

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 104TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (2020-2025) OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD
AT 10:00 A.M.
ON FRIDAY, 23RD MAY, 2025,
IN THE DOME OF THE ARTHUR CHUNG CONFERENCE CENTRE,
LILIENDAAL, GREATER GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (71)

Speaker (1)

*Hon. Manzoor Nadir, J.P., 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 – on Leave)

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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***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. 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 (Virtual Participation)

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 (Absent)

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.

Hon. Roysdale A. Forde, S.C., M.P.

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.

Hon. Volda A. Lawrence, M.P.

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***Non-Elected Member**

4.

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 10.24 p.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk led in Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

The Speaker made the following announcements:

**1. COMPREHENSIVE REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS
AND COST OF THE 12TH PARLIAMENT**

“Hon. Members, we have circulated two documents today. One is a very comprehensive report of the international engagements of the 12th Parliament, and accompanying that, the cost of those engagements.

When I became Speaker and looked at the international parliamentary associations that we belong to, I thought that we should not only attend these meetings but also actively represent our country in the decision-making bodies of these organisations.

In this regard, Guyana holds the presidency of the geopolitical Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC), which includes 26 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your Speaker sits on the Planning Committee of the Speakers’ Conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU). He also co-chairs, with a Member of the European Parliament, the IPU engagement with the World Trade Organization.

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In the Caribbean, we held the chairmanship of our Caribbean Atlantic Region of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. We also sit on the executive of ParlAmericas – the parliamentary grouping of the Organization of American States. Last year, we took over the Regional Secretariat of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), Caribbean branch, and our Clerk is the Secretary of that group.

We have had countless engagements with other Speakers from around the world. That report, I think it is over 110 pages, shows what we have done in the 12th Parliament. I wish to thank all Members of Parliament who fully participated and the staff, especially Ms. Carletta Charles, for coordinating our international engagements.”

YOUTH ENGAGEMENTS

“You have another document that outlines our youth engagements. In 2001, we started the Speaker’s National Youth Debating Competition and expanded it two years later to the regional competitions. As of today, we have conducted 158 debates. By the end of the nationals, which start next week, it would be 176 youth debates – the longest-running.

My very special thanks to Minister Ramson and Minister Manickchand, and the two Ministries, along with the regional officials for coordinating, assisting and fully supporting these efforts.

With respect to the Youth Parliament, we have held every Youth Parliament since this 12th Parliament convened. Not only that, but our outstanding Youth Parliamentarians have also participated in youth debates in the Caribbean – Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands – and they have gone as far as New Zealand to represent our Youth Parliament at the Commonwealth Youth Parliamentary Association.

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Again, for these debates and the Youth Parliament, there are so many people to thank: our staff, parents, teachers, mentors, judges, and especially many of you who served as coaches and mentors for the Youth Parliamentarians. Thank you very much.”

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS –

By the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance:

Audited Financial Statements of the Guyana Wildlife Conservation and Management Commission for the years ended 31st December, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021.

(Circulated)

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

For Written Replies

1. **PURPOSES FOR THE UTILIZATION OF LANDS ALONG THE NEW MANDELA-ECCLES AND FROM THE HAAGS BOSCH ROAD TO DIAMOND, EAST BANK DEMERARA**

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Housing and Water

It is evident that since the commissioning of the new road linking Mandela to Eccles and by extension from the Jaguar roundabout to Diamond, EBD, there have been increased activities with the construction of buildings along these areas.

Could the Honourable Minister indicate to the National Assembly the purposes for the utilization of lands along the Mandela-Eccles stretch, then, from Haags Bosch Road to Diamond, EBD, as approved by the Central Housing and Planning Authority Board?

(Notice Paper No. 385 (Q293 Opp.293) published on 2025-01-23)

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ANSWER

“The approval for construction on any land is determined by its land use suitability.”

2. THE SINGLE WINDOW UNIT AT THE CENTRAL HOUSING AND PLANNING AUTHORITY

Member Asking:

Ms. Annette Ferguson, M.P.

Minister Answering:

The Minister of Housing and Water

1. Could the Honourable Minister inform the National Assembly on the successful implementation of the “Single Window Unit” at the Central Housing and Planning Authority, since the passage of the Act by the National Assembly?
2. Could the Honourable Minister inform the National Assembly whether the unit has its full staff strength and, if so, what systems were used in hiring staff?
3. Could the Honourable Minister inform the National Assembly of the challenges/pitfalls in the implementation of the new Policy across Agencies that are to be involved, as per the Single Window Unit Legislation?

