

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 33RD SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (2020-2021) OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD
AT 10.00 A.M.
ON THURSDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 2021
IN THE DOME OF THE ARTHUR CHUNG CONFERENCE CENTRE,
LILIENDAAL, GREATER GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (71)

Speaker (1)

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

MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT (38)

Peoples Progressive Party Civic (38)

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 (Virtual Participation)

Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs (1)

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

Senior Ministers (17)

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. Dr. Ashni K. Singh, M.P., Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance

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

***Non-Elected Member**

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

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

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

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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
(Absent – on leave)

*Hon. Vikash Ramkissoon, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture (Absent-
on leave)

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. (Virtual Participation)

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

Hon. Dr. Nicolette O. Henry, M.P. (Virtual Participation)

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

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

Hon. Geeta Chandan-Edmond, M.P. (Virtual Participation)

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. (Virtual Participation)

Hon. David A. Patterson, M.P. (Virtual Participation)

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. (Virtual Participation)

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. 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

Officers (2)

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

Ms. Hermina Gilgeours, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

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COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING

The Sitting commenced at 11.14 a.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk led in Prayers.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

For Written replies

1. NUMBER OF REPORTS OF MISSING CITIZENS

Member Asking: Mr. Jermaine Figueira, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Home Affairs

(A) For the period 1st August 2020 to 12th April 2021, can the Honourable Minister inform the National Assembly how many reports of citizens going missing were dealt with by the Guyana Police Force?

(B) For the period 1st May 2015 to 12th January 2016, can the Honourable Minister also inform the National Assembly how many reports of citizens going missing were dealt with by the Guyana Police Force?

(C) Can the Honourable Minister further inform the National Assembly by Region, the number of citizens in A & B above (state separately) that were discovered dead? Please state their names.

(Notice Paper No. 103 (Q77 Opp.77) published on 2021-08-05)

ANSWERS

(A) “The number of reports received by the Guyana Police Force along with persons found dead for the period 1st August, 2021 to 12th April, 2021 are as follows:

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Region	Citizens Found Dead	Total Reports of Missing Citizens
1	1	17
2	0	8
3	0	40
4A	0	68
4B	1	35
4C	0	45
5	2	48
6	1	25
7	0	fi
8	0	0
9	0	3
10	1	28
Total	6	325

(B) The number of reports received by the Guyana Police Force along with persons found dead for the period 1st May 2015 to 12th January 2016 are as follows:

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Region	Persons Found Dead	Total Reports of Missing Persons
1	0	0
2	0	12
3	0	34
4A	0	54
4B	N/A	0
5	1	34
6	N/A	0
7	0	5
8	0	0
9	0	0
10	0	16
Total	1	155

(C) The name of the person found dead during the period 1st May 2015 to 12th January, 2016 is:

Serial #	Name of Person found Dead	Date Found
1	Ignatius Daniels	12 July, 2015

The names of persons found dead during the period 1st August 2020 to 12th April, 2021 are as follows:

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Serial #	Names Of Person Found Dead	Date Found
1	Avinash Fernandes	08 April 2021
2	Joel Skeete	05 April 2021
3	Isiah Henry	06 September 2020
4	Joel Henry	06 September 2020
5	Sharida Hussain	06March2021
6	Shonnette Dover	30 April 2021

2. NUMBER OF REPORTS OF SEXUAL ABUSE

Member Asking: **Mr. Jermaine Figueira, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Home Affairs**

For the period 1st May 2015 to 12th January 2016, can the Honourable Minister inform the National Assembly how many reports, by Region, of sexual abuse that were dealt with by the Guyana Police Force?

