PARLIAMENTARY AGENDA FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, 3rd March, 2014 - FRIDAY, 7th March, 2014

Monday, 3rd March, 2014

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 the 42nd and 43rd Meetings held on Thursday, 13th February, 2014 and Monday, 17th February, 2014, respectively;
- (ii) Matters arising;
- *(iii) To continue the review of the Audit Office's Evaluation Criteria for Recruitment;

*Not to be proceeded with at this meeting.

- (iv) To receive a Progress Report: Sub-Committee on the Public Procurement Commission:
- (v) Consideration of the submission received for nomination of Members of Public Procurement Commission; and
- (vi) To commence 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 | Accounting Officer |
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| | General's Report | |
| Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security | 268 – 281 (13) (2011) | Ms. Lorene Baird |
| 2. Region # 1 – Barima/Waini | 372 – 382 (11) (2011) (continuation) | Mr. Nigel Fisher |
| 3. Region # 8 – Potaro/Siparuni | 463 – 478 (15) (2011) | Mr. Ronald Harsawack |

Any Other Business

Tuesday, 4th March, 2014

Sitting of the National Assembly

NIL

Meetings of Parliamentary Committees

*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: Committee Room No. 1, Committees Division,

Public Buildings, Brickdam, Georgetown.

BUSINESS: (i) Correction and confirmation of Minutes of the 7th Meeting held on February 25, 2014;

- (ii) Matters arising; and
- (iii) To continue consideration of the Telecommunications Bill 2012 Bill No. 18/2012.

Any Other Business

Wednesday, 5th March, 2014

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: 10:00 a.m.

VENUE: Committee Room No. 1, Public Buildings, Brickdam,

Georgetown.

BUSINESS: (i) To receive oral presentation from Mrs. Ann Greene, Director of the Child Care and Protection Agency, Ministry of Human Services and Social Security and Team; and

(ii) * To continue consideration of Matrix highlighting references to corporal punishment that applies to the Motion referred to in Resolution N0. 23 of 2012.

Any Other Business

* Not Opened to the Public

*Not to be proceeded with at this meeting.

2. * Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Guyana Branch

TIME: 12:00 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 10th Meeting held on Thursday, 16th January, 2014;

(ii) Matters arising;

(iii) Correspondence:

- Letter dated 20th February, 2014, from Arlene Bussette, Assistant Director Programme, CPA, Re: Commonwealth Parliamentarians Mentoring Scheme;
- Letter dated 29th January, 2014, from Ms. Terry Ann Coley-Graham, Re: Save the date: 39th Regional Conference of the Caribbean, the Americas and the Atlantic Region of the CPA;

- Letter dated 31st January, 2014, from CPA UK, Re: 63rd Westminster Seminar on Parliamentary Practice and Procedure, Monday 16th Friday 20th June, 2014: 4th Westminster Workshop, Public Accounts and Departmental Committees: Financial Scrutiny of Public Expenditure, Monday 23rd Thursday 26th June, 2014;
- Letter dated 7th February, 2014, from Elizabeth Kingston, Executive Secretary, CPA, Canadian Branch, RE: 11th Canadian Parliamentary Seminar, Ottawa, June 1st – 7th 2014; and
- Letter dated 25th November, 2014, from Dr. William F. Shija, Secretary General, CPA, Re: Concluding Statement of the 59th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference.
- (iv) Consideration of the draft programme for the observance of Commonwealth Day 2014; and

(v) Consideration of the Evaluation Report of the 16th Biennial Regional Conference of Presiding Officers and Clerks of the Caribbean, the Americas and the Atlantic Region of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, 28th – 29th October, 2013

Any Other Business

3. *Parliamentary Management Committee

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 11th Meeting held on Thursday, 16th January, 2014;

- (ii) Matters arising;
- (iii) Correspondence;
- (iv) Business of the National Assembly;

- (v) Committees and Commissions:
 - Consideration of the draft amendment to the Standing Orders of the National Assembly to facilitate, *inter alia* findings, recommendations of the Rights Commissions
 - (vi) Training/Workshop/Conference;
 - (vii) Administrative Matters:
 - Observance of International Women's Day, 2014;
 - Strategic Plan of the Parliament Office (2013-2018);
 - Further discussion on the establishment of the Legal Counsel Section of the Parliament Office;
 - Consideration of the document: "Model decision for Parliaments' affiliation/reafilliation to the Inter Parliamentary Union"; and
 - Consideration of the suggestion to include community meetings as part of the schools' outreach programme.

Any Other Business

4. *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.

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

BUSINESS: (i) Correction and confirmation of Minutes of the 9^{th} , 10^{th} , 11^{th} , 12^{th} , 13^{th} , 14^{th} , and 15^{th} Meetings held on 9^{th} , 10^{th} , 11^{th} , 19^{th} , 21^{st} , 26^{th} and 27^{th} February, 2014, respectively;

- (ii) To consider the Draft Report (5th Revision) on the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (Amendment) Bill 2013 – Bill No. 22/2013; 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.

Any Other Business

Thursday, 6th March, 2014

Sitting of the National Assembly

NIL

Meetings of Parliamentary Committees

NIL

Friday, 7th March, 2014

Sitting of the National Assembly

NIL

Meetings of Parliamentary Committees

NIL

Parliament Office, Public Buildings, Brickdam, Georgetown.

3rd March, 2014