

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE 10<sup>TH</sup> SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST**  
**SESSION (2020) OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD**  
**AT 9.30 A.M.**  
**ON WEDNESDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020**  
**IN THE DOME OF THE ARTHUR CHUNG CONFERENCE CENTRE,**  
**LILIENDAAL, GREATER GEORGETOWN**

**MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (70)**

**Speaker (1)**

\*Hon. Manzoor Nadir, M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly

**MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT (37)**

**Peoples Progressive Party Civic (37)**

**Prime Minister (1)**

Hon. Brigadier (Ret'd) Mark A. Phillips, M.S.S., M.P., Prime Minister

**Vice-President (1)**

Hon. Bharrat Jagdeo, M.P., Vice-President (Absent)

**Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs (1)**

Hon. Mohabir A. Nandlall, M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

**Senior Ministers (16)**

Hon. Gail Teixeira, M.P. (Region No. 7 – Cuyuni/Mazaruni), Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance and Government Chief Whip

Hon. Hugh H. Todd, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica), Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation

Hon. Bishop Juan A. Edghill, M.S., J.P., M.P., Minister of Public Works

Hon. Dr. Frank C. S. Anthony, M.P., Minister of Health

**\*Non-Elected Member**

Hon. Priya D. Manickchand, M.P. (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Islands/West Demerara),  
Minister of Education

\*Hon. Brindley H.R. Benn, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs

Hon. Zulfikar Mustapha, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne), Minister of  
Agriculture

Hon. Pauline R.A. Campbell-Sukhai, M.P., Minister of Amerindian Affairs

Hon. Joseph L.F. Hamilton, M.P., Minister of Labour

Hon. Vickram O. Bharrat, M.P., Minister of Natural Resources

\*Hon. Oneidge Walrond, M.P., Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce

Hon. Nigel D. Dharamlall, M.P. (Region No. 2 – Pomeroon/Supenaam), Minister of Local  
Government and Regional Development

Hon. Collin D. Croal, M.P. (Region No. 1 – BarimaWaini), Minister of Housing and Water

Hon. Vindhya V. H. Persaud, M.S., M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica), Minister of  
Human Services and Social Security

Hon. Charles S. Ramson, M.P., Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport

Hon. Sonia S. Parag, M.P., Minister of the Public Service

**Junior Ministers (4)**

Hon. Warren K.E. McCoy, M.P., Minister within the Office of the Prime Minister

Hon. Deodat Indar, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of Public Works

Hon. Anand Persaud, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of Local Government and Regional  
Development

Hon. Susan M. Rodrigues, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica), Minister within the  
Ministry of Housing and Water

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**\*Non-Elected Member**

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**Other Members (14)**

Hon. Dharamkumar Seeraj, M.P.

Hon. Alister S. Charlie, M.P. (Region No. 9 – Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)

Hon. Dr. Vishwa D.B. Mahadeo, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne)

Hon. Sanjeev J. Datadin, M.P.

Hon. Seepaul Narine, M.P.

Hon. Yvonne Pearson-Fredericks, M.P.

Hon. Dr. Bheri S. Ramsaran, M.P.

Hon. Dr. Jennifer R.A. Westford, M.P.

Hon. Faizal M. Jaffarally, M.P. (Region No. 5 – Mahaica/Berbice)

Hon. Dr. Tandika S. Smith, M.P. (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

Hon. Lee G.H. Williams, M.P.

\*Hon. Sarah Browne, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Amerindian Affairs

\*Hon. Vikash Ramkissoon, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture

Hon. Bhagmattie Veerasammy, M.P.

**MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION (32)**

**(i) A Partnership For National Unity + Alliance For Change (APNU/AFC) (31)**

Hon. Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Joseph F. Harmon, M.S.M., M.P., Leader of the Opposition

Hon. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.

Hon. Roysdale A. Forde, S.C., M.P.

Hon. Raphael G.C. Trotman, M.P.

