

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 102ND SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (2020-2025) OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD
AT 10:00 A.M.
ON MONDAY, 28TH APRIL, 2025,
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

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 (16)

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 and the Public Service

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

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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 (Absent)

Hon. Collin D. Croal, M.P. (Region No. 1 – Barima/Waini), 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 Local Government and Regional Development

Junior Ministers (4)

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

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

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***Non-Elected Member**

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Other Members (15)

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.

Hon. Nandranie Coonjah, M.P. (Region No. 2 – Pomeroon/Supenaam)

Hon. Suresh Singh, M.P.

MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION (32)

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

Hon. Aubrey Norton M.P., Leader of the Opposition

Hon. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P. (Absent)

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

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

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

Hon. Geeta Chandan-Edmond, M.P.

Hon. Sherod A. Duncan, M.P. (Absent)

Hon. Volda A. Lawrence, M.P. (Absent)

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***Non-Elected Member**

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Hon. Dawn Hastings-Williams, M.P. (Region No. 7 – Cuyuni/Mazaruni)
Hon. Christopher A. Jones, M.P., Opposition Chief Whip
Hon. Vinceroy H. Jordan, M.P. (Region No. 5 – Mahaica/Berbice)
Hon. Amanza O.R. Walton-Desir, M.P.
Hon. Coretta A. McDonald, A.A., M.P.
Hon. Deonarine Ramsaroop, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)
Hon. Vincent P. Henry, M.P.
Hon. Dr. Karen Cummings, M.P.
Hon. Tabitha J. Sarabo-Halley, M.P.
Hon. Natasha Singh-Lewis, M.P.
Hon. Annette N. Ferguson, M.P.
Hon. Juretha V. Fernandes, M.P.
Hon. David A. Patterson, M.P.
Hon. Ronald Cox, M.P. (Region No. 1 – Barima/Waini)
Hon. Jermaine A. Figueira, M.P. (Region No. 10 – Upper Demerara/Upper Berbice)
Hon. Ganesh A. Mahipaul, M.P. (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)
Hon. Haimraj B. Rajkumar, M.P.
Hon. Nima N. Flue-Bess, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)
Hon. Dineshwar N. Jaiprashad, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne)
Hon. Maureen A. Philadelphia, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)
Hon. Beverley Alert, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)
Hon. Richard E. Sinclair, M.P. (Region No. 8 –Potaro/Siparuni)
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. Dr. Asha Kissoon, 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

COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING

The Sitting commenced at 10.46 a.m.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS-

(1) By the Senior Minister in the Office of the President with responsibility for Finance and the Public Service:

- (a) Deferred Payment Agreement dated January 14, 2025, between the Ministry of Finance acting on behalf of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, represented by the Finance Secretary, and the China Road and Bridge Corporation for an amount of US\$162,657,139.00. The purpose of this Deferred Payment Agreement is to finance the Upgrading of the Palmyra to Moleson Creek Highway, Lot 2, which covers Bloomfield to No. 54.

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- (b) Government Notice No. 2/2025, regarding Notification Receipts of all petroleum revenues paid into the Natural Resource Fund during the period 1st January, 2025 to 31st March, 2025.

(Circulated)

- (c) Financing Agreement Credit No. 7717-GY signed on April 1, 2025, between the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, and the International Development Association (IDA) for an amount of SDR5,400,000.00. The purpose of this Agreement is to finance the Guyana One Health Project.

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- (d) Loan Agreement No. 11/SFR-OR-GUY dated April 4, 2025, between the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, Guyana Water Inc., and the Caribbean Development Bank for an amount of US\$76,249,000.00. The purpose of this Agreement is to finance the Water Supply Improvement Project.

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- (2) By the Prime Minister:

Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission for the year 2024.

(Circulated)

- (3) By the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance:

- (a) Audited Financial Statements of the Ethnic Relations Commission for the years ended 31st December, 2015 to 2023.

