

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 15TH 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 MONDAY, 28TH DECEMBER, 2020

IN THE DOME OF THE ARTHUR CHUNG CONFERENCE CENTRE,

LILIENDAAL, GREATER GEORGETOWN

BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PRAYERS

OATH OF A NEW MEMBER-

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT-

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER-

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS-

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS-

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES-

ORAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

For Written Reply

REGIONAL PROCUREMENT AND TENDER ADMINISTRATION BOARDS

Member Asking: Mr. Ganesh Mahipaul, M.P.

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

- (1) Can the Honourable Minister provide the names and job titles of every member of the Regional Procurement and Tender Administration Boards for all ten Administrative Regions?
- (2) Can the Honourable Minister state what method was used to appoint members to the Regional Procurement and Tender Administration Boards in all ten Administrative Regions? Was it by an election or selection and who facilitated/conducted/supervised the method used to appoint members to the Regional Procurement and Tender administration Boards for all ten Administrative Regions?

(Notice Paper No.19 (Q11 Opp.11) published on 2020-12-07)

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-

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS-

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

(i) GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

MOTIONS

1. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 2/2019 – CURRENT AND CAPITAL ESTIMATES

Assembly to resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance to signify the recommendation or consent of the Cabinet and to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

Financial Paper No. 2/2019 – Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$4,150,242,391 for the period 2019-06-13 to 2019-12-31.

(Notice Paper No. 25 (M11 Govt.8) published on 2020-12-23)

(Paper presented on 2020-12-23)

2. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1/2020 – CURRENT AND CAPITAL ESTIMATES

Assembly to resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance to signify the recommendation or consent of the Cabinet and to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

Financial Paper No. 1/2020 – Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$792,330,925 for the period 2020-10-01 to 2020-12-21.

(Notice Paper No. 26 (M12 Govt.9) published on 2020-12-23)

(Paper presented on 2020-12-23)

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3. **CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 2/2020 – CURRENT AND CAPITAL ESTIMATES**

Assembly to resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance to signify the recommendation or consent of the Cabinet and to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

Financial Paper No. 2/2020 – Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$17,403,413,490 for the period 2020-01-01 to 2020-12-21.

(Notice Paper No. 27 (M13 Govt.10) published on 2020-12-23)

(Paper presented on 2020-12-23)

BILLS – Second Readings

1. **LAW REFORM COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2020 – Bill No. 11/2020 published on 2020-11-20**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Law Reform Commission Act.

(Read a first time on 2020-12-23)

2. **ADOPTION OF CHILDREN (AMENDMENT) BILL 2020 – Bill No. 15/2020**

The Minister of Human Services and Social Security to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Adoption of Children Act.

(Read a first time on 2020-12-23)

*3. **DECEASED PERSONS ESTATES' ADMINISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2020**
– Bill No. 12/2020 published on 2020-11-10

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Deceased Persons Estates' Administration Act.

(Read a first time on 2020-12-23)

*4. **SMALL BUSINESS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2020 – Bill No. 13/2020 published on**
2020-11-10

The Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Small Business Act.

(Read a first time on 2020-12-23)

*5. **HIRE-PURCHASE BILL 2020 – Bill No. 14/2020 published on 2020-11-10**

The Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to make provision for the regulation of hire-purchase, credit sale and conditional sale agreements; and for related purposes.

(Read a first time on 2020-12-23)

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***Not to be proceeded with at this Sitting**

(ii) **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

MOTIONS

*6. **NARCOTICS DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES (CONTROL)**
(AMENDMENT) BILL 2020 -No. 16 of 2020

Mr. Sherod Duncan, M.P. to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order No. 52(1), grant leave for the introduction and first reading of the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Control) (Amendment) Bill 2020 -No. 16 of 2020:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Control) Act.

