

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE 25<sup>TH</sup> SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST**  
**SESSION (2020-2021) OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD**  
**AT 10.00 A.M.**  
**ON TUESDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH, 2021**  
**IN THE DOME OF THE ARTHUR CHUNG CONFERENCE CENTRE,**  
**LILIENDAAL, GREATER GEORGETOWN**

**MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (71)**

**Speaker (1)**

\*Hon. Manzoor Nadir, M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly

**MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT (38)**

**Peoples Progressive Party Civic (38)**

**Prime Minister (1)**

Hon. Brigadier (Ret'd) Mark A. Phillips, M.S.S., M.P., Prime Minister

**Vice-President (1)**

Hon. Bharrat Jagdeo, M.P., Vice-President (Absent)

**Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs (1)**

Hon. Mohabir A. Nandlall, S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

**Senior Ministers (17)**

Hon. Gail Teixeira, M.P. (Region No. 7 – Cuyuni/Mazaruni), Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance and Government Chief Whip

Hon. Hugh H. Todd, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica), Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation

\*Hon. Dr. Ashni K. Singh, M.P., Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance

Hon. Bishop Juan A. Edghill, M.S., J.P., M.P., Minister of Public Works

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**\*Non-Elected Member**

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Hon. Dr. Frank C. S. Anthony, M.P., Minister of Health

Hon. Priya D. Manickchand, M.P. (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Islands/West Demerara),  
Minister of Education

\*Hon. Brindley H.R. Benn, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs

Hon. Zulfikar Mustapha, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne), Minister of  
Agriculture

Hon. Pauline R.A. Campbell-Sukhai, M.P., Minister of Amerindian Affairs

Hon. Joseph L.F. Hamilton, M.P., Minister of Labour

Hon. Vickram O. Bharrat, M.P., Minister of Natural Resources

\*Hon. Oneidge Walrond, M.P., Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce

Hon. Nigel D. Dharamlall, M.P. (Region No. 2 – Pomeroon/Supenaam), Minister of Local  
Government and Regional Development

Hon. Collin D. Croal, M.P. (Region No. 1 – BarimaWaini), Minister of Housing and Water

Hon. Vindhya V. H. Persaud, M.S., M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica), Minister of  
Human Services and Social Security

Hon. Charles S. Ramson, M.P., Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport

Hon. Sonia S. Parag, M.P., Minister of the Public Service

**Junior Ministers (4)**

Hon. Warren K.E. McCoy, M.P., Minister within the Office of the Prime Minister

Hon. Deodat Indar, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of Public Works

Hon. Anand Persaud, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of Local Government and Regional  
Development

Hon. Susan M. Rodrigues, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica), Minister within the  
Ministry of Housing and Water

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**\*Non-Elected Member**

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**Other Members (14)**

Hon. Dharamkumar Seeraj, M.P.

Hon. Alister S. Charlie, M.P. (Region No. 9 – Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)

Hon. Dr. Vishwa D.B. Mahadeo, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne)

Hon. Sanjeev J. Datadin, M.P.

Hon. Seepaul Narine, M.P.

Hon. Yvonne Pearson-Fredericks, M.P.

Hon. Dr. Bheri S. Ramsaran, M.P.

Hon. Dr. Jennifer R.A. Westford, M.P.

Hon. Faizal M. Jaffarally, M.P. (Region No. 5 – Mahaica/Berbice)

Hon. Dr. Tandika S. Smith, M.P. (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

Hon. Lee G.H. Williams, M.P.

\*Hon. Sarah Browne, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Amerindian Affairs

\*Hon. Vikash Ramkissoon, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture

Hon. Bhagmattie Veerasammy, M.P.

**MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION (32)**

**(i) A Partnership For National Unity + Alliance For Change (APNU/AFC) (31)**

Hon. Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Joseph F. Harmon, M.S.M., M.P., Leader of the Opposition

Hon. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.

Hon. Roysdale A. Forde, S.C., M.P. (Absent)

Hon. Raphael G.C. Trotman, M.P. (Virtual - Participation)

Hon. Dawn Hastings-Williams, M.P. (Region No. 7 – Cuyuni/Mazaruni)

Hon. Dr. Nicolette O. Henry, M.P.

Hon. Dr. Karen R.V. Cummings, M.P.

Hon. Tabitha J. Sarabo-Halley, M.P.

Hon. Geeta Chandan-Edmond, M.P.

Hon. Christopher A. Jones, M.P., Opposition Chief Whip

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**\*Non-Elected Member**

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Hon. Annette N. Ferguson, M.P. (Absent)

Hon. David A. Patterson, M.P.

Hon. Coretta A. McDonald, A.A., M.P. (Virtual-Participation)

Hon. Catherine A. Hughes, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Hon. Haimraj B. Rajkumar, M.P.

Hon. Amanza O.R. Walton-Desir, M.P.

Hon. Natasha Singh-Lewis, M.P.

Hon. Sherod A. Duncan, M.P.

Hon. Juretha V. Fernandes, M.P.

Hon. Vincent P. Henry, M.P.