(Circulated)

- (b) Audited Financial Statements of the Rights of the Child Commission for the years ended 31st December, 2015 to 2022.

(Circulated)

- (c) Audited Financial Statements of the Institute of Applied Science and Technology for the year ended 31st December, 2020.

(Circulated)

- (d) Annual Report of the Public Service Appellate Tribunal for the years ended 31st December, 2020 and 2021.

(Circulated)

- (e) Audited Financial Statements of the Public/Police Service Commission for the years ended 31st December, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2022 and 2023.

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- (f) Annual Reports of the Public/Police Service Commission for the years 2022 and 2023.

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(g) Audited Financial Statements of the Environmental Protection Agency for the year ended 31st December, 2019.

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(h) Audited Financial Statements of the Guyana Lands and Surveys Commission for the years ended 31st December, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021.

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(4) By the Minister of Public Works:

Audited Financial Statements of the Demerara Harbour Bridge Corporation for the years ended 31st December, 2021 and 2022.

(Circulated)

ORAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

The Speaker **disallowed** a request from Hon. Amanza Walton-Desir, M.P., to ask an oral question without notice in relation to the Controlling Authority approved under the description special uniform or caps, the use of balaclavas or ski masks for any private security agency in Guyana.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

For Written Replies

1. NAME AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF THE COMPANY CONSTRUCTING THE BETERVERWAGTING POLICE STATION

Member Asking: Ms. Annette Ferguson, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Home Affairs

Could the Honourable Minister provide the National Assembly with the name and give brief background information of the Company to whom the Contract for the rehabilitation of BV Police Station has been awarded?

(Notice Paper No. 376 (Q284 Opp.284) published on 2025-01-23)

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ANSWER

“The name of the contractor that was awarded the contract for the reconstruction of Beterverwagting Police Station is Alliance Construction & General Supplies. This contractor has worked for the Ministry on one other project in recent years.”

2. CONSTRUCTION OF THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT (CID) HEADQUARTERS

Member Asking: Ms. Annette Ferguson, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Home Affairs

1. Can Honorable Minister inform the National Assembly of the total Project cost for the construction of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) building, Camp Street, Georgetown?
2. Can the Honourable Minister state the percentage of works with costs paid out as at October 25, 2024, on construction of the CID building?
3. Can the Honourable Minister state when the project commenced and is likely to be completed, as per the contract agreement?
4. Can the Honourable Minister lay over to the National Assembly copies of the Contract agreement between the Ministry of Home Affairs and the contractor for the CID building project?

(Notice Paper No. 377 (Q285 Opp.285) published on 2025-01-23)

ANSWERS

1. “The total project cost for the reconstruction of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) building is \$198,236,062.

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2. As of October 25, 2024, the percentage of work completed for the project was about 60%. A total of \$91, 817,500 was paid on the project as of October 25, 2024, which included a 15% advance payment of \$29,735,409 which was paid in 2022.
3. The project completion date according to the contract is 9th August, 2024. An extension of time was granted to 30th August, 2024. This contract is currently in liquidation at 0.05% per day to a maximum of 10% of the contract sum.
4. Regrettably, no.”

3. **NAME AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF THE COMPANY
CONSTRUCTING THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT (CID)
HEADQUARTERS**

Member Asking: Ms. Annette Ferguson, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Home Affairs

Could the Honorable Minister provide the National Assembly with the name and brief background of the Company to whom the Contract for the CID building has been awarded?

(Notice Paper No. 378 (Q286 Opp.286) published on 2025-01-23)

ANSWER

“The name of the contractor that was awarded the contract for the reconstruction of the Criminal Investigation Department is Avinash Contracting & Scrap Metal Inc. This is the first project the contractor has executed for the Ministry.”