(Notice Paper No. 386 (Q294 Opp.294) published on 2025-01-23)

ANSWERS

1. “The Single Window Unit has been successfully implemented.
2. The Unit is staffed. Recruitment, when required, is done by advertisement, for example, through the print media and on the Ministry’s/CHPA’s Facebook page. A panel was established to conduct interviews and is required to sign-off on the interview assessment reports.
3. The major challenge on the implementation of the new policy is that not all the Local Authorities are fully utilizing the system. They are still transitioning to the digital platforms. CHPA, in collaboration with NDMA, continues to provide training to all partner agencies. In addition, training is provided upon request by partner agencies.

It is important to note that the only changes that were made to the planning permission process by the Single Window Legislation are:

- Single entry point for the submission of applications – submission through the portal instead of the Local Authorities and/or Government agencies.
- Collection of processing fees by CHPA for remittance to the Local Authorities/Government agencies.

The Single Window puts a responsibility/obligation on the respective agencies to provide their responses in a timely manner to ensure efficiency of the application process. All the internal processes of Local Authorities and Government agencies remain the same.”

In accordance with Standing Order No. 22(9), the Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance and the Public Service requested that the following questions be deferred:

3. MONIES RELEASED FROM HESS CORPORATION FOR GUYANA CARBON CREDITS

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

Minister Answering: The Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance and the Public Service

In January 2023, Government of Guyana announced the first payment from HESS Corporation for Guyana Carbon Credits. Further information provided in a release published by DPI online dated January 10, 2023, stated that the first payment paid is US\$75M.

According to the **Department of Public Information**, the said sum represents the first payment in an agreement that will be worth a minimum of US\$750 million up to 2030.”

Can Honourable Minister indicate to the National Assembly how much monies have been released from HESS Corporation for Guyana Carbon Credits as of October 31, 2024?

(Notice Paper No. 387 (Q295 Opp.295) published on 2025-01-23)

4. **PAYMENT FROM HESS CORPORATION FOR GUYANA CARBON CREDITS –
BANK ACCOUNT**

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

Minister Answering: The Senior Minister in the Office of the President with
Responsibility for Finance and the Public Service

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According to the **Department of Public Information**, the said sum represents the first payment in an agreement that will be worth a minimum of US\$750 million up to 2030.”

1. Could the Honourable Minister provide to the National Assembly, name of the account at Bank of Guyana, where the monies are deposited?
2. Could the Honourable Minister provide to the National Assembly name of the overseas account, where the monies are deposited?
3. Could the Honourable Minister inform the National Assembly who are the Signatories to the account at Bank of Guyana?

(Notice Paper No. 388 (Q296 Opp.296) published on 2025-01-23)

5. BANK STATEMENTS AND DEPOSIT RECEIPTS

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

Minister Answering: The Senior Minister in the Office of the President with
Responsibility for Finance and the Public Service

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According to the **Department of Public Information**, the said sum represents the first payment in an agreement that will be worth a minimum of US\$750 million up to 2030.”

1. Could the Honourable Minister provide to the National Assembly Bank Statements on the Overseas and Bank of Guyana Accounts?
2. Could the Honourable Minister indicate whether arrangements are in place for receipts deposited in the accounts, like what obtains for the Natural Resource Fund, regarding the receipts of these funds?

(Notice Paper No. 389 (Q297 Opp.297) published on 2025-01-23)

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

In accordance with Standing Order No. 28(2), the consent of the Speaker was given to proceed with the following motion at that Sitting:

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 112

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance moved the following motion:

WHEREAS in accordance with Standing Order No. 112, any one or more of these Standing Orders may be suspended;

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AND WHEREAS the Government is desirous of its motion on Support for the Government and people of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana reaffirming the Sovereignty of Guyana over its internationally recognized Territory to stand as the first item of Public Business at the Sitting of the National Assembly on Friday, 23rd May, 2025,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Standing Order No. 112 be suspended to allow the motion to stand as the first item of Public Business.

(Notice Paper No. 414 (M92 Govt 52) published on 2025-05-19)

The motion was **put** and **carried**.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT'S BUSINESS

MOTIONS

ITEM 1 - SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE COOPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA REAFFIRMING THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GUYANA OVER ITS INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED TERRITORY

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation moved the following motion:

WHEREAS the Co-operative Republic of Guyana is a sovereign State with exclusive rights and jurisdiction over its territory, including the region of Essequibo, as recognized under international law;

AND WHEREAS the limit of Guyana's land boundary with Venezuela was determined by an Arbitral Award of 1899, which, according to the 1897 Treaty of Washington signed between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and the United States of Venezuela,