(Notice Paper No. 104 (Q78 Opp.78) published on 2021-08-10)

ANSWER

“The number of sexual abuse reports handled by the Guyana Police Force for the period 1st May 2015 to 12th January 2016 by region are as follows:

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Month	1	2	3	4A	4B	4C	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
May	5	4	4	1	2	2	0	5	1	0	2	2	28
June	6	0	6	0	1	7	0	7	1	0	2	3	33
July	0	1	4	1	0	2	2	7	1	0	0	5	23
August	2	0	0	3	1	6	1	0	1	0	4	2	20
September	4	0	3	3	1	3	3	4	2	0	1	0	24
October	4	1	8	1	0	9	0	5	1	0	0	2	31
November	5	4	3	1	2	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	20
December	2	1	6	0	1	6	0	2	2	1	1	3	25
January	2	0	3	0	4	7	1	1	1	1	0	1	20
Total	30	11	37	10	12	42	7	34	10	2	10	19	224

* The categories of sexual abuse monitored by the Guyana Police Force's Statistics Unit are statutory rape (rape of a child under 16) and forcible rape (rape of person over 16)."

3. TRAFFICKING OF DRUGS

Member Asking: Mr. Jermaine Figueira, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Home Affairs

- A. For the period 1st August 2020 to 1st April 2021, can the Honourable Minister inform the National Assembly how many pounds of cocaine were reported and the number of times, as originated (trafficked) from Guyana at the time of interception in a second country?

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- B. For the period 1st August 2015 to 1st January 2016, can the Honourable Minister additionally inform the National Assembly how many pounds of cocaine were reported
- C. and the number of times, as originated (trafficked) from Guyana, at the time of interception in a second country?
- D. For the period 1st August 2020 to 1st April 2021, can the Honourable Minister inform the National Assembly, how many persons were apprehended and charged for cocaine trafficking/possession of amounts more than five pounds in Guyana and the number of incidences?
- E. For the period 1st August 2020 to 1st April 2021, can the Honourable Minister further inform the National Assembly, how many persons in Guyana were apprehended and charged for cocaine trafficking of amounts more than five pounds and the number of incidences, when cocaine was intercepted in a second country, but was trafficked from Guyana?

(Notice Paper No. 105 (Q79 Opp.79) published on 2021-08-10)

ANSWERS

- A. “During the period 1st August, 2020 to 1st April, 2021, 19.066 pounds were found. Three times cocaine was allegedly shipped from Guyana to a second country.
- B. During the period 1st August, 2015 to 1st January, 2016, 99.173 pounds of cocaine were found:
- Seven (7) times, Cocaine allegedly shipped from Guyana to a second country.
- On four (4) occasions the information was passed to counterparts from Guyana.
- C. For the period 1st August, 2020 to 1st April 2021, (2) males were charged for Trafficking in Narcotics to wit 7.26 pounds.

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D. During the period 1st August, 2020 to 1st April 2021, (2) males were charged for Trafficking in Narcotics to wit 7.26 pounds.

Additionally, three (3) incidences of cocaine were intercepted overseas that was allegedly shipped from Guyana.

- On 26th May, 2020, 1.5 tonnes of cocaine were allegedly shipped from Guyana to Hamburg, Germany. It was intercepted in August, 2020.
- On 25th September, 2020, 11.5 tonnes of cocaine were allegedly shipped from Guyana to Antwerp, Belgium. It was intercepted in October, 2020.
- On 24th February, 2021, 307. 324 pounds of Cocaine were allegedly shipped from Guyana to Jamaica. It was intercepted on 2nd March, 2021.”

**4. TOTAL NUMBER OF FOREIGN OWNED OPERATED SECURITY COMPANIES
IN GUYANA**

Member Asking: Ms. Geeta Chandan-Edmond, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Home Affairs

Can the Minister indicate how many foreign owned and operated security companies are in Guyana?

(Notice Paper No. 134 (Q104 Opp.104) published on 2021-09-22)

ANSWER

“The total number of foreign owned security companies in Guyana are twelve (12).

