

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 11TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (2020) OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD
AT 10.00 A.M.
ON THURSDAY, 24TH 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 (Virtual Participation)

Hon. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.

Hon. Roysdale A. Forde, S.C., M.P. (Absent)

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

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***Non-Elected Member**

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Hon. Annette N. Ferguson, M.P.
Hon. David A. Patterson, M.P. (Absent)
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. (Absent)
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. Vinceroy H. Jordan, M.P., (Region No. 5 – Mahaica/Berbice)
Hon. Dineshwar N. Jaiprakash, 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

COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING

The Sitting commenced at 10.19 a.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk led in Prayers.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS-

By the Minister of Public Works:

Statement of Expenditure for the period January 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020.

(Circulated)

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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73 – REGION NO. 3 – ESSEQUIBO ISLANDS/WEST DEMERARA

Current Expenditure

731 Regional Administration and Finance

Capital Expenditure

731 Regional Administration and Finance

Current Expenditure

732 Agriculture

Capital Expenditure

732 Agriculture

Current Expenditure

733 Public Works

Capital Expenditure

733 Public Works

Current Expenditure

734 Education Delivery

Capital Expenditure

734 Education Delivery

Current Expenditure

735 Health Services

Capital Expenditure

735 Health Services

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74 – REGION NO. 4: DEMERARA/MAHAICA

Current Expenditure

741 Regional Administration and Finance

Capital Expenditure

741 Regional Administration and Finance

Current Expenditure

742 Agriculture

Capital Expenditure

742 Agriculture

Current Expenditure

743 Public Works

Capital Expenditure

743 Public Works

Current Expenditure

744 Education Delivery

Capital Expenditure

744 Education Delivery

Current Expenditure

745 Health Services

Capital Expenditure

745 Health Services

Assembly resumed

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SUSPENSION OF SITTING

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

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 1.48 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:

75 – REGION NO. 5: MAHAICA/BERBICE

Current Expenditure

751 Regional Administration and Finance

Capital Expenditure

751 Regional Administration and Finance

Current Expenditure

752 Agriculture

Capital Expenditure

752 Agriculture

Current Expenditure

753 Public Works

Capital Expenditure

753 Public Works

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Current Expenditure

754 Education Delivery

Capital Expenditure

754 Education Delivery

Current Expenditure

755 Health Services

Capital Expenditure

755 Health Services

76 – REGION NO. 6: EAST BERBICE/CORENTYNE

Current Expenditure

761 Regional Administration and Finance

Capital Expenditure

761 Regional Administration and Finance

Current Expenditure

762 Agriculture

Capital Expenditure

762 Agriculture

Current Expenditure

763 Public Works

Capital Expenditure

763 Public Works

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Presiding by Hon. Dharamkumar Seeraj, M.P.

At 3.41 p.m. the Speaker withdrew from the Chamber and Hon. Dharamkumar Seeraj, M.P., took the Chair.

Speaker's Return to the Chamber

At 4.16 p.m. the Speaker returned to the Chamber.

Current Expenditure

764 Education Delivery

Capital Expenditure

764 Education Delivery

Current Expenditure

765 Health Services

Capital Expenditure

765 Health Services

77 – REGION NO. 7: CUYUNI/MAZARUNI

Current Expenditure

771 Regional Administration and Finance

Capital Expenditure

771 Regional Administration and Finance

Current Expenditure

772 Public Works

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Capital Expenditure

772 Public Works

Current Expenditure

773 Education Delivery

Capital Expenditure

773 Education Delivery

Current Expenditure

774 Health Services

Capital Expenditure

774 Health Services

Current Expenditure

775 Agriculture

Capital Expenditure

775 Agriculture

Assembly resumed

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 5.30 p.m., the Sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 6.30 p.m., the Sitting was resumed.

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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:

78 – REGION NO. 8: POTARO/SIPARUNI

Current Expenditure

781 Regional Administration and Finance

Capital Expenditure

781 Regional Administration and Finance

Current Expenditure

782 Public Works

Capital Expenditure

782 Public Works

Current Expenditure

783 Education Delivery

Capital Expenditure

783 Education Delivery

Current Expenditure

784 Health Services

Capital Expenditure

784 Health Services

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Current Expenditure

785 Agriculture

Capital Expenditure

785 Agriculture

79 – REGION NO. 9: UPPER TAKATU/UPPER ESSEQUIBO

Current Expenditure

791 Regional Administration and Finance

Capital Expenditure

791 Regional Administration and Finance

Current Expenditure

792 Agriculture

Capital Expenditure

792 Agriculture

At 7.59 pm., 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.

Current Expenditure

793 Public Works

Capital Expenditure

793 Public Works

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Current Expenditure

794 Education Delivery

Capital Expenditure

794 Education Delivery

Current Expenditure

795 Health Services

Capital Expenditure

795 Health Services

80 – REGION 10: UPPER DEMERARA/UPPER BERBICE

Current Expenditure

801 Regional Administration and Finance

Capital Expenditure

801 Regional Administration and Finance

Current Expenditure

802 Public Works

Capital Expenditure

802 Public Works

Current Expenditure

803 Education Delivery

Capital Expenditure

803 Education Delivery

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Current Expenditure

804 Health Services

Capital Expenditure

804 Health Services

Current Expenditure

805 Agriculture

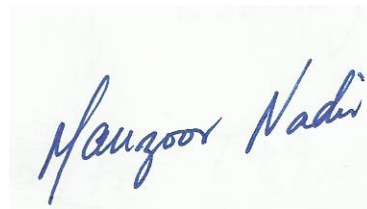
Capital Expenditure

805 Agriculture

Assembly resumed

ADJOURNMENT

At 9.26 p.m., on a motion by the Prime Minister, the Assembly was adjourned to 9.30 a.m. on Friday, 25th September, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Manzoor Nadi". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

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HON. MANZOOR NADIR, M.P.,

Hon. Speaker of the National Assembly

**PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,**

**Brickdam,
Georgetown.**

24th September, 2020.