

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

PRIVATE MEMBERS' SITTING

FOR THE 105TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION

(2020-2025) OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 10.00 A.M.

ON MONDAY, 2ND JUNE, 2025,

IN THE DOME OF THE ARTHUR CHUNG CONFERENCE CENTRE,

LILIENDAAL, GREATER GEORGETOWN.

BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PRAYERS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER-

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS-

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ORAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-
For Written Replies

1. MONEY IN THE OVERSEAS BANK ACCOUNT

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

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

In January 2023, Government of Guyana announced the first payment from HESS Corporation for Guyana Carbon Credits. Further information provided in a release published by DPI online dated January 10, 2023, stated that the first payment paid is US\$75M.

According to the **Department of Public Information**, the said sum represents the first payment in an agreement that will be worth a minimum of US\$750 million up to 2030.”

1. Could the Honourable Minister indicate to the National Assembly how much money is in the overseas account?
2. Could the Honourable Minister inform the National Assembly how much money from the overseas (US) account has been invested?

(Notice Paper No. 390 (Q298 Opp.298) published on 2025-01-23)

2. INTERESTS ACCRUED ON THE OVERSEAS AND LOCAL BANK ACCOUNTS

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

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

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1. Can the Honourable Minister inform the National Assembly whether interests are accrued on the overseas and local Bank Accounts?
2. If yes to nine (9) above, can the Honourable Minister inform the National Assembly, by way of disaggregation, total credits to the accounts since disbursement of funds, and how much monies are accounted for?
3. Could the Honourable Minister inform the National Assembly whether these amounts are separately accounted for in the estimates?
4. If yes to eleven (11) above, can the Honourable Member state where in the estimates these amounts are reflected; both on the revenue and expenditure sides?

(Notice Paper No. 391 (Q299 Opp.299) published on 2025-01-23)

3. CORE TRAINING NEEDS OF THE STAFF OF THE PARLIAMENT OFFICE

Member Asking: Ms. Tabitha Sarabo-Halley, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance and Government Chief Whip

- (A) Can the Honourable Minister inform the National Assembly what were the core training needs of the staff of the Parliament Office by departments, for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024?
- (B) Can the Minister further inform the National Assembly if those training needs were met for each of the departments for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024?

(Notice Paper No. 410 (Q317 Opp.317) published on 2025-05-09)

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4. NUMBER OF STAFF THAT RECEIVED TARGET PARLIAMENTARY TRAINING IN COMMITTEES, HANSARD AND RESEARCH/LIBRARY DEPARTMENTS

Member Asking: Ms. Tabitha Sarabo-Halley, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance and Government Chief Whip

(a) Can the Honourable Minister inform the National Assembly of the number of staff who received (target parliamentary training in relation to their core duties in service to Members of Parliament) in the Committees, Hansard and Research/Library departments, for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024?

(b) Can the Minister also state the cost and type of training received by these departments for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024?

(Notice Paper No. 411 (Q318 Opp.318) published on 2025-05-09)

In accordance with Standing Order No. 22(9), the following questions were deferred for a period of twelve (12) clear days:

***5. MONIES RELEASED FROM HESS CORPORATION FOR GUYANA CARBON CREDITS**

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

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

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According to the **Department of Public Information**, the said sum represents the first payment in an agreement that will be worth a minimum of US\$750 million up to 2030.”

Can Honourable Minister indicate to the National Assembly how much monies have been released from HESS Corporation for Guyana Carbon Credits as of October 31, 2024?

(Notice Paper No. 387 (Q295 Opp.295) published on 2025-01-23)

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

***6. PAYMENT FROM HESS CORPORATION FOR GUYANA CARBON CREDITS –
BANK ACCOUNT**

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

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

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According to the **Department of Public Information**, the said sum represents the first payment in an agreement that will be worth a minimum of US\$750 million up to 2030.”

1. Could the Honourable Minister provide to the National Assembly, name of the account at Bank of Guyana, where the monies are deposited?
2. Could the Honourable Minister provide to the National Assembly name of the overseas account, where the monies are deposited?
3. Could the Honourable Minister inform the National Assembly who are the Signatories to the account at Bank of Guyana?

(Notice Paper No. 388 (Q296 Opp.296) published on 2025-01-23)

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

***7. BANK STATEMENTS AND DEPOSIT RECEIPTS**

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

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

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1. Could the Honourable Minister provide to the National Assembly Bank Statements on the Overseas and Bank of Guyana Accounts?
2. Could the Honourable Minister indicate whether arrangements are in place for receipts deposited in the accounts, like what obtains for the Natural Resource Fund, regarding the receipts of these funds?

(Notice Paper No. 389 (Q297 Opp.297) published on 2025-01-23)

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-

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

PUBLIC BUSINESS

GOVERNMENTS BUSINESS

BILLS – Second Readings

1. **REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE (AMENDMENT) BILL 2025 – No. 9/2025 published on 2025-05-16**

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 Representation of the People Act.

(Read a first time on 2025-05-16)

2. **CRIMINAL LAW MISCELLANEOUS BILL 2025 – Bill No. 8/2025 published on 2025-05-15**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend certain enactments.

(Read a first time on 2025-05-16)

3. **REGIONAL SECURITY SYSTEM BILL 2025 – Bill No. 5/2025 published on 2025-02-11**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the implementation of the Treaty establishing the Regional Security System and for connected matters.

(Read a first time on 2025-02-17)

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4. **CARICOM ARREST WARRANT BILL 2025 – Bill No.6/2025 published on 2025-02-12**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to give effect to the CARICOM Arrest Warrant Treaty and to provide for related matters.

(Read a first time on 2025-02-17)

5. **INTERNATIONAL MEASURES FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN (HAGUE CONVENTION) BILL 2024 – Bill No. 15/2024 published on 2024-11-21**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to give effect to the Convention on Jurisdiction, Applicable Law, Recognition, Enforcement and Co-operation in respect of Parental Responsibility and Measures for the Protection of Children, and for other related matters.

(Read a first time on 2024-11-25)

6. **APOSTILLE BILL 2024 – Bill No. 19/2024 published on 2024-11-27**

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to implement the Convention Abolishing the requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents done at the Hague on the 5th day of October, 1961 and for connected matters.

(Read a first time on 2024-11-27)

BILLS – Committee, Second and Third Readings***7. 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)

***8. 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)

(i) PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**MOTIONS*****9. NATURAL GAS FLARING AT THE ESSO EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION GUYANA LIMITED**

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

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

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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;

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)

***10. 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;

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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;

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

11. 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”;

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,

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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)

12. 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:

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)

13. 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)

**14. ADOPTION OF THE THIRD 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 Third Special Report of the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Social Services be adopted.

(Notice Paper No. 368 (M87 Committees 24) published on 2024-12-19)

S. E. ISAACS,

Clerk of the National Assembly

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Public Buildings,

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27th May, 2025.