**5. AWARD OF GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS FOR THE PROVISION OF
SECURITY SERVICES**

Member Asking: **Ms. Geeta Chandan-Edmond, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Home Affairs**

- (1) Can the Honourable Minister state the names of the companies who were awarded Government Contracts for the provision of security services under your sector since August 2, 2020?
- (2) Can the Hon. Minister state what percentage of the total budgeted allocations have been expended on the award of these security contracts?
- (3) Can the Minister state whether inspections were done at security companies, with existing governments' contracts under your sector since August 2, 2020? If yes, can the Minister state how frequent these inspections are carried out?
- (4) Can the Minister state the name of any contractor/s who was/were awarded security contracts prior to August 2020 and who may have failed to deliver in terms of their contracted performance and/or breached the terms and conditions of their contracts within the stipulated contractual period under your sector after August 2, 2020?
- (5) Can the Minister state the value of sums outstanding by the Contractor/s for any contract/s breached and/or terminated?
- (6) The value of each government contract, for the provision of security services, the date of award and the duration of these contracts under your sector?

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- (7) Can the Minister state what vetting process was established by the Ministry for persons employed and authorised to carry firearms in these companies?
- (8) Could the Hon. Minister state whether the tenders for the awarding of these security contracts were publicly advertised and, if so, when, and where?
- (9) Can the Minister state whether these awardees were pre-qualified?
- (10) Regarding (8) and (9), could the Hon. Minister state which entity was responsible for the evaluation and recommendation of the awards of the contracts?
- (11) Can the Hon. Minister state what criteria was used in the pre-qualification and qualification process?
- (12) Can the Minister state whether the Principal/s of any of the security companies, which were awarded contracts, have any pending litigation against the Government of Guyana, or whether the Government of Guyana has any pending litigation against the Principal/s of these companies?

(Notice Paper No. 135 (Q105 Opp.105) published on 2021-09-22)

ANSWERS

1. “The Names of the companies who were awarded Government Contracts for the provision of security services for the Ministry of Home Affairs with effect from August 2, 2020 are: -
- MMC Security Force Inc.
 - I-Secure Security Service Inc.
 - Elite Protection Service Inc.
 - Kalibur Security

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2. The percentage of total budgetary allocation (chart of account 6281 - security charges) expended on award of these security contracts are as follow:

- 35-4% for period August — September 2020, Ministry of Public Security
- 100% for period October to December 2020, Ministry of Home Affairs
- 58.3% for period January to September 2021

3. Annual inspections are done at these security companies with existing contracts under the Ministry.

4. No, there were no breaches prior to nor after August 2, 2020.

5. There is no sum outstanding by any contractor for any breached and /or termination of contracts.

6. The contract information is as follows:

NAME OF SECURITY SERVICE	VALUE	DATE OF AWARD	DURATION OF CONTRACT
MMC Security Force Inc. (Monitoring System at CSSP)	59,508		Nine Months
MMC Security Force Inc. (Monitoring and Patrol at CANU)	1,552,176	2020/02/14	One Year
MMC Security Force Inc. (Monitoring and Patrol at CANU)	891,563		Eight Months
I-Secure Security Service Inc.	1,326,000	2020/11/05	Three Months
	483,600	2021/02/01	One Month
	1,060,800	2021/02/19	Two Months
	1,499,600	2021/04/07	Three Months
	1,154,500	2021/06/30	Two Months
	1,107,600	2021/09/08	Two Months
Elite Protection Service Inc.	1,452,000	2021/11/13	Three Months

	1,254,000	2021/02/19	Three Months (Linden Immigration Office)
	1,254,000	2021/02/24	Three Months (New Amsterdam Immigration Office)
	864,000	2021/05/03	Two Months (Linden Immigration Office)
	864,000	2021/05/12	Two Months (New Amsterdam Immigration Office)
	864,000	2021/ 06/29	Two Months (New Amsterdam Immigration Office)
	864,000	2021/06/29	Two Months (Linden Immigration Office)
	1,278,000	2021/09/13	Three Months Linden Immigration Office)
	1,278,000	2021/09/13	Three Months (New Amsterdam Immigration Office)
Kalibur Security	1,314,402	2020/11/02	One Month (Linden and New Amsterdam Immigration Offices)

7. The Vetting process reviewed by the Ministry for persons employed and authorized to carry firearms in companies includes the submission of a medical report, Police Clearance, background check done by the Special Branch and Criminal Investigations Department, observance of Supernumerary Status, completion of two weeks training conducted by the Tactical Service Unit and a report submitted to the Commissioner of Police indicating whether the person/s would have met the criteria.
8. No, there was no advertisement for tenders.
9. No, there was no advertisement for tenders.
10. There was no advertisement hence no evaluation to be done.

