

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA – FIRST SESSION (2020-2023)

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE PAPER NO. 262

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

MOTION

ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS THE SCOURGE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN GUYANA

WHEREAS Domestic Violence continues to ravage our society.

AND WHEREAS Domestic Violence has become prevalent in our Society where in many cases, women become the fatal victim;

AND WHEREAS the Domestic Violence Act, Chapter 11:09, was passed in 1996 for, “the protection in cases involving domestic violence by the granting of a protection order, to provide the police with powers to arrest where a domestic violence offence occurs and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.”;

AND WHEREAS in August 2013, the A Partnership For National Unity (APNU) tabled a motion to address the scourge of “Interpersonal Violence” and sought for a Special Select Committee of the National Assembly to examine the situation and make recommendations to the National Assembly for implementation;

AND WHEREAS it was reported by the United Nations Women Caribbean in its Report in November, 2019, that, “Guyana has a relatively high incidence of domestic violence with roughly one out of every two women between ages 15 and 60 have been abused by their husbands, spouses or partners at some stage in their lives.”.

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BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly appoints a Special Select Committee of the National Assembly headed by the Minister responsible for the Ministry of Human Services and Social Security, to review the present situation, approaches of perpetrators, and the factors leading to these vicious acts of Domestic Violence and make recommendations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That on completion of the work of the Special Select Committee, a detailed report be submitted to the National Assembly for the implementation of the recommendations to be adopted by the Ministry of Human Services and Social Security.

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