STANDING ORDER NO. 22(9)

In accordance with Standing Order No. 22(9), a request by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance and Government Chief Whip, on behalf of the Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce, the answers to the following questions were deferred:

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4. MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF GRANTS ISSUED TO SMALL BUSINESSES

Member Asking: Ms. Annette Ferguson, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce

1. Could Honourable Minister indicate to the National Assembly, from 2020 to October 2024, how many small businesses that received grants still exist? If none, what are the pitfalls?
2. Can the Honourable Minister state what mechanisms are in place to ensure that these businesses remain viable?

(Notice Paper No. 379 (Q287 Opp.287) published on 2025-01-23)

5. LIST OF WORKS COMPLETED ON THE NEW HEADQUARTERS OF THE CENTRAL HOUSING AND PLANNING AUTHORITY AND THE GUYANA WATER INC.

Member Asking: Ms. Annette Ferguson, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Housing and Water

The National Assembly has approved some \$1.3B for the construction of a new Headquarters to facilitate and accommodate staffers of Central Housing and Planning Authority and Guyana Water Inc. Minister Colin Croal and TEAM made a visit to the construction site on March 12, 2024. During his visit, he reported his satisfaction of the project and stated that the project will be completed by the end of 2024.

Can the Honourable Minister provide the National Assembly with a detailed list of works completed as of October 31, 2024, and the costs associated with each completed activity for both projects?

(Notice Paper No. 380 (Q288 Opp.288) published on 2025-01-23)

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ANSWER

“Detailed list of works completed on the New Headquarters of the Central Housing and Planning Authority as of October 31, 2024.

No.	List of Works Completed	Cost	Percentage Completed
1	Preliminary Works	\$19,700,000	98%
2	Excavation and Earth Works	\$36,503,600	
3	Structured Foundation Works	\$135,965,460	
4	Concrete Works	\$126,549,040	
5	Steel Superstructure	\$237,729,120	
TOTAL		\$556,447,220	

Detailed list of works completed on the New Headquarters of the Guyana Water Inc., as of October 31, 2024.

<u>No.</u>	<u>List of Works Completed</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Percentage Completed</u>
1	Structural Foundation Works	\$51,113,500	100%
2	Concrete Works	\$18,082,000	55%
3	Structural Steel Works	\$89,701,500	70%
4	Interior and External Works	\$46,909,000	56%
5	Perimeter Revetment	\$10,328,800	40%
6	Concrete Front Parking Over Drain	\$2,065,500	
7	Construction of Southern Box Drain and Parking Lot	\$7,995,100	
TOTAL		\$226,195,400	

For Oral Replies

6. * COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR A NEEDS ASSESSMENT ON (CURRENT AND FUTURE) SKILLS FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE

Hon. Tabitha Sarabo-Halley, M.P., asked the Minister of Labour the following questions:

1. *Can the Hon. Minister state whether there has been any collaboration between the Ministry of the Public Service and the Ministry of Labour to conduct a formal (study)needs assessment of the current and future skills needed for the Public Service and the country?
2. *If yes, can this study be made available to the public and be laid in the National Assembly as early as possible?

(Notice Paper No. 400 (Q308 Opp.308) published on 2025-01-23)

Thereafter, the Minister of Labour replied.

Hon. Tabitha Sarabo-Halley, M.P., asked a supplementary question.

Thereafter, the Minister of Labour replied.

7. * NUMBER OF REGISTERED VENEZUELAN

Hon. Tabitha Sarabo-Halley, M.P., asked the Minister of Home Affairs the following question:

*Can the Hon. Minister state what is the number of registered Venezuelans in Guyana, as of November, 2024?

(Notice Paper No. 401 (Q309 Opp.309) published on 2025-01-23)

Thereafter, the Minister of Home Affairs replied.

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Hon. Tabitha Sarabo-Halley, M.P., asked a supplementary question.

Thereafter, the Minister of Home Affairs replied.

Hon. David Patterson, M.P., asked a supplementary question.

Thereafter, the Minister of Home Affairs replied.

