

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

**MONDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 - FRIDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2014**

**Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2014**

## **Sitting of the National Assembly**

### **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS-**

(1) By the Minister of Finance:

Estimates of the Revenues and Expenditure of Guyana for the financial year 2014.

(To be Circulated)

By the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment:

The Protected Areas (Board of Trustees Additional Members) Regulations 2014 – No. 3 of 2014.

(To be Circulated)

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-**

#### **For Written Replies**

#### **1. CARIBBEAN AIRLINES – FLAGSHIP CARRIER STATUS**

**Member Asking:** Mr. Carl Greenidge, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Public Works

On Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2014, Caribbean Airlines BW 483 landed on time and was due to leave Piarco Airport at 8.30 p.m. as part of a feeder from Miami and Washington. On arrival at Piarco, the passengers going on to Georgetown were told to stay on board. After all the other passengers had disembarked, Georgetown bound passengers were told to leave the plane and to wait at the top of the stairs in the terminal. Once in the terminal they were immediately shepherded into the waiting area room, movement in which was very restricted for over an hour.

In view of the 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2013 announcement by Minister Benn to the effect that the CAL has been granted flagship carrier status for Guyana, would the Minister be good enough to indicate:

- (i) Whether the negotiation of this status for CAL involved any requirement by the Government of Guyana and a matching commitment from the CAL management to eliminate discriminatory treatment imposed on Guyana bound and departing passengers on this route, one of the airline's most lucrative routes?
- (ii) If so, what quality and range of services, including arrangements for the transfer and checking-in of transit passengers at Piarco, has the Government of Guyana required CAL to fulfil and over what period of time?
- (iii) Whether the Government has in place any mechanism for monitoring the quality of services provided to passengers since January, 2013? If so, what have been the findings up to the end of the last review period?
- (iv) What has been the direct financial recompense and non-financial benefits, if any, the Government of Guyana has received in return for this grant of the route rights or national carrier status to CAL?
- (v) How does this compare with what was received before 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2013?

(Notice Paper No. 283 (Q 185 Opp. 183) published on 2014-02-13)

## 2. ELECTRICITY DISCOUNT FOR PENSIONERS

**Member Asking:** Mrs. Volda Lawrence, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Human Services and Social Security

Could the Hon. Minister tell this House:-

- (i) How many pensioners applied during 2013 for electricity discount?
- (ii) How many pensioners qualified and how many were disqualified?
- (iii) What was the major areas for disqualification?
- (iv) Could the Minister provide the number of recipients by region?

(Notice Paper No. 284 (Q 186 Opp. 184) published on 2014-02-13)

## 3. FUNERAL ASSISTANCE

**Member Asking:** Mrs. Volda Lawrence, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Human Services and Social Security

Could the Hon. Minister provide this House with the number of applicants for funeral assistance for 2013, and how many received 100% and how many received partial assistance?

**(Notice Paper No. 285 (Q 187 Opp. 185) published on 2014-02-13)**

**4. DRAINAGE WORKS DONE IN THE NORTH AND SOUTH OF GEORGETOWN DURING THE YEARS 2012 AND 2013**

**Member Asking:** Mrs. Volda Lawrence, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Agriculture

Could the Hon. Minister inform this House of the following:-

- (i) What were the total amount expended for drainage works done in the North and South of Georgetown during the years 2012 and 2013, respectively, by the Drainage and Irrigation Authority?
- (ii) What were the main works done in both the South and North during 2012 and 2013?
- (iii) What was the cost for each project?

**(Notice Paper No. 286 (Q 188 Opp. 186) published on 2014-02-13)**

**5. THE FAMILY COURT**

**Member Asking:** Mrs. Volda Lawrence, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

Could the Hon. Minister inform this House what are the factors which have inhibited the Family Court from being operationalised in 2013, and whether the Guyanese people will benefit from its use in 2014?

**(Notice Paper No. 287 (Q 189 Opp. 187) published on 2014-02-13)**

## **6. 2013 BUDGET ESTIMATES**

**Member Asking:** Mrs. Volda Lawrence, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Finance

Could the Hon. Minister provide a list of persons and/organisations, amounts and projects for which monies were allocated for 2013 from budget estimates page 414, Line Item numbers 1900400 and 4400700, respectively?

