committees Division, Public Buildings, Brickdam.

- Business:**
- (i) Correction and confirmation of Minutes of the 14th Meeting held on 29th July, 2013;
 - (ii) Matters Arising; and
 - (iii) To consider the draft Report 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**

TUESDAY, 6TH AUGUST, 2013

SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NIL

MEETINGS OF PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Foreign Relations

Time: 12.15 p.m.

Venue: Committee Room 2 (Ground Floor, west of the main stairway), Public Buildings, Brickdam.

Business: (i) Announcements;

(ii) To correct and confirm the Minutes of the 4th and 5th Meetings held on Tuesday, 28th May, 2013 and Wednesday, 26th June, 2013, respectively;

(iii) Matters arising from the Minutes;

(iv) Correspondence;

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

(vi) To engage the Change Facilitation Team on the Reform Process of CARICOM.

Any other Business

WEDNESDAY, 7TH AUGUST, 2013

SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Time: 2.00 p.m.

Venue: Parliament Chamber, Public Buildings, Brickdam.

Business:

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES-

By the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport (Chairman of the Special Select Committee on the Cricket Administration Bill 2012):

Report of the Special Select Committee on the Guyana Cricket Administration Bill 2012 – Bill No. 31/2012.

(Circulated)

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

For Written Replies

1. **AGREEMENT/CONTRACT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA AND TELEVISION GUYANA INC.(TVG)**

Member Asking: Mrs. Catherine Hughes, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

- (i) Can the Hon. Minister provide copies of the Agreement/Contract between the Government of Guyana and Television Guyana Inc. (TVG) for the use of TVG's teleport/transmission facilities to broadcast the Learning Channel?

- (ii) Can the Hon. Minister state when the tender for the provision of this service was advertised and in which media?
- (iii) How much money has been paid over to Television Guyana Inc. (TVG) to date for the provision of these services?
- (iv) What is the duration of this contract/contractual arrangement – yearly, monthly or indefinite?
- (v) How many persons are employed by the Learning Channel and from which communities are they?
- (vi) Does the Learning Channel (the Company) possess its own satellite receivers/dishes?
 - (a) If yes, in which geographical location/communities are they located?
 - (b) If yes, when were these purchased? From whom were they purchase and at what cost? Would the Hon. Minister provide copies of such Purchase Agreements?
- (vii) How many antennas does the Learning Channel utilise and in what geographical areas?

(viii) In what geographical areas does the Learning Channel utilise the equipment of Digicel, GT&T or any other network for the broadcast of its programming?

(Notice Paper No.188 (Q 114 Opp 112) published on 2013-06-06)

2. DEATHS WHICH OCCURRED AT GOVERNMENT-FUNDED DORMITORIES/HOSTELS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE HINTERLAND REGIONS

Member Asking: Brig. (Ret'd) David Granger, M.S.S., M.P.,
Leader of the Opposition

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

- (i) Could the Hon. Minister inform the National Assembly of the names of persons who have died by suicide or other causes in Government-Funded Dormitories/Hostels attached to Secondary Schools in the Hinterland Regions of Guyana between January, 1999 and April, 2013?
- (ii) Could the Hon. Minister inform the National Assembly of the actual dates, the names of the schools of each of these events?
- (iii) Could the Hon. Minister inform the National Assembly whether inquiries have been conducted into any or all of these events and whether, as a result of the findings of those inquiries, if any, there has been remedial action to prevent recurrences?

(Notice Paper No.190 (Q 116 Opp 114) published on 2013-06-06)

3. NATIONAL GRADE SIX ASSESSMENT

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

- (i) Could the Hon. Minister present in a written form the analysis of the National Grade Six Assessment for all the regions in Guyana?
- (ii) (a) Could the Hon. Minister give an overall percentage of pupils who fell below the pass marks in Mathematics, Science, English and Social Studies?
- (b) How many students fell below 400 marks?
- (iii) Could the Hon. Minister state whether the results of the Grades 2 and 4 Assessment were included in the final Grade 6 Assessment in all cases?
- (iv) (a) Could the Hon. Minister indicate whether there were requests in 2012 for reviews of the NGSA exam results? If so, how many and were these reviews done?
- (b) Could the Hon. Minister tell this National Assembly whether there were requests for reviews of the National Grade Six Assessment in 2013? If so, how many and when will these reviews be completed?
- (Notice Paper No.202 (Q 125 Opp. 123) published on 2013-07-03)**

4. THE LEARNING CHANNEL

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

- (i) Could the Hon. Minister list the locations in Regions 1, 7, 8 and 9 which are reached by the Learning Channel?
- (ii) Could the Hon. Minister furnish the National Assembly with a programme guide that is disseminated to those Regions?
(Notice Paper No.203 (Q 126 Opp. 124) published on 2013-07-03)

5. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

- (i) Could the Hon. Minister tell this National Assembly whether the IT equipment given to Secondary Schools is in use and functional?
- (ii) Could the Minister list the schools where IT equipment is not functional?