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11. Due to the sensitive nature of the security concerns, confidentiality and trust, the Ministry opted to use the single source method of procurement. In addition, the contracts are less than 1.5 million.
12. At the time the contract was signed there were no pending matters of litigation against the Government of Guyana neither does the Government has any pending litigation against the Principal/s of the company.”

6. FIRE AT THE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL ON 5TH JUNE, 2021

Member Asking: **Ms. Geeta Chandan-Edmond, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Health**

- (1) Could the Honourable Minister indicate to the House, the causes, circumstances, and conditions that led to the fire on Saturday, 5th June, 2021, whereby several patients at the Psychiatric Hospital, East Canjie/Berbice, were badly burnt during the said fire, and further whereby it was widely reported in the media that one patient named Wewoushi Akenty King died from his injuries?
- (2) Can the Hon. Minister state the nature of all the injuries sustained by the affected patients, on the date aforementioned, and the cause of death of Wewoushi Akenty King?
- (3) Could the Hon. Minister state whether the conduct of the staff of the Psychiatric Institution, who were on duty on 5th June, 2021, and thereafter was in conformity with existing Standard Operating Procedures?
- (4) Could the Hon. Minister state base on the conclusion of any investigation report, whether the death of the aforementioned patient and the patients who were burnt, was a result of any negligence, abandonment of duty, disregard of instructions, inaction of the staff, who were on duty on 5th June, 2021, and thereafter?

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(5) Could the Hon. Minister indicate based on any initial report(s), what recommendations were made:

- (i) To improve the physical infrastructure of the Institution?
- (ii) The existing security, safety, and other arrangements in respect of the custody, management, and control of patients?
- (iii) That the appropriate treatment of patients is in compliance with legal and other requirements, to prevent a recurrence of any such disturbance(s)?

(Notice Paper No. 136 (Q106 Opp.106) published on 2021-09-22)

ANSWERS

1. “On the evening of the 5th June 2021, there was a fight among three patients in Chalet 4. The staff on duty spoke to the patients, and eventually, the fighting subsided. A patient subsequently lit a mattress which resulted in the partial burning of the Chalet 4. At 7.51 pm, the supervisor raised an alarm about a fire in Chalet 4. The staff immediately contacted the Guyana Fire Service and the Guyana Police Force. The Guyana Fire Service responded promptly and extinguished the fire.
2. Ten patients housed in Chalet 4 sustained varying degrees of burn injury.
 - Four patients were initially admitted to the New Amsterdam Hospital, one was discharged. At the same time, three were transferred to the Georgetown Public Hospital Burns Unit for further care on the 8th of June, 2021.
 - While at GPHC, two of the patients were subsequently discharged and sent back to the Psychiatry Hospital.
 - Patient Wewousi King was admitted to GPHC on the 8th of June 2021, with a diagnosis of burns, and pneumonitis/ pneumonia due to smoke inhalation. At

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GPHC he was managed by a team of doctors from the Burns unit, the Internal Medicine Department and the Psychiatry Department. Despite the Medical treatment Mr. King succumbed on the 18th June, 2021. The postmortem confirmed that he died from pneumonia and burns injury.

- Six patients were admitted to Port Maurant Hospital with minor burn injuries; these patients were discharged within 48hrs.

3. The Standard Operating Procedures were adhered to, and the relevant actions were taken promptly.

4. None of the investigations concluded that there was any negligence, abandonment of duty, disregard of instructions or inaction of the staff.