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constitutes a full and final settlement of the land boundary between British Guiana (now Guyana) and Venezuela;

AND WHEREAS the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela arbitrarily and unilaterally sought, from 1962, to challenge and impugn the 1899 Arbitral Award, thus, giving rise to a controversy over the validity of the Award;

AND WHEREAS the Geneva Agreement of 1966 was concluded among the Parties to seek a peaceful and legal solution to Venezuela's contention, in conformity with which and by the powers conferred upon him by Article IV(2) of the said Agreement, the United Nations Secretary-General chose the International Court of Justice as the means which is now to be used to arrive at a complete and binding solution after twenty seven (27) years of a Good Offices Process and one (1) year of enhanced mediation;

AND WHEREAS for that entire period the Government of Venezuela was never able to prove its claim of nullity of the 1899 Arbitral Award, but instead embarked on a pattern of intimidation, threat, economic aggression and neo-colonialism against Guyana, using its superior military, economic and political power to try to weaken and force Guyana to agree to the nullification of the 1899 Arbitral Award and the relinquishing of its land and maritime territory;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the decision of the United Nations Secretary General, the matter is currently before the Court;

AND WHEREAS the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela raised two preliminary objections to the Court's adjudication of the matter; first challenging the existence of the Court's jurisdiction then secondly, challenging the exercise of that jurisdiction, both matters of which were dispensed with by the Court which in its judgement of December 18, 2020 affirmed its jurisdiction based on the provisions of the Geneva Agreement and in its judgement of April 6, 2023 rejected the preliminary objection of Venezuela;

AND WHEREAS in defiance of international law and the decisions of the Court the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in December 2023 first sought to hold a referendum with the purported intention to oust the jurisdiction of the Court in resolving the matter, annex Guyana's territory in the Essequibo region and grant Venezuelan citizenship and identification cards to Guyanese citizens in that region;

AND WHEREAS the Government and people of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana deeming this purported referendum to be contemptuous of the legal process prevailing before the International Court of Justice and repugnant to the accepted principles, tenets, norms and practices of international law, sought and was granted a protective order from the Court, wherein the Court by its Order of December 1, 2023 ordered Venezuela to refrain from any action that would modify the status quo in the disputed territory, where Guyana currently administers and exercises control, and also ordered both parties to refrain from any action that might aggravate or extend the dispute;

AND WHEREAS in further defiance of the Court and the rule of international law, the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela conducted the referendum, subsequently enacted domestic legislation purportedly to give effect to the results of the referendum, by establishing the state of 'Guayana Esequiba' and, in January 2025 announced its intention to hold elections for a governor and legislative council for this said state which is Guyana's Essequibo Region;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana on March 6, 2025, made a further request to the Court for the indication of provisional measures against Venezuela;

AND WHEREAS the Court in considering that Guyana's request of 6 March 2025 is a request for the modification of the Court's Order of 1 December 2023, indicated that since the delivery of its Order of 1 December 2023, the serious risk of Venezuela acquiring and exercising control and administration over the territory in dispute has significantly increased. In particular,

the adoption by Venezuela of legislative measures and decrees concerning the territory in dispute, and the announcement of the preparation for and conduct of elections in that territory, which Guyana currently administers and over which it exercises control, “represent grave developments which constitute a change in the situation”. On these bases, the Court modified its Order of 1 December 2023, as Guyana requested, by further specifying its scope;

AND WHEREAS the Court by its binding Order dated May 1, 2025, reaffirmed Guyana’s sovereign rights and directed Venezuela not to take any action that would alter the status quo, including the holding of electoral or other administrative activities in Guyana’s Essequibo region;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Venezuela has, in flagrant defiance of the Court’s Order, announced and undertaken steps toward holding elections and extending state authority over parts of Guyana’s territory, constituting an act of aggression and a breach of international law;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly:

1. Recalling its Motion passed on November 6, 2023, in reaffirming the recognition of the 1899 Arbitral Award and the 1966 Geneva Agreement;
2. Unequivocally reaffirms the sovereignty, territorial integrity, independence and indissolubility of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana;
3. Strongly condemns the actions of the Government of Venezuela in defiance of the May 1, 2025 Order of the ICJ and views such actions as a violation of international law and a threat to regional peace and stability;

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4. Expresses its full support for the Government of Guyana in its efforts to protect and defend Guyana's territorial integrity through peaceful and lawful means, including continued recourse to the International Court of Justice;
5. Calls upon the international community to support Guyana in upholding the rule of law and the binding decisions of the International Court of Justice; and
6. Directs that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Secretaries-General of the United Nations, the Commonwealth, the Organisation of American States, the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States, the Heads of State and Government of the Caribbean Community as well as other relevant international bodies.