(iii) How soon will such equipment be functional?

(Notice Paper No.204 (Q 127 Opp. 125) published on 2013-07-03)

6. REHABILITATION OF THE BARABINA ROAD

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Local Government and
Regional Development

(i) Could the Hon. Minister tell this National Assembly what is the status quo with the \$16M that was passed in the 2012 Budget for the purpose of rehabilitation of the Barabina road since this work should have commenced in November, 2012?

(ii) Could the Hon. Minister also state whether Joshi Construction was contracted to execute the works?

(iii) Is the Minister satisfied that works done by this firm is of acceptable standard?

(Notice Paper No. 206 (Q 129 Opp. 127) published on 2013-07-11)

7. REHABILITATION WORKS AT THE NORTH WEST SECONDARY SCHOOL

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

Could the Hon. Minister tell this National Assembly whether the North West Secondary School rehabilitation works will be completed on time for the opening of the September, 2013 term in order to reduce the present discomfort the children of Region # 1 are experiencing?

(Notice Paper No. 207 (Q 130 Opp. 128) published on 2013-07-11)

8. MORAWHANNA SCHOOL

Member Asking: Ms Africo Selman, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

- (i) Could the Hon. Minister kindly indicate the number of teachers working at the Morawhanna School and whether in her opinion this number is adequate to deliver quality education?
- (ii) Could the Hon. Minister state whether this is the full complement of teachers in keeping with what is stipulated for the number of children on enrolment at the Morawhanna School?

(Notice Paper No. 208 (Q 131 Opp. 129) published on 2013-07-11)

9. TEACHERS' QUARTERS AT MORAWHANNA

Member Asking: Ms Africo Selman, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

Could the Hon. Minister state whether the establishment of a Living Quarters for the Teachers at Morawhanna is in contemplation and if so, how soon will it be made a reality and if not, what arrangements are being put in place to alleviate the financial hardship of the Teachers who have to travel back and forth to attend school?

(Notice Paper No. 209 (Q 132 Opp. 130) published on 2013-07-11)

10. FREQUENT FLOODING IN THE MORAWHANNA AREA

Member Asking: Ms Africo Selman, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Agriculture

Whereas poor drainage contribute to frequent flooding in the Morawhanna area, could the Hon. Minister indicate what measures are being instituted to improve drainage and therefore reduce and eventually prevent flooding?

(Notice Paper No. 210 (Q 133 Opp. 131) published on 2013-07-11)

11. KOKERS AT MORAWHANNA

Member Asking: Ms Africo Selman, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Agriculture

Could the Hon. Minister kindly state whether he is aware that the two (2) Kokers at Morawhanna have not been in operation for some time now, could the Hon. Minister kindly tell this National Assembly when the two Kokers will be rehabilitated or when will new Kokers be built?

(Notice Paper No. 211 (Q 134 Opp. 132) published on 2013-07-11)

12. SUPPLY OF POTABLE WATER TO THE RESIDENTS OF MABARUMA SETTLEMENT

Member Asking: Ms Jennifer Wade, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Housing and Water

Notwithstanding that pipelines were laid since 2006, the residents of Mabaruma Settlement are still without potable water. Could the Hon. Minister kindly indicate when this basic amenity will be supplied to those residents?

(Notice Paper No. 212 (Q 135 Opp. 133) published on 2013-07-11)

13. TRANSFORMER TO GENERATE HIGHER VOLTAGE OF ELECTRICITY AT MABARUMA SETTLEMENT

Member Asking: Ms Jennifer Wade, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs

Whereas the residents of Mabaruma Settlement made vigorous protest in 2012 and as a result they were promised a transformer to generate higher voltage. Could the

Hon. Prime Minister kindly state when the residents will receive this transformer which will enable them to enjoy the full use of their electrical appliances?

(Notice Paper No. 213 (Q 136 Opp. 134) published on 2013-07-11)

14. FERRY TO KUMAKA

Member Asking: Ms Jennifer Wade, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Public Works

Could the Hon. Minister state whether any action is being contemplated to ensure that the Ferry to Kumaka operates on schedule fortnightly as in the past, so as to reduce the losses suffered by business people as a result of the delay and the lack of proper schedule of the Ferry?

(Notice Paper No. 214 (Q 137 Opp. 135) published on 2013-07-11)

15. PAYMENT OF PENSION AT THE MABARUMA POST OFFICE

Member Asking: Ms Rennita Williams, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Human Services and Social Security

Could the Hon. Minister state whether she is aware of the pensioners not receiving their pension on time at the Mabaruma Post Office? If yes, what arrangements are being put in to place to resolve this problem?