8. * NUMBER OF VENEZUELAN WHO ARRIVED IN GUYANA

Hon. Tabitha Sarabo-Halley, M.P., asked the Minister of Home Affairs the following question:

*Can the Hon. Minister state what is the monthly number of arrivals of Venezuelans in Guyana from January, 2024, to present and their points of entry?

(Notice Paper No. 402 (Q310 Opp.310) published on 2025-01-23)

Thereafter, the Minister of Home Affairs replied.

Hon. Tabitha Sarabo-Halley, M.P., asked a supplementary question.

Thereafter, the Minister of Home Affairs replied.

9. * HIGH-RISK MOTHERS IN GUYANA

Hon. Dr. Karen Cummings, M.P., asked the Minister of Health the following question:

*Can the Honourable Minister inform this National Assembly whether High-Risk mothers in Guyana can rely on the emergency care available and delivered at the health facilities in the ten Administrative Regions?

(Notice Paper No. 408 (Q316 Opp.316) published on 2025-01-23)

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Thereafter, the Minister of Health replied.

Hon. Dr. Karen Cummings, M.P., asked a supplementary question.

Thereafter, the Minister of Health replied

**REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY ON
DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE-**

Establishment of a National Child Emergency Notification System

The Hon. Speaker informed Members that he had a request from the Hon. Jermaine Figueira, M.P., for leave to move the adjournment of the Assembly on Definite Matters of Urgent Importance, re. The Establishment of a National Child Emergency Notification System. The Speaker, allowed Hon. Jermaine Figueira to speak briefly on the matter.

A Minute's Silence

A minute's silence was observed in honour of Ms. Adrianna Younge, who was found dead in a pool.

Thereafter, the Speaker also allowed the Hon. Prime Minister to speak briefly on the matter.

Withdrawal from the Chamber

At 11:52 p.m., while the Hon. Prime Minister was speaking, the Members of the A Partnership for National Unity and Alliance for Change withdrew from the Chamber.

The Prime Minister continued and concluded his speech.

Thereafter, the request by Hon. Jermaine Figueira, M.P., was disallowed.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS-

Presentation and First Reading

**OIL POLLUTION PREVENTION, PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE AND
RESPONSIBILITY BILL 2025 – Bill No. 7/2025**

The Prime Minister, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill, which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to make provision for preventative, restorative, and compensatory measures in relation to oil spill incidents in the national territory, particularly, the prevention of pollution from oil, oil spill preparedness, response, cooperation, and financial responsibility; the establishment of the Competent National Authority; and for related matters.

(To be Circulated)

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 12.05 p.m., the Sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 1.34 p.m., the Sitting was resumed.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

(i) GOVERNMENT’S BUSINESS

BILLS – Second Readings

ITEM 1 - GUYANA HORSE RACING AUTHORITY BILL 2024 – Bill No. 23/2024
published on 2024-12-18

The Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport moved the second reading of the following Bill:

16.

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the regulation of the horse racing industry; to establish a Horse Racing Authority, and for connected matters.

(Read a first time on 2024-12-18)

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Hon. Faizal Jaffarally, M.P.

Hon. Zulfikar Mustapha, M.P., Minister of Agriculture

Thereafter, the Minister of Culture, Youth & Sport replied.

The Bill was then read a second time.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

In Committee

Clauses 1 was passed as printed.

Clause 2

The Minister of Culture, Youth & Sports moved the following amendments which were put and carried:

“Clause 2 is amended by substituting for the definition of “racecourse” the following definition-

““racecourse” means any ground or premises in Guyana including any buildings or structures thereon used or intended to be used for the purpose of a racecourse for racing with horses and other incidental activities; and”.”

Clause 2 was then passed as amended.

Clauses 3 and 4 were passed as printed.

Clause 5

The Minister of Culture, Youth & Sports moved the following amendments which were put and carried:

Clause 5 is amended by inserting immediately after paragraph (e) the following-

- “(f) approve the date for race meetings;
- (g) establish, maintain and publish the stud book of Guyana; and
- (h) appoint, discipline, and revoke the appointment of racing officials.”.