(Notice Paper No. 412 (M90 Govt 50) published on 2025-05-16)

The following Members spoke to the motion:

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

Withdrawal of Members of the A Partnership for National Unit and Alliance for Change

At 11.57 a.m., the Members of the A Partnership for National Unit and Alliance for Change withdrew from the Chamber.

Hon. Brigadier (Ret'd) Mark Phillips, M.S.S., M.P., Prime Minister also spoke to the motion.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 12.22 p.m., the Sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 1.44 p.m., the Sitting was resumed.

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion.

The following Members also spoke to the motion:

Hon. Dr. Asha Kisson, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Hon. Alister Charlie, M.P.

Hon. Frank Anthony, M.P., Minister of Health

Hon. Brindley Benn, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs

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

Thereafter, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation replied.

The motion was then **put** and **carried**.

ITEM 2 - CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1/2025– CURRENT AND CAPITAL ESTIMATES

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance and the Public Service signified the recommendation or consent of the Cabinet and moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

Financial Paper No. 1 of 2025 – Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital)
totalling \$57,492,615,275 for the period ending 2025-12-31.

(Notice Paper No. 413 (M91 Gov 51) published on 2025-05-16)
(Paper presented on 2025-05-16)

18.

**02-022 – OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER – DISASTER PREPAREDNESS,
RESPONSE AND MANAGEMENT**

CURRENT ESTIMATES

6294 – Other

02-023 – OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER – POWER GENERATION

CURRENT ESTIMATES

6321 – Subsidies and Contributions to Local Organisations

CAPITAL ESTIMATES

2606700 – Hinterland Electrification

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 5.20 p.m., the Sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 6.22 p.m., the Sitting was resumed.

Assembly resumed consideration of Financial Paper No. 1 of 2025.

02-023 – OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER – POWER GENERATION

CAPITAL ESTIMATES

2610600 – Gas to Power Project

31-312 – MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS – PUBLIC WORKS

CAPITAL ESTIMATES

1405200 – Hinterland Roads

1406000 – Farm Access Road

1501400 – Sea and River Defence Works

**39-391 – MINISTRY OF HUMAN SERVICES AND SOCIAL SECURITY – POLICY
DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATION**

CURRENT ESTIMATES

6284 – Other

**39-392 – MINISTRY OF HUMAN SERVICES AND SOCIAL SECURITY – SOCIAL
SERVICES**

CURRENT ESTIMATES

6284 – Other

6294 – Other

6302 – Training (Including Scholarships)

45-452 – MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND WATER – HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

CAPITAL ESTIMATES

1903100 – Infrastructural Development and Building

Assembly resumed.

RESOLVED, That this National Assembly doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

RESOLVED,

Financial Paper No. 1/2025 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital)
totalling \$57,492,615,275 for the period ending 2025-12-31.

BILL – FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS

**ITEM 3 – SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (NO. 1 FOR 2025) BILL 2025 –
Bill No. 10/2025 published on 2025-05-16**

With the Leave of the Speaker, and on a motion by the Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance and the Public Service, on behalf of the Prime Minister, Standing Order Nos. 13(n) and 54 were suspended to enable the Supplementary Appropriation (No. 1 for 2025) Bill No.10/2025 to be introduced at this stage and to be further proceeded with at that Sitting.

20.

On a motion by the Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance and the Public Service the following Bill was introduced and was read the first, second and third times and passed as printed:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the issue from the Consolidated Fund of the sums necessary to meet the expenditure (not otherwise lawfully charged on the Consolidated Fund) of Guyana for the fiscal year ending 31st December, 2025, estimates whereof have been approved by the National Assembly and for the appropriation of those sums for the specified purposes, in conformity with the Constitution.

CONDOLENCE

The Speaker extended condolences to Mr. Parmanand Balgobin, Senior Office Assistant on the death of his mother.

VISITING INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION DELEGATION

The Speaker informed Members that there will be a visiting delegation from the Inter-Parliamentary Union consisting of the Mr. Martin Chungong, Secretary General, Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), Mr. Oscar Piquinela De Campo, Secretary of the Latin-American and the Caribbean Geopolitical Group (GRULAC) of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and Mr. Mauricio Huertas Glauser, Political Affairs Officer of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).

INDEPENDENCE GREETINGS

The Speaker extended 59th Independence greetings to all. The Prime Minister joined the Speaker in extending Independence greetings.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 7.59 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 Nadeem", is centered on a light yellow rectangular background.

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

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

23rd May, 2025.