

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA – FIRST SESSION (2020-2022)

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE PAPER NO. 170

Member Giving Notice: Ms Annette Ferguson, M.P.

MOTION

INCREASE IN THE COST OF LIVING FOR GUYANESE

WHEREAS Guyana, and countries around the world, continue to experience a tremendous health and socio-economic (cost of living) impact from the Coronavirus 19 pandemic: ranging in Guyana, over a thousand tragic deaths so far to an alarming increase in the cost of living;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana, in its efforts to cushion the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, provided a one-off twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) COVID-19 cash grant;

AND WHEREAS there has been a substantial increase in the cost of essential food items, some doubling or nearly doubling from pre-pandemic levels, including those grown here in Guyana;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana provided a 7%, taxable increase in salary to Public Servants in December 2021;

AND WHEREAS inflation persist, and Guyanese must brace themselves for further increases in the cost of living in 2022;

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AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana has failed to devise strategies or implement policies, that have proven effective at combating inflation or cushioning its impact on the lives of Guyanese,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Government of Guyana promptly devise a strategy or plan to address the high cost of living Guyanese are burdened with; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Government of Guyana makes provision for EACH Guyanese above the age of eighteen (18) years be paid a quarterly cash grant of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00), which will compensate for the increase in the cost of living.

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