Hon. Dawn Hastings-Williams, M.P. (Region No. 7 – Cuyuni/Mazaruni)

Hon. Dr. Nicolette O. Henry, M.P.

Hon. Dr. Karen R.V. Cummings, M.P.

Hon. Tabitha J. Sarabo-Halley, M.P.

Hon. Geeta Chandan-Edmond, M.P.

Hon. Christopher A. Jones, M.P., Opposition Chief Whip

Hon. Annette N. Ferguson, M.P.

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**\*Non-Elected Member**

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Hon. David A. Patterson, M.P.

Hon. Coretta A. McDonald, A.A., M.P.

Hon. Catherine A. Hughes, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica) (Virtual Participation)

Hon. Haimraj B. Rajkumar, M.P.

Hon. Amanza O.R. Walton-Desir, M.P.

Hon. Natasha Singh-Lewis, M.P.

Hon. Sherod A. Duncan, M.P.

Hon. Juretha V. Fernandes, M.P.

Hon. Vincent P. Henry, M.P.

Hon. Ronald Cox, M.P. (Region No. 1 – BarimaWaini)

Hon. Shurwayne F.K. Holder, M.P. (Region No. 2 – Pomeroon/Supenaam)

Hon. Ganesh A. Mahipaul, M.P. (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

Hon. Nima N. Flue-Bess, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Hon. Maureen A. Philadelphia, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Hon. Deonarine Ramsaroop, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Hon. Vincerooy H. Jordan, M.P., (Region No. 5 – Mahaica/Berbice)

Hon. Dineshwar N. Jaiprashad, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne)

Hon. Richard E. Sinclair, M.P. (Region No. 8 –Potaro/Siparuni)

Hon. Jermaine A. Figueira, M.P. (Region No. 10 – Upper Demerara/Upper Berbice)

Hon. Devin L. Sears, M.P. (Region No. 10 – Upper Demerara/Upper Berbice)

**A New and United Guyana, Liberty and Justice Party and The New Movement (ANUG, LJP & TNM) (1)**

Hon. Lenox R. O’Dell Shuman, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly (Virtual Participation)

**Officers (2)**

Mr. Sherlock E. Isaacs, A.A., Clerk of the National Assembly

Ms. Deslyn West, Assistant Clerk of the National Assembly

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### **COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING**

The Sitting commenced at 9.43 a.m.

### **PRAYERS**

The Clerk led in Prayers.

### **ORAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

The Speaker disallowed a request from the Hon. Geeta Chandan-Edmond, M.P., to ask an oral question without notice in relation to the murders of Joel Henry, Isaiah Henry and Haresh Singh of West Berbice.

### **PUBLIC BUSINESS**

#### **(i) GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

### **MOTION**

### **BUDGET SPEECH 2020 – MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2020**

The Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 2020.

**(Moved by the Minister with responsibility for Finance on 2020-09-09)**

### **In Committee of Supply**

The following Agencies and Programmes in the Estimates of Expenditure were considered and approved by the Committee as presented with the respective amounts allocated thereto:

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**32 – MINISTRY OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Current Expenditure**

321 Policy Development and Administration

**Capital Expenditure**

321 Policy Development and Administration

**Current Expenditure**

322 Public Works

**Capital Expenditure**

322 Public Works

**Current Expenditure**

323 Transport

**Capital Expenditure**

323 Transport

**31 – MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**Current Expenditure**

311 Policy Development and Administration

**Capital Expenditure**

311 Policy Development and Administration

**Current Expenditure**

312 Public Works

**Capital Expenditure**

312 Public Works

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**Current Expenditure**

313 Transport

**Capital Expenditure**

313 Transport

**Assembly resumed**

**Visit by Mr. Ganga Singh**

Speaker informed Members that Mr. Ganga Singh of Trinidad & Tobago was visiting the National Assembly of the Parliament of Guyana and that Mr. Singh was a former Member of Parliament who served five terms during which time he served as a Minister, Chief Whip and Leader of Government Business in the House of Representative and the Senate.