(Notice Paper No. 23 (M9 Opp. 3) published on 2020-12-11)

*7. **APPOINTMENT OF A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY TO INVESTIGATE THE UNREST AT THE LUSIGNAN PRISON, THE SUBSEQUENT DEATHS OF AND THE INJURY OF SEVERAL PRISONERS ON THE 19TH SEPTEMBER, 2020**

Ms Geeta Chandan-Edmond, M.P. to move the following motion:

WHEREAS, Article 138(1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Guyana prescribes that no person shall be deprived of his life intentionally save in the execution of the sentence of a Court in respect of an offence under the Laws of Guyana of which he has been convicted;

AND WHEREAS, in accordance with the Commission of Inquiry Act, Chapter 19:03, "The President may issue a Commission appointing one or more Commissioners and authorizing such Commissioners to inquire into any matters in which an inquiry would in the opinion of the President be for the public welfare";

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***Not to be proceeded with at this Sitting**

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AND WHEREAS, it has been widely reported and confirmed that several prisoners were shot by members of the Guyana Prison Services in or near the Lusignan Prison, resulting in injuries and two deaths on the 19th September, 2020;

AND WHEREAS, the lack of information surrounding the following matters are of public concern;

AND WHEREAS, the Home Affairs Minister has failed to provide answers on these matters of public importance and the public remains without credible information, after the 19th September, 2020 as to the circumstances which led to the unrest, injuries sustained and the subsequent deaths of several prisoners;

AND WHEREAS, it is important, in the public's interest to know and understand the specific facts and circumstances that led to the shooting and subsequent deaths of three prisoners so as to prevent a recurrence;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly calls on the Government to make full disclosure on all aspects of the tragedy at the Lusignan Prisons on the 19th September, 2020 and to declare what actions have been and are being taken to reduce the opportunities for such situations from re- occurring.

(Notice Paper No. 17 (M7 Opp 1) published on 2020-12-01)

***8. CONDEMN THE BRUTAL AND HORRIFIC KILLING OF JOEL HENRY, ISIAAH HENRY AND HARESH SINGH, BETWEEN THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 6 to 9, 2020**

Ms Geeta Chandan-Edmond, M.P. to move the following motion:

WHEREAS, Guyanese citizens, Joel Henry, Isiah Henry and Hareesh Singh, all under the age of 20 years old, from the village of N0. 3 Village, West Coast Berbice, were brutally, barbarically and horrifically killed, and the bodies found at or near the Cotton Tree Back Dam in the Mahaica/ Berbice Region No. 5;

***Not to be proceeded with at this Sitting**

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AND WHEREAS, the period September 6 to 9, 2020, will go down in the history of our country as the period when these unspeakable crimes left the nation numb and in a state of shock and sadness;

AND WHEREAS, these brutal, senseless, barbaric, depraved and horrific killings have caused untold pain, agony, grief, anguish, anger and despair to the surviving family members, fellow villagers and the entire Guyanese Community;

AND WHEREAS, these brutal and horrific killings have evoked unequivocal condemnation from Guyanese, living in Guyana and in the diaspora;

AND WHEREAS, the diplomatic community and civil society have also unequivocally condemned these brutal, barbaric and horrific killings;

AND WHEREAS, Parliament, of which the National Assembly is a part of the supreme legislative forum of our Republic wherein the people's elected representatives discuss and determine matters of national interest and is obliged to consider the grave threats to the public welfare and public security;

AND WHEREAS, Article 138(1) of the Constitution of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana prescribes that no person shall be deprived of his life intentionally save in the execution of the sentence of a court in respect of an offence under the Laws of Guyana of which he has been convicted;

AND WHEREAS, to date these horrific deaths which are of public importance, concern and welfare remain substantially unresolved.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly recommends to the Government to procure and finance the assistance of expert and competent professionals who can resolve these cases;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly condemns the killing of the three Citizens aforementioned, and extends sincerest condolences to the families of the deceased; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly calls on the Government to continue its earnest investigations, so as to ensure expeditious justice to the family.

(Notice Paper No. 18 (M8 Opp 2) published on 2020-12-01)

(iii) **COMMITTEES' BUSINESS**

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

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Georgetown.**

23rd December, 2020.