

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 1ST SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION

(2020) OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 10.00 A.M.

ON TUESDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER, 2020

AT THE ARTHUR CHUNG CONFERENCE CENTRE,

LILIENDAAL, GREATER GEORGETOWN

BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PROCLAMATION SUMMONING SESSION

ROLL CALL

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER

OATHS

PRAYERS

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REMARKS BY THE SPEAKER

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS-

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS

By the **Speaker of the National Assembly**:

2020 Budget Proposals of Constitutional Agencies:

- (i) Parliament Office – Current and Capital Estimates totaling \$1,799,248,000 for the period ending 31st December, 2020.

(To be Circulated)

- (ii) Office of the Auditor General – Current and Capital Estimates totaling \$908,636,000 for the period ending 31st December, 2020.

(To be Circulated)

- (iii) Public and Police Service Commission – Current and Capital Estimates totaling \$150,636,000 for the period ending 31st December, 2020.

(To be Circulated)

- (iv) Teaching Service Commission – Current and Capital Estimates totaling \$117,075,000 for the period ending 31st December, 2020.

(To be Circulated)

- (v) Guyana Elections Commission – Current and Capital Estimates totaling \$4,943,052,000 for the period ending 31st December, 2020.

(To be Circulated)

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(vi) Supreme Court of Judicature – Current and Capital Estimates totaling \$2,443,164,000 for the period ending 31st December, 2020.

(To be Circulated)

(vii) Chamber of the Director of Public Prosecution – Current and Capital Estimates totaling \$226,822,000 for the period ending 31st December, 2020.

(To be Circulated)

(viii) Office of the Ombudsman – Current Estimate totaling \$70,001,000 for the period ending 31st December, 2020.

(To be Circulated)

(ix) Public Service Appellate Tribunal – Current Estimate totaling \$40,911,000 for the period ending 31st December, 2020.

(To be Circulated)

(x) Ethnic Relations Commission – Current and Capital Estimates totaling \$220,802,000 for the period ending 31st December, 2020.

(To be Circulated)

(xi) Judicial Service Commission – Current Estimate totaling \$10,020,000 for the period ending 31st December, 2020.

(To be Circulated)

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(xii) Indigenous People's Commission – Current Estimate totaling \$24,392,000 for the period ending 31st December, 2020.

(To be Circulated)

(ixx) Human Rights Commission – Current Estimate totaling \$25,958,000 for the period 31st December, 2020.

(To be Circulated)

(xx) Rights of the Child Commission – Current Estimate totaling \$46,095,000 for the period ending 31st December, 2020.

(To be Circulated)

(xxi) Women and Gender Equality Commission – Current and Capital Estimates totaling \$58,327,000 for the period ending 31st December, 2020.

(To be Circulated)

(xxii) Public Procurement Commission – Current and Capital Estimates totaling \$206,460,000 for the period ending 31st December, 2020.

(To be Circulated)

(xxiii) In accordance with section 3B(2) of the Fiscal Management and Accountability (Amendment) Act 2015 – Act No. 4 of 2015, present the recommendations and comments of the Minister of Finance on the Annual Budget Proposals of Constitutional Agencies for 2020.

(To be Circulated)

5.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES-

ORAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS, INCLUDING POLICY STATEMENTS-

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS-

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

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

The Speaker's consent was given, in accordance with Standing Order No. 28(2), for the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance to move the following motions:

1. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 9**

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Government to move the following motion:

WHEREAS Standing Order 9 provides that "unless there are special reasons for so doing, no sitting of the National Assembly shall be held between the 10th August and 10th October in any year;

AND WHEREAS Standing Order 112 provides that any one or more of the Standing Orders may be suspended, after notice, or with the leave of the Speaker, on a motion by a member at any sitting;

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AND WHEREAS due to the dissolution of the 11th Parliament on the 30th December, 2019, there has been no sittings of the National Assembly, and, therefore no Annual Budget has been presented and considered for the Year 2020;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana is desirous of commencing the work of the National Assembly as soon as possible including the urgent presentation and consideration of the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 2020 in the National Assembly on or before 10th October, 2020;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly agrees to suspend Standing Order No. 9 in order to allow the commencement of sittings of the National Assembly to deliberate on urgent parliamentary matters including the presentation and consideration of the 2020 Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure on or before 10th October, 2020.

(Notice Paper No. 1 (M1 Govt 1) published on 2020-08-28)

2. **HOURS OF SITTING**

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Government to move the following motion:

WHEREAS Standing Order No. 10(1) provides for every sitting of the National Assembly to begin at 2.00 p.m. and unless previously adjourned, end at 10.00 p.m. on the same day;

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AND WHEREAS Standing Order No. 10(2) provides that the Speaker may at any time suspend the sitting for a stated period but, unless the Assembly otherwise resolved, the Speaker shall, at 4.00 p.m., suspend the sitting for one hour, and at 7.00 p.m. suspend the sitting for half an hour;

AND WHEREAS Standing Order No. 10(3) provides for the Assembly at any time by motion made and carried without amendment or debate suspend or vary the provisions of paragraphs one (1) and two (2) of Standing Order No. 10;

AND WHEREAS Standing Order No. 10(4) provides for the Assembly from time to time, alter, by Resolution, the hours provided by Standing Order No. 10 for the beginning and ending of a sitting.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Standing Order No. 10(1) and (2) be suspended to enable the Assembly to sit in the Twelfth Parliament during the following hours due to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID – 19) pandemic, to proceed with the work of the National Assembly:

- 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon – Sitting
- 12.00 noon. - 1.00 p.m. – Suspension
- 1.00 pm. - 4.00 p.m. – Sitting
- 4.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m. - Suspension
- 5.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. - Sitting

(Notice Paper No. 2 (M2 Govt 2) published on 2020-08-28)

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS-

PUBLIC BUSINESS-

(i) **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

(ii) **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

(iii) **COMMITTEES BUSINESS**

**S. E. ISAACS, A.A.,
Clerk of the National Assembly**

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

28th August, 2020.