(Notice Paper No. 215 (Q 138 Opp. 136) published on 2013-07-11)

16. BARABINA ROAD

Member Asking: Ms Rennita Williams, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

Could the Hon. Minister state whether works on the Barabina Road is scheduled for 2013?

(Notice Paper No. 216 (Q 139 Opp. 137) published on 2013-07-11)

17. KHAN'S HILL ROAD AT MABARUMA

Member Asking: Ms Rennita Williams, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

Could the Hon. Minister state when would work commence on Khan's Hill Road at Mabaruma? What is the expected date of completion?

(Notice Paper No. 217 (Q 140 Opp. 138) published on 2013-07-11)

18. FERRY SERVICE TO MABARUMA

Member Asking: Ms Annette Ferguson, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Public Works

Could the Hon. Minister explain/give reason(s) to the National Assembly –

- (i) Why is there only one (1) ferry providing service to residents of Mabaruma once per month?
 - (ii) Why does the ferry take an approximately thirty-six (36) hours to reach its final destination from Georgetown?
 - (iii) Is there any consideration to assign another ferry to ply the Mabaruma District to relieve travelling woes of residents of Mabaruma and its' Sub-Regions? If yes, how soon would this arrangement take effect?
- (Notice Paper No. 218 (Q 141 Opp. 139) published on 2013-07-11)**

19. SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY TO MABARUMA AND ITS ENVIRONS

Member Asking: Ms Annette Ferguson, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs

Could the Hon. Prime Minister indicate to the National Assembly –

- (i) Why do residents of Mabaruma and its environs (Kumaka, Hosororo, etc.) only enjoy electricity supply for six (6) hours, between the hours of 17:00 hrs. to 23:00 hrs. daily?
- (ii) Is there any consideration for twenty-four (24) hours electricity supply to residents of Mabaruma? If yes, how soon will this be done? If no, why not?

(Notice Paper No. 219 (Q 142 Opp. 140) published on 2013-07-11)

**20. EXPENDITURE FOR ELECTRICITY SUPPLIED TO MABARUMA
AND PORT KAITUMA**

Member Asking: Ms Annette Ferguson, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary
Affairs

What is the detailed expenditure for electricity supplied to Mabaruma and Port
Kaituma, respectively?

(Notice Paper No. 220 (Q 143 Opp. 141) published on 2013-07-11)

21. ROADS IN MABARUMA

Member Asking: Ms Annette Ferguson, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Local Government and Regional
Development

Could the Hon. Minister make available to the National Assembly information on
the following-

Are works scheduled to be done on Roads in Mabaruma? If yes, kindly provide a
breakdown, including name of streets/roads along with its' estimated cost. If no,
when are works likely to be done?

(Notice Paper No. 221 (Q 144 Opp. 142) published on 2013-07-11)

22. KUMAKA MARKET TARMAC

Member Asking: Ms Annette Ferguson, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

Could the Hon. Minister make available to the National Assembly information on the following-

- (i) What is the initial timeline given to complete works on the Kumaka Market Tarmac and what is the new timeline?
- (ii) How much money has been spent so far of the estimated cost of the works?
- (iii) Could the Minister provide a detailed breakdown on the remaining works to be done and the estimated cost?
- (iv) Could the Minister also name the contracting firm that will undertake the works at the Market Tarmac?

(Notice Paper No. 222 (Q 145 Opp. 143) published on 2013-07-11)

PUBLIC BUSINESS

(i) GOVERNMENT'S BUSINESS

BILLS – Second Readings

1. **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 Bill:

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)

2. **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)

3. **FISCAL TRANSFERS BILL 2012 – Bill No. 20/2012 published on 2012-08-09**

The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development to move the second reading of the following Bill, which was referred to a Special Select Committee:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the objective criteria for the allocation of resources to local authorities and for matters connected therewith.

(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2012-08-09)

4. **MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCILS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – Bill No. 19/2012 published on 2012-08-09**

The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development to move the second reading of the following Bill, which was referred to a Special Select Committee:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Municipal and District Councils Act.

(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2012-08-09)

5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – Bill No. 12/2012 published on 2012-07-31**

The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development to move the second reading of the following Bill, which was referred to a Special Select Committee:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Local Government Act.

(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2012-07-30)

6. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION BILL – Bill No. 13/2012 published on 2012-07-31**

The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development to move the second reading of the following Bill, which was referred to a Special Select Committee:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to establish the Local Government Commission, as provided for by Article 78A of the Constitution, to provide for the Commission's functions and procedure, and for connected and incidental purposes.

(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2012-07-30)

7. **GUYANA CRICKET ADMINISTRATION BILL 2012 – Bill No. 31/2012**

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)

(iii) COMMITTEES BUSINESS

MOTION

8. **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)

MEETINGS OF PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

NIL

THURSDAY, 8TH AUGUST, 2013

SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NIL

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FRIDAY, 9TH AUGUST, 2013

SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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

5th August, 2013.