

PARLIAMENTARY AGENDA

FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER – FRIDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER, 2009

Monday, 23rd November, 2009

Sitting of the National Assembly

NIL

Meetings of Parliamentary Committees

**Special Select Committee on the Conclusion of the
Consideration of the 2004 Report of the Disciplined Forces
Commission**

Time: 4:00 p.m.

**Venue: Committee Room No. 1 Committees Division,
Public Buildings, Brickdam, Georgetown.**

- Business:**
- (i) Correction and confirmation of Minutes of the 33rd Meeting held on 16th November, 2009;
 - (ii) Matters Arising; and
 - (iii) To continue to review the Recommendations of the 2004 Report of the Disciplined Forces Commission.
 - Guyana Police Force (1 to 71 recommendations, pages 1 to 14 of the Report.)

Any Other Business

Tuesday 24th November, 2009

Sitting of the National Assembly

NIL

Meetings of Parliamentary Committees

1 Special Select Committee on the Custody, Contact, Guardianship and Maintenance Bill 2009 – Bill No. 29 of 2009

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Venue: Committee Room No. 1 Committees Division,
Public Buildings, Brickdam, Georgetown.

- Business:**
- (i) Corrections and confirmation of Minutes of the 5th Meeting held on 17th November, 2009;
 - (ii) Matters Arising; and
 - (ii) To consider the Draft Report of the Committee.

Any Other Business

2. Special Select Committee on the Local Government Bills 2009

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Venue: Committee Room No. 2 (Ground Floor, West of Main Stairway), Public Buildings, Brickdam, Georgetown.

- Business:**
- (i) Correction and confirmation of Minutes of the 13th Meeting held on Wednesday, 11th November, 2009;
 - (ii) Matters Arising;
 - (iii) To conclude consideration of the Matrix;
 - (iv) To conclude consideration of the Draft Report of the Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2009 – Bill No. 23 of 2009;
 - (v) To continue consideration of the Fiscal Transfers Bill 2009 – Bill No. 25 of 2009; and
 - (vi) To commence consideration of the Municipal and District Councils (Amendment) Bill 2009 – Bill No. 26 of 2009.

Any Other Business

3. Special Select Committee on the Childcare and Development Services Bill 2009 – Bill No. 31 of 2009

Time: 3:45 p.m.

Venue: Committee Room No. 1 Committees Division,
Public Buildings, Brickdam, Georgetown.

- Business:**
- (i) Corrections and confirmation of Minutes of the 3rd Meeting held on 17th November, 2009;
 - (ii) Matters Arising; and
 - (ii) To consider the Draft Report of the Committee.

Any Other Business

Wednesday 25th November, 2009

Sitting of the National Assembly

NIL

Meetings of Parliamentary Committees

**1. Special Select Committee on the Allied Health Professions
Bill - Bill No. 15 of 2009**

Time: 3:00 p.m.

**Venue: Parliament Chamber, Public Buildings,
Brickdam, Georgetown.**

- Business:**
- (i) Corrections and confirmation of Minutes of the 6th Meeting held on 21st October, 2009;
 - (ii) To continue consideration of the Matrix showing the sections and Clauses highlighted in the Oral Presentation by the Agencies/individuals; and
 - (iii) To consider the additional information submitted by the Guyana Association of Optometrists.

Any Other Business

2. Sessional Select Committee of Privileges

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Venue: Committee Room No. 2 (Ground Floor, West of main stairway), Public Buildings, Brickdam, Georgetown.

- Business:**
- (i) Corrections, confirmation and matters arising from the Minutes of the 1st Meeting held on 11th November, 2009;
 - (ii) Statement by Mrs. Deborah Backer, M.P., with respect to motion moved by the Hon. Dr. Ashni Singh, M.P., Minister of Finance on the 22nd October, 2009;
 - (iii) Questions by Members of the Committee; and
 - (iv) Closing statement by Mrs. Deborah Backer, M.P.

Any Other Business

Thursday 26th November, 2009

Sitting of the National Assembly

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Venue: Parliament Chamber,
Public Buildings, Brickdam, Georgetown.

Business:

PUBLIC BUSINESS-

(i) GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

BILLS – Second Readings

1. **FIRE PREVENTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2009 – Bill No. 40/2009**
published on 2009-11-17

The Minister of Home Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Fire Prevention Act.

(Read a first time on 2009-11-19)

2. **FIRE SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL 2009 – Bill No. 41/2009 published**
on 2009-11-17

The Minister of Home Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Fire Service Act.

(Read a first time on 2009-11-19)

3. **FIRES AND CASUALTIES INQUIRY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2009 – Bill**
No. 42/2009 published on 2009-11-17

The Minister of Home Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Fires and Casualties Inquiry Act.

(Read a first time on 2009-11-19)

4. **THE PRISON (AMENDMENT) BILL 2009 – Bill No. 43/2009 published on 2009-11-19**

The Minister of Home Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Prison Act.

(Read a first time on 2009-11-19)

5. **PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES BILL 2009 – Bill No. 44/2009 published on 2009-11-19**

The Minister of Health to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide certain rights to persons with disabilities; to provide for the promotion and protection and full and equal enjoyment of the rights; to facilitate the enforcement of the rights; to eliminate discrimination on the basis of disability; to provide for the welfare and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities; to provide for the registration of persons with disabilities; to establish the National Commission on Disabilities; and for connected purposes.

(Read a first time on 2009-11-19)

(ii) PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

MOTION

NON-LETHAL WEAPONS

Mr. Everall Franklin, M.P. to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Members of the Guyana Police Force are equipped with weapons such as firearms in the form of handguns, shotguns, rifles and machine guns as well as batons;

AND WHEREAS in the execution of their duties they may have to use force to protect themselves, prevent the commission of a crime or protect property;

AND WHEREAS these weapons, in particular firearms, without exception are designed to inflict severe injury to a person or persons:

AND WHEREAS these injuries may often result in the unwanted death of the targeted person or persons due to the very nature of the weapon's design;

AND WHEREAS without the required training, capability, marksmanship and judgment of the user severe injury or death may be the result of such use;

AND WHEREAS the Members of the Guyana Police Force in executing their duty often have no alternative but to use the issued weapons and from time to time bemoan the fact that non-lethal weapons could have been used if available,

BE IT RESOLVED:

- (i) That hand to hand combat training be intensified and expanded within the Guyana Police Force;

- (ii) That a psychological evaluation of all ranks carrying firearms be conducted annually;
- (iii) That counseling be made mandatory for ranks who have used force resulting in death;
- (iv) That the Guyana Police Force design and conduct within six (6) months marksmanship training for all ranks authorized to use firearms; and
- (v) That non-lethal weapons such as pepper spray, tasers and non and less lethal ammunition such as rubber projectiles be acquired and police ranks trained in their use.

(Notice Paper No. 408 (M111 Opp 31) published on 2009-11-13)

Friday 27th November, 2009

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

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23rd November, 2009