

NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA – FIRST SESSION (2006 – 2010)

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE PAPER NO. 492

Date Received: 2010.10.21

Member Giving Notice: **The Minister of Home Affairs**

MOTION

**AFFIRMATION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS
2010 – NO. 6 OF 2010**

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with Section 98(3) of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chapter 51:02, affirms the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Regulations 2010 – No. 6 of 2010, made under Section 98(3) of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chapter 51:02 and published in an Extraordinary Copy of the Official Gazette dated 20th October, 2010.

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NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA – FIRST SESSION (2006 – 2010)

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE PAPER NO. 493

Date Received: 2010.10.08

Member Giving Notice: Mrs. Sheila Holder, M.P.

MOTION

POLITICAL PARTIES CAMPAIGN FINANCING

WHEREAS Article 162(1)(b) of the Constitution directs GECOM in relation to elections to issue such instructions and ‘take such action as appear to it to be expedient to ensure impartiality, fairness and compliance with the provisions of the Constitution or of any Act of Parliament on the part of persons or performing duties connected with or relating to the matters aforesaid’;

AND WHEREAS the laws relevant to financing campaigns of political parties as contained in Chapter 1:03 Laws of Guyana, Representation of the People Act Part XIII entitled ‘Election Expenses’ are generally considered to be archaic and not meaningful;

AND WHEREAS historically the Chief Elections Officer as the regulator and political parties as contestants in elections, routinely observe these laws in the breach;

AND WHEREAS Guyana has committed to several international instruments and mandates for addressing the issues of political party and campaign financing most notably the following, which explicitly or indirectly address these issues:

2.

- As in the Declaration of Commitment of Port of Spain at the Fifth Summit of the Americas in Trinidad and Tobago April 19, 2009 where CARICOM heads of State reaffirmed their commitment to fostering credibility and public trust in democratic institutions, in particular the legitimacy of electoral processes;
- As in Article 5 of the Inter-American Democratic Charter where strengthening of political parties and other political organizations is recognized as a priority for democracy paying special attention to problems associated with the high cost of election campaigns and the establishment of a balance and transparent system for their financing;
- As in Article 7 Section 3 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, to which Guyana acceded on April 16, 2008, and which requires that each state party ‘considers taking appropriate legislative and administrative measures to enhance transparency in the funding of candidatures for elected public office and ... the funding of political parties’;
- As in Article 10 of the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption adopted in Maputo on July 11, 2003, each state party shall adopt legislative and other measures to incorporate the principle of transparency in funding of political parties; and prescribe the use of funds to finance political parties;
- As in Recommendation (2003) 4 of the Committee of Ministers for the Council of Europe (CoE) to member states on common rules against corruption in the funding of political parties and electoral campaigns which was adopted by the CoE Committee of Ministers on April 8, 2003. This international instrument primarily focuses on sources of funding – supporting a system that balances private and public financing – and on the merits of disclosure,

3.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly recognizes that a strong democracy requires healthy political parties, resources to sustain and operate a basic party structure capable of representing people, contributing creatively to the public policy debate, and contesting elections; and that the role of money in politics undeniably influences the quality of democracy and governance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Government presents to the National Assembly such relevant laws and regulations pertaining to political party campaign financing; curtail abuse of public resources by the incumbent leading up to and during elections as recommended by the Commonwealth Secretariat in order to create a level playing field for contesting parties at elections in Guyana.

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NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA – FIRST SESSION (2006 – 2010)

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NOTICE PAPER NO. 494

Member Asking: Mrs. Sheila Holder, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Human Services and Social Security

QUESTION

PAYMENT OF OLD AGE PENSION 2002 – 2009

Could the Hon. Minister state how many people were in receipt of old age pension in 2002 to 2009?

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NOTICE PAPER NO. 495

Member Asking: **Mrs. Sheila Holder, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Finance**

QUESTIONS

CHIEF JUSTICE PENSION ORDER NO. 16/2010

Could the Hon. Minister say –

- (i) *What was the basis for making the Chief Justice’s Pension Order No. 16/2010?

- (ii) *Why did the Order place the personal emoluments of the Chief Justice at the same level of the Chancellor of the Judiciary?

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NOTICE PAPER NO. 496

Member Asking: Mrs. Sheila Holder, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Agriculture

QUESTION

GEOTECHNICAL REPORT FOR THE ALIGNMENT OF THE HOPE CANAL

In view of the government's stated willingness to embrace transparency and accountability, will the Hon. Minister make available to the AFC the geotechnical report for the alignment of the Hope Canal? If so, how soon?

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Member Asking: Mrs. Sheila Holder, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Agriculture

QUESTION

STRUCTURAL DRAWINGS FOR 4 DOOR SLUICES

Will the Hon. Minister state whether structural drawings have been done for the four door sluice across the Conservancy Dam and for the four door sluice with spill weir? If so, how soon can the AFC get access to copies of them?

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