**SUSPENSION OF SITTING**

At 12.28 p.m., the Sitting was suspended for refreshments.

**RESUMPTION OF SITTING**

At 1.49 p.m., the Sitting was resumed.

**In Committee of Supply**

The following Agencies and Programmes in the Estimates of Expenditure were considered and approved by the Committee as presented with the respective amounts allocated thereto:

**40 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

**Current Expenditure**

401 Policy Development and Administration

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**Capital Expenditure**

401 Policy Development and Administration

**Current Expenditure**

402 Training and Development

**Capital Expenditure**

402 Training and Development

**Current Expenditure**

403 Nursery Education

**Capital Expenditure**

403 Nursery Education

**Current Expenditure**

404 Primary Education

**Capital Expenditure**

404 Primary Education

**Current Expenditure**

405 Secondary Education

**Capital Expenditure**

405 Secondary Education

**Current Expenditure**

406 Post - Secondary/Tertiary Education



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**Capital Expenditure**

406 Post - Secondary/Tertiary Education

**44 - MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS**

**Current Expenditure**

441 Policy Development and Administration

**Capital Expenditure**

441 Policy Development and Administration

**Current Expenditure**

442 Culture

**Capital Expenditure**

442 Culture

**Current Expenditure**

443 Youth

**Capital Expenditure**

443 Youth

**Current Expenditure**

444 Sports

**Capital Expenditure**

444 Sports

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**42 - MINISTRY OF COMMUNITIES**

**Current Expenditure**

421 Sustainable Communities Management

**Capital Expenditure**

421 Sustainable Communities Management

**Current Expenditure**

422 Sustainable Communities Development

**Capital Expenditure**

422 Sustainable Communities Development

**13 – MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Current Expenditure**

131 Policy Development and Administration

**Capital Expenditure**

131 Policy Development and Administration

**Current Expenditure**

133 Regional Development

**Capital Expenditure**

133 Regional Development

**Current Expenditure**

134 Local Government Development

**Capital Expenditure**

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**Assembly resumed**

**SUSPENSION OF SITTING**

At 6.21 p.m., the Sitting was suspended for refreshments.

**RESUMPTION OF SITTING**

At 7.24 p.m., the Sitting was resumed.

The Hon. Priya Manickchand, M.P., Minister of Education moved that the Sitting continue beyond 8.00 p.m. to continue and conclude the considerations of the Estimates of Expenditure for the year 2020 for the remaining agencies on the Schedule for the day.

**In Committee of Supply**

The following Agencies and Programmes in the Estimates of Expenditure were considered and approved by the Committee as presented with the respective amounts allocated thereto:

**71 – REGION NO. 1: BARIMA/WAINI**

**Current Expenditure**

711 Regional Administration and Finance

**Capital Expenditure**

711 Regional Administration and Finance

**Current Expenditure**

712 Public Works

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**Capital Expenditure**

712 Public Works

**Current Expenditure**

713 Education Delivery

**Capital Expenditure**

713 Education Delivery

**Current Expenditure**

714 Health Services

**Capital Expenditure**

714 Health Services

**Current Expenditure**

715 Agriculture

**Capital Expenditure**

715 Agriculture

**72 – REGION NO.2: POMEROON/SUPENAAM**

**Current Expenditure**

721 Regional Administration and Finance

**Capital Expenditure**

721 Regional Administration and Finance

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**Current Expenditure**

722 Agriculture

**Capital Expenditure**

722 Agriculture

**Current Expenditure**

723 Public Works

**Capital Expenditure**

723 Public Works

**Current Expenditure**

724 Education Delivery

**Capital Expenditure**

724 Education Delivery

**Current Expenditure**

725 Health Services

**Capital Expenditure**

725 Health Services

**Assembly resumed**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9.44 p.m., on a motion by the Prime Minister, the Assembly was adjourned to 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

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**HON. MANZOOR NADIR, M.P.,**  
**Hon. Speaker of the National Assembly**

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

**23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2020.**