

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**ORDER PAPER**

**FOR THE 84<sup>TH</sup> SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION**

**(2020-2024) OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD**

**AT 10.00 A.M.**

**ON WEDNESDAY, 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2024,**

**IN THE DOME OF THE ARTHUR CHUNG CONFERENCE CENTRE,**

**LILIENDAAL, GREATER GEORGETOWN.**

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**1. DISAGGREGATED STATISTICS FOR SERIOUS CRIMES (GUYANA POLICE FORCE)**

**Member Asking:** Mr. David Patterson, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Home Affairs

Can the Hon. Brindley Benn, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs provide the following information, in written and digital formats:

The Guyana Police Force's annual disaggregated statistics/data, for serious crimes (including, but not limited to – murders, manslaughters, assaults causing grievous bodily harm, robberies, burglaries, and all crimes involving the use of firearms, and vehicular accidents) for the period 2017- September 2023, in every Region and District.

(Notice Paper No. 333 (Q249 Opp.249) published on 2024-06-28)

**2. DISAGGREGATED STATISTICS FOR FIRES (GUYANA FIRE SERVICE)**

**Member Asking:** Mr. David Patterson, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Home Affairs

Can the Hon. Brindley Benn, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs provide the following information, in written and digital formats:

3.

The Guyana Fire Service's annual disaggregated statistics for fires, including those claiming lives, for the period 2017 – September 2023, in every Region and District.

**(Notice Paper No. 334 (Q250 Opp.250) published on 2024-06-28)**

**3. DISAGGREGATED STATISTICS FOR FIREARM LICENSES**

**Member Asking:**                    **Mr. David Patterson, M.P.**

**Minister Answering:**            **The Minister of Home Affairs**

Can the Hon. Brindley Benn, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs provide the following information, in written and digital formats:

Can the Minister of Home Affairs state how many firearm licenses, disaggregated by year, for all calibers, have been issued for the period 2017 – September 2023?

**(Notice Paper No. 335 (Q251 Opp.251) published on 2024-06-28)**

**4. COST ASSOCIATED WITH TERMINATED CONVERSATION TREE ROAD PROJECT**

**Member Asking:**                    **Mr. David Patterson, M.P.**

**Minister Answering:**            **The Minister of Public Works**

The contract for the expansion of the Conversation Tree roadway between the Ministry of Public Works and Kalco Guyana Inc., has been terminated due to poor performance: -

(1) Can the Honourable Minister provide this National Assembly with the Contract Sum and Construction period of the now terminated project?

(2) Can the Honourable Minister also provide this National Assembly with the total amount paid to the contractor, inclusive of advances, for works done on the project?

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- (3) Can the Honourable Minister further provide this National Assembly with the amounts paid by the Contractor in liquidated damages, as well as other penalties associated with the prolonged delays?

**(Notice Paper No. 341 (Q257 Opp.257) published on 2024-06-28)**

#### **5. CONVERSATION TREE ROAD PROJECT**

**Member Asking:**                    **Mr. David Patterson, M.P.**

**Minister Answering:**            **The Minister of Public Works**

- (1) Can the Honourable Minister inform this National Assembly of the method of procurement used to award a contract to S. Jagmohan Construction and General Supplies Inc for the roadworks to the Western section of Conversation Tree?

- (2) Can the Honourable Minister provide this National Assembly with the Contract Sum and Construction Period of this contract?

**(Notice Paper No. 343 (Q258 Opp.258) published on 2024-06-28)**

#### **6. COURT CASES HANDLED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS**

**Member Asking:**                    **Ms. Annette Ferguson, M.P.**

**Minister Answering:**            **The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs**

“The National Assembly approved appropriations for the Ministry of Legal Affairs to defray costs, for cases in the Courts of Guyana”.