Clause 5 was then passed as amended.

Clauses 6 to 10 were passed as printed.

Clause 11

The Minister of Culture, Youth & Sports moved the following amendments which were put and carried:

Clause 11 is amended by inserting immediately after paragraph (c) the following-

- “(d) any fees collected in respect of the sale of publications and related material; and
- (e) penalties levied in respect of any breach of the rules and regulations of racing.”.

Clause 11 was then passed as amended.

Clause 12 was passed as printed.

Clause 13

The Minister of Culture, Youth & Sports moved the following amendment which was put and carried:

Clause 13 is amended by substituting for subclause (1) the following-

Cap. 73:02 “(1) The Authority shall, prior to the commencement of each financial year, prepare and submit its annual budget for consideration and approval in accordance with section 79 of the Fiscal Management and Accountability Act.”.

Clause 13 was then passed as amended.

Clause 14 was passed as printed.

Clause 15

The Minister of Culture, Youth & Sports moved the following amendments which were put and carried:

Clause 15 is amended as follows-

(a) by substituting for subclause (2) the following-

Cap. 73:02 “(2) The Authority shall not later than four months after the end of each financial year submit an annual report to the Minister in accordance with section 80 of the Fiscal Management and Accountability Act.”;

(b) by deleting subclause (3).

Clause 15 was then passed as amended.

Clauses 16 to 18 were passed as printed.

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Clause 19

The Minister of Culture, Youth & Sports moved the following amendment, which was put and carried:

“Clause 19(3) is amended in paragraph (b) by inserting before the word “suspend” the following words “after consultation with the Minister.”.”

Clause 19 was then passed as amended.

Clauses 20 to 30 were passed as printed.

Clause 31

The Minister of Culture, Youth & Sports moved the following amendment which was put and carried:

“Clause 31 is amended in paragraph (a) by inserting after the word “for” the word “race”.”

Clause 31 was then passed as amended.

Clauses 32 and 33 were passed as printed.

The First & Second Schedules were passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Culture, Youth & Sports, the Guyana Horse Racing Authority Bill 2024 was read a third time and passed as amended.

ITEM 2 - INTERNATIONAL MEASURES FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN (HAGUE CONVENTION) BILL 2024 – Bill No. 15/2024 published on 2024-11-21

At the request of the Minister of Human Services and Social Security, the following Bill was **deferred**:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to give effect to the Convention on Jurisdiction, Applicable Law, Recognition, Enforcement and Co-operation in respect of Parental Responsibility and Measures for the Protection of Children, and for other related matters.

(Read a first time on 2024-11-25)

ITEM 3 - APOSTILLE BILL 2024 – Bill No. 19/2024 published on 2024-11-27

At the request of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation, the following Bill was **deferred**:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to implement the Convention Abolishing the requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents done at the Hague on the 5th day of October, 1961 and for connected matters.

(Read a first time on 2024-11-27)

ITEM 4 - COURT OF APPEAL (AMENDMENT) BILL 2025 – Bill No. 3/2025 published on 2025-02-11

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL initiated AN ACT to amend the Court of Appeal Act.

(Read a first time on 2025-02-17)

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The Bill was then read a second time.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

In Committee

Clauses 1 & 2 were passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, the Court of Appeal (Amendment) Bill 2025 was read a third time and passed as printed.

At the request of the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance and Government Chief Whip, the following Bills were deferred:

- (i) Advance Passenger Information and Passenger Name Record Bill 2025 – Bill No. 4/2025;
- (ii) Regional Security System Bill 2025 – Bill No. 5/2025; and
- (iii) Caricom Arrest Warrant Bill 2025 – Bill No. 6/2025.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 3.21 p.m., on a motion by the Prime Minister, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Manzoor Nadir", is centered on a light yellow rectangular background.

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

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Brickdam,
Georgetown.

28th April, 2025.