Hon. Ronald Cox, M.P. (Region No. 1 – Barima/Waini)

Hon. Shurwayne F.K. Holder, M.P. (Region No. 2 – Pomeroon/Supenaam)

Hon. Ganesh A. Mahipaul, M.P. (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

Hon. Nima N. Flue-Bess, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Hon. Maureen A. Philadelphia, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Hon. Deonarine Ramsaroop, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Hon. Vinceroy H. Jordan, M.P., (Region No. 5 – Mahaica/Berbice)

Hon. Dineshwar N. Jaiprashad, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne)

Hon. Richard E. Sinclair, M.P. (Region No. 8 – Potaro/Siparuni)

Hon. Jermaine A. Figueira, M.P. (Region No. 10 – Upper Demerara/Upper Berbice)

Hon. Devin L. Sears, M.P. (Region No. 10 – Upper Demerara/Upper Berbice)

**A New and United Guyana, Liberty and Justice Party and The New Movement (ANUG, LJP & TNM) (1)**

Hon. Lenox R. O’Dell Shuman, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

**Officers (2)**

Mr. Sherlock E. Isaacs, A.A., Clerk of the National Assembly

Ms. Hermina Gilgeours, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

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**COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING**

The Sitting commenced at 10.08 a.m.

**PRAYERS**

The Clerk led in Prayers.

**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS-**

By the Senior Minister in the Office of President with Responsibility for Finance:

The Customs (Amendment of First Schedule) Order 2021 – Order No. 5 of 2021.

(Circulated)

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS-**

**Presentation and First Reading**

**CAPITAL GAINS TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL 2021 – Bill No. 5/2021**

The Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill, which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Capital Gains Tax Act.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**MOTION**

**BUDGET SPEECH 2021 - MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2021**

The Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 2021.

**(Moved by the Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance on 2021-02-12)**

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**In Committee of Supply**

The following Agencies and Programmes in the Estimates of Expenditure were considered and approved by the Committee as presented with the respective amounts allocated thereto:

**01 – OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

**Current Expenditure**

011 Administration

**Capital Expenditure**

011 Administration

**Current Expenditure**

012 National Policy Development Presidential Advisory Services

**Capital Expenditure**

012 National Policy Development Presidential Advisory Services

**Current Expenditure**

013 Defence and National Security

**Capital Expenditure**

013 Defence and National Security

**Current Expenditure**

014 Public Policy and Planning

**Capital Expenditure**

014 Public Policy and Planning

**Current Expenditure**

015 Environmental Management and Compliance

**Capital Expenditure**

015 Environmental Management and Compliance

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**Current Expenditure**

016 Police Complaints Authority

**Capital Expenditure**

016 Police Complaints Authority

**Assembly resumed**

**SUSPENSION OF SITTING**

At 12.08 p.m., the Sitting was suspended for refreshments.

**RESUMPTION OF SITTING**

At 1.18 p.m., the Sitting was resumed.

**In Committee of Supply**

The following Agencies and Programmes in the Estimates of Expenditure were considered and approved by the Committee as presented with the respective amounts allocated thereto:

**53-Guyana Defence Force**

**Current Expenditure**

531 Defence and Security Support

**Capital Expenditure**

531 Defence and Security Support

**02 – OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER**

**Current Expenditure**

021 Prime Minister's Secretariat

**Capital Expenditure**

021 Prime Minister's Secretariat

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**Current Expenditure**

022 Disaster Preparedness, Response and Management

**Capital Expenditure**

022 Disaster Preparedness, Response and Management

**Current Expenditure**

023 Power Generation

**Capital Expenditure**

023 Power Generation

**Current Expenditure**

024 Telecommunications and Innovation

**Capital Expenditure**

024 Telecommunications and Innovation

**Current Expenditure**

025 Government Information and Communication Services

**Capital Expenditure**

025 Government Information and Communication Services

**52 – MINISTRY OF LEGAL AFFAIRS**

**Current Expenditure**

521 Policy Development and Administration

**Capital Expenditure**

521 Policy Development and Administration

**Current Expenditure**

523 Attorney General's Chambers



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**Capital Expenditure**

523 Attorney General's Chambers

**Current Expenditure**

524 State Solicitor

**Capital Expenditure**

524 State Solicitor

**Assembly resumed**

**SUSPENSION OF SITTING**

At 4.10 p.m., the Sitting was suspended for refreshments.

**RESUMPTION OF SITTING**

At 5.27 p.m., the Sitting was resumed.

**In Committee of Supply**

The following Agencies and Programmes in the Estimates of Expenditure were considered and approved by the Committee as presented with the respective amounts allocated thereto:

**12 – MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

**Current Expenditure**

121 Development of Foreign Policy

**Capital Expenditure**

121 Development of Foreign Policy

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**Current Expenditure**

122 Foreign Policy Promotion

**Capital Expenditure**

122 Foreign Policy Promotion

**Current Expenditure**

123 Development of Foreign Trade Policy

**Capital Expenditure**

123 Development of Foreign Trade Policy

**14 – MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SERVICE**

**Current Expenditure**

141 Policy Development and Administration

**Capital Expenditure**

141 Policy Development and Administration

**Current Expenditure**

142 Human Resource Development

**Capital Expenditure**

142 Human Resource Development

**Current Expenditure**

143 Human Resource Management

**Capital Expenditure**

143 Human Resource Management

**Assembly resumed**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7.33 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance, the Assembly was adjourned to 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2021.

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**HON. MANZOOR NADIR, M.P.,**  
**Hon. Speaker of the National Assembly**

**PARLIAMENT OFFICE,**  
**Public Buildings,**  
**Brickdam,**  
**Georgetown.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2021.**