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- (1) Can the Minister of Legal Affairs provide a detailed list to the National Assembly of the number of cases where the Ministry represented the Government for the years 2022 and 2023?
- (2) Can the Minister of Legal Affairs provide a list of retainers and their costs for the cases mentioned at (Q1) above, including payment dates?
- (3) Can the Minister of Legal Affairs inform the National Assembly which procurement method was used to obtain the services of the retainers listed at (Q2) above?
- (4) Can the Minister of Legal Affairs inform the National Assembly on the successes of the cases he provided at (Q1) above?

**(Notice Paper No. 336 (Q252 Opp.252) published on 2024-06-28)**

## **7. TEACHERS' SALARY**

**Member Asking:**                      **Mr. Richard Sinclair, M.P.**

**Minister Answering:**                **The Minister of Education**

- (1) Can the Minister inform the National Assembly how many teachers in regions (1-10), NET salary per month is less than One Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$150,000) for Nursery, Primary and Secondary schools.
- (2) Can the Minister also inform the National Assembly how many teachers in regions (1-10), NET salary per month is more than One Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$150,000) but less than Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000) for Nursery, Primary and Secondary schools.

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(1) Can the Minister further inform the National Assembly how many teachers in regions (1-10), NET salary per month is more than Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000) but less than Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$250,000) for Nursery, Primary and Secondary schools.

**(Notice Paper No. 338 (Q254 Opp.254) published on 2024-06-28)**

#### **8. INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS/ INSTRUMENTS ON MIGRATION**

**Member Asking:** Ms. Amanza Walton-Desir, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Could the Honourable Minister indicate the international agreements/ instruments on migration, whether bilateral or multilateral, to which Guyana is a signatory?

**(Notice Paper No. 339 (Q255 Opp.255) published on 2024-06-28)**

#### **9. TOTAL PRODUCTION OF SUGAR AT THE GUYSUCO ESTATES**

**Member Asking:** Mr. Vinceroy Jordan, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Agriculture

(A) Could the Honourable Minister kindly state the total sugar production at the Guysuco estates for the first crop of 2024 and the actual productions of the four factories Albion, Blairmont, Utivulgt and Rose Hall for the first crop?

(B) What were the start and end dates for the first crop of each estate in the year 2024?

**(Notice Paper No. 346 (Q261 Opp.261) published on 2024-07-04)**

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**10. VISITING TEAM OF ENGINEERS FROM CUBA**

**Member Asking:** Mr. Vinceroy Jordan, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Agriculture

(A) Could the Honourable Minister state the purpose of the visiting team of Engineers to Guysuco from Cuba?

(B) What is the duration of the stay for the engineering team?

(C) Which estates and factories would these engineers be placed in?

**(Notice Paper No. 347 (Q262 Opp.262) published on 2024-07-04)**

**11. STUDY OF ANALYSIS CONDUCTED ON THE CHOICE OF ENGINEERS**

**Member Asking:** Mr. Vinceroy Jordan, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Agriculture

(A) Could the Honourable Minister provide a copy of the study or analysis conducted to determine the choice of engineers?

(B) What is the expected outcome or results expected from the team?

(C) Was there an extensive search for competent engineers locally before venturing abroad?

(D) Why is it that the current core of engineers at Guysuco is not fit to accomplish what the foreigners intend to do?

**(Notice Paper No. 348 (Q263 Opp.263) published on 2024-07-04)**

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**For Oral Replies**

12. **\*COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND IN LUST-EN-RUST, HOUSING SCHEME,  
WEST BANK DEMERARA**

**Member Asking:** Ms. Annette Ferguson, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Housing and Water

- (1) \*Can the Honourable Minister explain this to the National Assembly the reason(s) for converting the area designated for a community ground into house lots?
- (2) \*Can the Honourable Minister inform the National Assembly whether another area in the community has been identified for the community ground?

