

# **PARLIAMENTARY AGENDA** **FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2013 - FRIDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2013**

**Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2013**

**Sitting of the National Assembly**

**NIL**

## **Meetings of Parliamentary Committees**

### **Public Accounts Committee**

**TIME:** 2.00 p.m.

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

**BUSINESS:** (i) Correction and confirmation of Minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting held on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2013;

(ii) Matters arising;

(iii) Audit Office:

- Review of the Audit Office's Evaluation Criteria for Recruitment;

- Audit Office's Quarterly Performance Report for the period April-June 2013; and

(iv) To consider the nominees for appointment to the Public Procurement Commission.

**Any Other Business**

**Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2013**

**Sitting of the National Assembly**

**NIL**

**Meetings of Parliamentary Committees**

**NIL**

**Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2013**

**Sitting of the National Assembly**

**NIL**

**Meetings of Parliamentary Committees**

**\*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:** 11.00 a.m.

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

**BUSINESS:** (i) To receive oral presentations from:  
(a) Representative(s) from forward Guyana Child Link (Guyana Coalition on the Rights of Children) at 11.15 a.m;

**\*Not Opened to the Public**

- (b) Representative(s) from the Guyana Human Rights Association at 11.30 a.m;
  - (c) Representative(s) from the Society Against Sexual Orientation Discrimination at 11.45 a.m;
  - (d) Representative(s) from the National Student Movement Core Committee at 12. 00 noon;  
and
  - (e) Representative(s) from the Youth Coalition for Transformation at 12.15 p.m;
- (ii) Correction and confirmation of Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2013;
  - (iii) Matters Arising; and
  - (iv) \* To continue consideration of Matrix highlighting references to Corporal Punishment that applies to the Motion referred to in Resolution No. 23 of 2012.

### **Any Other Business**

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

**Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2013**

**Sitting of the National Assembly**

**TIME:** 2.00 p.m.

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

**BUSINESS:**

**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS-**

By the Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment:

Annual Report of the Environmental Protection Agency for the year  
2012.

(To be Circulated)

1. **WORK PLANS OF DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT**

**OFFICERS OF REGION # 8**

**Member Asking:**

**Mr. Ronald Bulkan, M.P.**

**Minister Answering:**

**The Minister of Local Government and  
Regional Development**

Can the Hon. Minister provide the National Assembly with the current work plans of the District Development Officers in Region # 8 since December, 2011, village-by-village, in the Pakaraimas, and the associated back-to-office reports from each outreach activity and Officer, for each date in each village?

**(Notice Paper No. 237 (Q 159 Opp. 157) published on 2013-10-04)**

2. **PERMETHRIN-TREATED BED NETS**

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

**Minister Answering:**                **The Minister of Health**

Can the Hon. Minister provide the National Assembly with a detailed programme for delivery of new permethrin-treated bed nets and for re-treatment of older bed nets in each of the Pakaraimas villages; how many nets, of what kind, on which date and to which village since December, 2011?

**(Notice Paper No. 239 (Q 161 Opp. 159) published on 2013-10-04)**

### **3. MEDICAL OUTREACH TO PAKARAIMA VILLAGES**

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

**Minister Answering:**                **The Minister of Health**

Can the Hon. Minister provide the National Assembly with a detailed programme for supply of road transport for medical outreach; how many vehicles, of what kind, on what date and to which Pakaraima village since December, 2011?

**(Notice Paper No. 240 (Q 162 Opp. 160) published on 2013-10-04)**

### **4. PROVISION OF DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLIES – VILLAGES IN REGION # 8**

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

**Minister Answering:**                **The Minister of Housing and Water**

- (i) Can the Hon. Minister provide the National Assembly with the current plan for providing and maintaining domestic water supplies through wells and standpipes in Region # 8, especially the villages in the Pakaraimas?

- (ii) Detail village-by-village, how this plan and the associated actions by Guyana Water Inc. addresses the needs of the rising population in these villages since December, 2011?
  
- (iii) Detail the training programme for Region # 8 since December, 2011 so that all villages learn how to maintain and repair their water supplies?

**(Notice Paper No. 241 (Q 163 Opp. 161) published on 2013-10-04)**

**5. WORK PLANS OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS OF REGION # 8**

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

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

Can the Hon. Minister provide the National Assembly with the current work plans of the Community Development Officers in Region # 8 since December, 2011, village-by-village in the Pakaraimas, and the associated back-to-office reports from each outreach activity and Officer, for each date in each village?

**(Notice Paper No. 242 (Q 164 Opp. 162) published on 2013-10-04)**



## **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

### **PUBLIC BUSINESS**

#### **(i) PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

##### **BILLS – Second Reading**

#### **1. 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**

#### **2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL VETERANS COMMISSION**

Brig. (Ret'd) David Granger, M.S.S., M.P., Leader of the Opposition to move the following motion:

WHEREAS Article 24 of the Constitution of the Co-Operative Republic of Guyana prescribes that “Every citizen has the right to free medical attention and also to social care in case of old age and disability;”

AND WHEREAS thousands of persons have served in the defence forces and disciplined services of Guyana in which they rendered essential national defence and public security services to the nation as a whole;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with Section 20 of the Defence Act, Ch. 15:01 certain members of the defence forces are required to retire after only twenty-two years of service and other veterans of the disciplined services may be discharged honourably from regular service or transferred to the reserve for various prescribed reasons;

AND WHEREAS many ex-soldiers and servicemen have faced challenges which have had deleterious effects on their employment, health and welfare and of their dependants;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with Article 197 A (5) of the Constitution of the Co-Operative Republic of Guyana, “Disciplined Forces Commissions may be constituted by the National Assembly from time to time, as may be necessary, with power to examine any matter etc;”

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly, acting in accordance with the Constitution, appoint a commission, styled the National Veterans Commission, to examine the conditions and circumstances facing veterans of the defence forces and disciplined services to make

recommendations to ensure their health and welfare and for the general administration of veterans affairs in Guyana.

**(Notice Paper No. 245 (M 79 Opp. 48) published on 2013-10-07)**

**3. SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF MRS. MARGRET ACKMAN, C.C.H.**

Ms Amna Ally, M.P., Opposition Chief Whip, to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly records its deep regret at the death of Mrs. Margret Ackman, C.C.H., on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2013 and pays tribute to her dedicated service as a Member of Parliament from 1969 to 1980 and to the people of Guyana; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly directs that an expression of its sympathy be conveyed to her sorrowing children and relatives.

**(Notice Paper No. 251 (M 83 Opp 50) published on 2013-11-08)**

4. **SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF MR. SHIW SAHAI NARAINÉ, C.C.H.**

Mr. Carl B. Greenidge, M.P., to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly records its deep regret at the death of Mr. Shiw Sahai Naraine, C.C.H., on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 and pays tribute to his dedicated service as a Member of Parliament from 1972 to 1983 and to the people of Guyana; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly directs that an expression of its sympathy be conveyed to his sorrowing children and relatives.

**(Notice Paper No. 252 (M 84 Opp 51) published on 2013-11-08)**

(ii) **GOVERNMENT'S BUSINESS**

**MOTIONS**

5. **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)**

#### **6. 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, totalling \$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)**

**7. 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) totalling \$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**

**8. 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.*

9. **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)**

**10. 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)**

**(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**

**NIL**

**Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2013**

**Sitting of the National Assembly**

**NIL**

**Meetings of Parliamentary Committees**

**NIL**

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Brickdam,  
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**18<sup>th</sup> November, 2013**