

**TENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA – FIRST SESSION (2012)**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**NOTICE PAPER NO. 41**

**Member Giving Notice:     Mr. Carl Greenidge, M.P.**

**MOTION**

**OFFICE OF AUDITOR GENERAL**

WHEREAS the Office of the Auditor General is a Constitutional Office;

AND WHEREAS Part 2 of the Audit Act (No. 5 of 2004) provides that the Auditor General shall be the external auditor of the public accounts of Guyana and in the discharge of his function shall have complete discretion;

AND WHEREAS the said Part 2 of the aforesaid Act provides that the Auditor General shall act independently in the discharge of his functions;

AND WHEREAS the said Part 2 of the aforesaid Act provides that there shall be an Audit Office comprising the Auditor General and the officers and employees appointed thereto;

AND WHEREAS the Office of the Auditor General and Audit Office are being treated as a Budget Agency by virtue of the Schedule to the Financial Management and Accountability Act 2003, which seriously calls into question the autonomy and independence of the Office;

AND WHEREAS the National Assembly is obliged to ensure that the autonomy and independence of the Auditor General and Audit Office are maintained,

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BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly removes the Audit Office from the Schedule of Budget Agencies and restore it to its rightful place as an autonomous agency drawing directly on the Consolidated Fund and that these changes be reflected in the Annual Estimates to be submitted by the Minister of Finance for the approval of this.

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