**(Notice Paper No. 337 (Q253 Opp.253) published on 2024-06-28)**

13. **\*CLIFF ANDERSON SPORTS HALL**

**Member Asking:** Ms. Nima Flue-Bess, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Culture, Youth & Sports

- (1) \*Can the Honourable Minister inform this House what is the total sum spent to date on the rehabilitation of the Cliff Anderson Sports Hall?
- (2) \*Can the Honourable Minister also inform this House how much of the 2024 Budgeted allocated sum will be spent on the rehabilitation of the Cliff Anderson Sports Hall?
- (3) \*Can the Honourable Minister also state what aspects of the rehabilitation works have been completed to date at the Cliff Anderson Sports Hall?

**(Notice Paper No. 340 (Q256 Opp.256) published on 2024-06-28)**

**STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS, INCLUDING POLICY STATEMENTS-**

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(i) **GOVERNMENT'S BUSINESS**

**BILLS – Second Readings**

**1. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES (AMENDMENT) BILL 2024 – Bill No. 10/2024  
published on 2024-07-05**

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 Matrimonial Causes Act.

**(Read a first time on 2024-07-08)**

**2. FAMILY VIOLENCE BILL 2024 – Bill No. 11/2024 published on 2024-07-08**

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

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A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide increased protection for victims of family violence, to make provision for the granting of family violence orders and for matters connected thereto.

**(Read a first time on 2024-07-08)**

**BILLS – Committee, Second and Third Readings**

**\*3. EVIDENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 2022 – Bill No. 3/2022 published on 2022-04-06**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Evidence Act.

**(Read a first time on 2022-04-13 and referred to a Special Select Committee on 2022-05-17)**

**\*4. NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY AGENCY BILL 2023 – Bill No. 5/2023 published on 2023-04-17**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to establish the body known as the National Intelligence and Security Agency as the Agency to further enhance the State's defence and security policy stated in article 197A of the Constitution, to provide for the Agency to be responsible for the coordination of the State's defence and law enforcement activities relating to national intelligence and security, and to provide national intelligence and security advice to the President, Cabinet and entities in the security sector, and for connected matters.

**(Read a first time on 2023-04-24)**

**(Referred to a Special Select Committee on 2023-05-10)**

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

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(ii) **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

**MOTIONS**

**\*5. NATURAL GAS FLARING AT THE ESSO EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION GUYANA LIMITED**

Mr. David Patterson, M.P. to move the following motion:

WHEREAS Esso Exploration and Production Guyana Limited (EEPGL) was on June 1, 2017, granted an Environmental Permit, No. 20160705-EEDPF, to undertake Phase 1 of the Liza Development Project (Liza 1) which included, the use of a Floating Production, Storage, and Offloading (FPSO) vessel “to process, store and offload the recovered oil during production operations within the Stabroek Block”;

AND WHEREAS the Liza 1 Permit (Clause 1.10) enjoined the Permit Holder, EEPGL, to “Employ effective operational and maintenance systems on all aspects of the facility whose failure could impact the environment...”;

AND WHEREAS the Liza 1 Permit (Clause 3.6) expressly prohibits flaring and venting; with exceptions being made for “tank flashing emission, standing/working/breathing losses” and flaring related to the startup of the FPSO, emergencies or during periods of maintenance;

AND WHEREAS EEPGL has routinely been engaged in flaring in direct contravention of the terms of the Liza 1 Permit issued and acknowledged, and as a result, has caused, and is causing substantial damage to the environment and the credibility of the Liza 1 Development Project;

AND WHEREAS calculations based upon reported EEPGL’s production data shows that zero flaring, except for the small amount allowed for pilot flaring, may be achieved by reducing oil production by approximately 15,000 bopd;

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

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AND WHEREAS according to Clause 13.1 in the Liza 1 and Liza 2 Permits, “The Environmental Protection Agency reserves the right to review and amend the conditions attached to this Permit”,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly expresses its dissatisfaction, that all reasonable measures have not been taken or are being taken to prevent the flaring of gas as currently exists, and which reported by EEPGL to be 16 million cubic feet, per day (mcf) at the designed maximum safe oil production limit of 120,000 barrels oil, per day (bopd).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly calls on the Government of Guyana:

1. To direct Esso Exploration and Production Guyana Limited to abide by the terms and conditions of the Liza 1 Permit issued on June 1, 2017;
2. To request that the Environmental Protection Agency takes all reasonable measures to ensure compliance including, EEPGL achieving zero flaring at the Liza 1 Project through reduction of oil production rates; and suspension of same Liza 1 Permit if zero flaring is not met, until it is satisfied that all reasonable and lawful efforts are being made to ensure that there is no flaring of gas as has occurred over the past several weeks; and
3. To request that the Liza 1 and Liza 2 Permits be immediately amended by the EPA to become consistent with the updated conditions in the Payara Permit, relative to flaring.

**(Notice Paper No. 63 (M22 Opp. 4) published on 2021-02-26)**

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\*6. **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 Haresh 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;

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;

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

**14.**

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;

**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**

**MOTIONS**

7. **AUTHORITY OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE TO SUMMON WITNESSES**

Mr. Jermaine Figueira, M.P. (Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee) to move the following motion:

WHEREAS Article 2 of the Legislative Bodies (Evidence) Act, Chapter 2 of 2012 provides that “Committee” means a Committee referred to in the definition of “legislative body” and a “legislative body” means- (a) the Cabinet; or (b) any Special Select Committee of the National Assembly; or (c) any Committee of the National Assembly empowered by resolution of the Assembly to summon witnesses;

AND WHEREAS Article 223 (8)(a) of the Constitution of Guyana states that “the Public Accounts Committee” means the Public Accounts Committee established by Order 70(2) of the Standing Orders of the National Assembly; and (b) “the public accounts of Guyana” includes the accounts of – (i) all central and local government bodies and entities; (ii) all bodies and entities in which the state has a controlling interest; and (iii) all projects funded by way of loans or grants by any foreign State or organization;

AND WHEREAS Standing Order 82(1) of the Standing Orders of the National Assembly (with amendments to February 2015) states that, “There shall be a Standing Committee to be known as the Public Accounts Committee to consist of not less than six (6) or more than ten (10) Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection as soon as may be after the beginning of each National Assembly. It shall be the duty of the Committee to examine the accounts showing the appropriation of the sums granted by the Assembly to meet Public Expenditure and such other accounts laid before the Assembly as the Assembly may refer to the Committee together with the Auditor General’s report thereon”;

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AND WHEREAS, the Committee for the purpose of examining the Accounts of entities, is required to invite persons to produce books, plans, or documents, to aid in the work of the Committee;

AND WHEREAS on occasions, some persons are reluctant to appear before the Committee, thus affecting the work of the Committee;

AND WHEREAS the Public Accounts Committee has observed that it is not deemed a legislative body as defined in the Legislative Bodies (Evidence) Act, Chapter 2 of 2012 and is not empowered to summon persons to appear before the Committee;

AND WHEREAS the Public Accounts Committee is desirous of summoning persons to appear before the Committee to explain the use of Public Funds during their tenure,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Public Accounts Committee be deemed a legislative body, as defined in the Legislative Bodies (Evidence) Act, Chapter 2 of 2012, with the power to summon persons to appear before the Committee, to produce books, plans, or documents, to aid in the work of the Committee.

**(Notice Paper No. 328 (M77 Committees 21) published on 2024-03-15)**

**8. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ON ITS EXAMINATION OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF GUYANA FOR THE YEARS 2017 AND 2018**

Mr. Jermaine Figueira, M.P. (Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee) to move the following motion:

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BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on its examination of the Public Accounts of Guyana for the years 2017 and 2018, be adopted and refer the Report to the Government for consideration.

**(Notice Paper No. 331 (M80 Committees 22) published on 2024-05-10)**

**9. ADOPTION OF THE SECOND SPECIAL REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY  
SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES**

The Minister of Human Services and Social Security (Chairperson of the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Social Services) to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Second Special Report of the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Social Services be adopted.

**(Notice Paper No. 332 (M81 Committees 23) published on 2024-05-10)**

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

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

**23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2024.**