**(Notice Paper No. 288 (Q 190 Opp. 188) published on 2014-02-13)**

## **7. UPGRADING OF THE LINDEN TO LETHEM ROAD**

**Member Asking:** Mr. Sydney Allicock, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Public Works

- (i) What is the current National Plan for upgrading of the Linden to Lethem road?
- (ii) Is there a proper road alignment based on the original trail through Frenchman, which is shorter and less challenging to maintain?
- (iii) Is there a plan to begin construction of proper steel and cement bridges before the rains in May, 2014?

- (iv) Is there a record with the estimated loss of lives, cargo and vehicles from 1992 to date, and if so, can this be shared?
- (v) What is the total cost of funds used on the Linden to Lethem road, bridges, culverts, etc., from 1992, to present?

**(Notice Paper No. 289 (Q 191 Opp. 189) published on 2014-02-13)**

**8. TYPES OF INSECTICIDE AND FERTILIZER USED IN THE NORTH RUPUNUNI**

**Member Asking: Mr. Sydney Allicock, M.P.**

**Minister Answering: The Minister of Agriculture**

- (i) Can the Hon. Minister inform the National Assembly what type of insecticide and fertilizer was/is used on the Santa Fe Farm in the North Rupununi and has there been an environmental impact assessment?
- (ii) According to information, because of the soil type, triple use of fertilizer and insecticide which was used and which produces the same as the coastland. Can the Hon. Minister say whether this is true and would it not be a threat to the eco-system of the wetlands of the North Rupununi in the rainy season?

**(Notice Paper No. 290 (Q 192 Opp. 190) published on 2014-02-13)**

**9. 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)**

#### **10. LICENSED FIREARM HOLDERS**

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

**Minister Answering:        The Minister of Home Affairs**

- (i) Whereas Licensed Firearm Holders are having great difficulties in obtaining ammunition; and whereas they have been told that they cannot obtain this if their guns do not have ballistic marks; and whereas it is expensive and costs \$48,000 to travel to Georgetown to obtain ballistic marks. Can the Minister send a team to Region 8 once a year to help firearm holders obtain ballistic marks?
  
- (ii) Can selected Police Stations and or Outposts in Region 8 stock ammunition for sale to licensed holders of firearms?

**(Notice Paper No. 294 (Q 196 Opp. 194) published on 2014-02-13)**

#### **11. LIST OF ENTITIES DESIGNATED AS EXTRA-BUDGETARY AGENCIES**

**Member Asking:** Mr. Carl B. Greenidge, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Finance

Could the Hon. Minister provide to the Assembly:-

- (i) A list of all the entities which have to date designated as Extra-Budgetary Agencies in keeping with the 2003 Fiscal Management and Accountability Act?
- (ii) Those entities which have had such status changed since they were first designated?

**(Notice Paper No. 295 (Q 197 Opp. 195) published on 2014-02-25)**

## **12. STAFF EMPLOYED BY NICIL**

**Member Asking:** Mr. Carl B. Greenidge, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Finance

Could the Hon. Minister provide this House with:-

- (i) The composition of the current Board of NICIL?
- (ii) A list of the staff currently employed by NICIL?
- (iii) The names, designations and employment experience immediately, prior to their joining the management of the entity, of the three (3) most senior staff members of NICIL?
- (iv) A copy of the advertisement of the vacancies for these positions?

**(Notice Paper No. 296 (Q 198 Opp. 196) published on 2014-02-25)**

## **13. RESIGNATION OF MR. MIKE BRASSINGTON AS CEO OF NICIL**



**Member Asking:**            **Mr. Carl B. Greenidge, M.P.**

**Minister Answering:**    **The Minister of Finance**

In March 2012, subsequent to the declaration of the 2011 General Elections results, Mr. Mike Brassington announced his resignation as CEO of NICIL. Will the Hon. Minister indicate Mr. Brassington's:

- (i) Job description and Terms of Reference up to that time?
- (ii) What is his current position in the entity and his changed terms of reference?

**(Notice Paper No. 297 (Q 199 Opp. 197) published on 2014-02-25)**

#### **14. CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD TO AMAILA FALLS HYDRO PROJECT**

**Member Asking:**            **Mr. Carl B. Greenidge, M.P.**

**Minister Answering:**    **The Minister of Finance**

In 2009, NICIL awarded a contract for the construction of the road to Amaila Falls Hydro Project. Will the Hon. Minister indicate:-

- (i) Who cleared the specifications for the road and the role of the Ministry of Works in the preparation of the tender documents for the tender and specs?
- (ii) The cost of the amendment of the specifications of the Amaila road contract, undertaken after the termination of the contract with Synergy?

**(Notice Paper No. 298 (Q 200 Opp. 198) published on 2014-02-25)**

**15. REPAIRS DONE TO TOYOTA LAND CRUISER PLL 6278**

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

**Minister Answering:** The Minister in the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development

- (i) Can the Hon. Minister say how much money was spent in 2012, to repair Toyota Land Cruiser PLL 6278 in Region No. 8?
- (ii) Can the Hon. Minister say if the contract for the repair to the Land Cruiser was awarded by the Regional Tender Board of Region No. 8?
- (iii) Can the Hon. Minister say if the money for the repair to the vehicle was spent against Line Item 6264 of the Regional Budget 2012, for Region No. 8?

**(Notice Paper No. 300 (Q 202 Opp. 200) published on 2014-02-25)**

**16. REPAIRS DONE TO TOYOTA LAND CRUISER PKK 2288**

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

**Minister Answering:** The Minister in the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development

- (i) Can the Hon. Minister say how much money was spent in 2012, to repair Toyota Land Cruiser PKK 2288 in Region No. 8?
- (ii) Can the Hon. Minister say if the contract for the repair to the Land Cruiser was awarded by the Regional Tender Board of Region No. 8?
- (iii) Can the Hon. Minister say if the money for the repair to the vehicle was spent against Line Item 6264 of the Regional Budget 2012, for Region No. 8?

**(Notice Paper No. 301 (Q 203 Opp. 201) published on 2014-02-25)**

**17. CONTRACTS AWARDED BY THE REGIONAL TENDER BOARD  
OF REGION NO. 8 FOR THE YEARS 2012 AND 2013**

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

**Minister Answering:** The Minister in the Ministry of Local Government  
and Regional Development

Can the Hon. Minister provide this House with a list of all contracts; including the dates awarded, monetary allocations and the name(s) of the contractor/company, awarded by the Regional Tender Board of Region No. 8 for the financial years 2012 and 2013?

(Notice Paper No. 302 (Q 204 Opp. 202) published on 2014-02-25)

**18. NATIONAL OPHTHALMOLOGY HOSPITAL**

**Member Asking:** Dr. Vishwa Mahadeo, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Health

Could the Hon. Minister say:-

- (a) What kind of services were offered over the years?
- (b) When was Laser Surgery started?
- (c) Is Retinal Surgery being done at the facility?
- (d) What number of persons had procedures done at the facility?
- (e) How many persons from out of Guyana accessed and received services at the facility?
- (f) How many Guyanese Ophthalmologists were trained over the last five (5) years?
- (g) How long will the Cuban Brigade continue to manage this facility?

(Notice Paper No. 303 (Q 205 PPP/C Private Member 1) published on 2014-02-28)

**MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND MOVED BY A MINISTER-**

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS NOS. 10(2) AND 38(9)(a)**

The Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Standing Orders Nos. 10(2) and 38(9)(a) be suspended to enable the Minister of Finance to complete uninterrupted the reading of the Budget Speech for 2014 at the sitting of the National Assembly on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.

(Notice Paper No. 304 (M 99 Govt. 34) published on 2014-03-18)

**(i) GOVERNMENT'S BUSINESS**  
**MOTION**

**BUDGET FOR 2014**

The Minister of Finance to move the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 2014.

(The Minister will make the annual financial statement or budget speech)

**Meetings of Parliamentary Committees**

**NIL**

**Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2014**

**Sitting of the National Assembly**

**NIL**

**Meetings of Parliamentary Committees**

**\*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.

**VENUE:** 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> and 17<sup>th</sup> Meetings held on 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 respectively;
  - (ii) 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
  - (iii) To consider the Draft Report (5<sup>th</sup> Revision) on the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (Amendment) Bill 2013 – Bill No. 22/2013.

**\* Not Opened to the Public**

**Any Other Business**

**Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> 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:** 5:00 p.m.

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

**BUSINESS:** (i) Correction and confirmation of Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup>  
Meeting held on March 4, 2014;

(ii) Matters arising; and

(iii) To continue consideration of the  
Telecommunications Bill 2012 – Bill No.  
18/2012.

**\* Not Opened to the Public**

**Any Other Business**

**Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2014**

**Sitting of the National Assembly**

**NIL**

**Meetings of Parliamentary Committees**

**NIL**

**Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2014**

**Sitting of the National Assembly**

**NIL**

**Meetings of Parliamentary Committees**

**NIL**

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**24<sup>th</sup> March, 2014**