5. To improve the physical infrastructure of the Institution:

- Nonflammable ceiling materials.
- Rubberized tiles on the floor o Window grills that are easily accessible to staff o Single rooms for aggressive patients.

(ii) The existing security, safety, and other arrangements in respect of the custody, management, and control of patients:

- In the reconstruction of Chalet 4 single rooms were added; these would be used to house aggressive patients.
- A security hut was placed next to the male admission ward.
- Cameras will be installed to allow for observations of patients.

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- Work has started to arrange inpatient and outpatient services. Once patients have been stabilized, they can be discharged and followed up through outpatient clinics.
- Legislation governing psychiatric care is outdated. New legislation to govern psychiatric services will be laid in the near future.
- The government is also working with several international partners to improve the quality of care.”

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS-

Presentation and First Readings

1. **HUMAN ORGAN AND TISSUE TRANSPLANT BILL 2021 – Bill No. 19/2021**

The Minister of Health, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill, which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to make provision for the donation and removal of human organs, tissues, cells and biofluids for transplantation and blood for transfusion, for their use for regenerative medicine including cell therapy, gene therapy and stem cell therapy, and other therapeutic purposes, for medical education and for scientific research purposes including stem cell research, cell explant research and cell line research, and for connected matters.

2. **NATURAL RESOURCE FUND BILL 2021 – Bill No. 20/2021**

The Senior Minister in the Office the President with Responsibility for Finance, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill, which was read the first time:

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A BILL intituled AN ACT to establish the Natural Resource Fund to manage the natural resource wealth of Guyana for the present and future benefit of the people and for the sustainable development of the country, and for connected matters.

3. LOCAL CONTENT BILL 2021 – Bill No. 21/2021

The Minister of Natural Resources, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill, which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the implementation of local content obligations on persons engaged in petroleum operations or related activities in the petroleum sector; to prioritise Guyanese nationals and Guyanese companies in the procurement of goods and services for the enhancement of the value chain of the petroleum sector; to enable local capacity development; to provide for the investigation, supervision, co-ordination, monitoring and evaluation of, and participation in, local content in Guyana; to promote competitiveness and encourage the creation of related industries that will sustain the social and economic development of Guyana; and for other related matters.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

MOTIONS

ITEM 1 - CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 3/2021 – CURRENT AND CAPITAL ESTIMATES

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

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In Committee of Supply

The Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance signified the recommendation or consent of the Cabinet and moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

Financial Paper No. 3 of 2021 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) – Advances made from the Contingencies Fund totalling \$5,112,355,210 for the period 22nd July, 2021 to 9th December, 2021.

(Notice Paper No. 150 (M 30 Govt.19) published on 2021-12-13)

(Paper presented on 2021-12-13)

- (i) **01-012 – OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT – NATIONAL POLICY DEVELOPMENT PRESIDENTIAL ADVISORY SERVICES CURRENT ESTIMATES**
6321 – Subsidies and Contribution to Local Organisations
- (ii) **21-212 – MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE – AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES CURRENT ESTIMATES**
6321 – Subsidies and Contribution to Local Organisations
- (iii) **40-403 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION – NURSERY EDUCATION CURRENT ESTIMATES**
6301 – Education Subvention and Grants
- (iv) **40-404 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION – PRIMARY EDUCATION CURRENT ESTIMATES**
6301 – Education Subvention and Grants

Assembly resumed

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 1.16 p.m., the Sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 2.31 p.m., the Sitting was resumed.

The Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to continue consideration of Financial Paper No. 3/2021.

- (v) **40-405 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION – SECONDARY EDUCATION
CURRENT ESTIMATES**
6301 – Education Subvention and Grants
- (vi) **47-473 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH – FAMILY AND PRIMARY HEALTH CARE
SERVICES
CURRENT ESTIMATES**
6261 – Local Travel and Subsistence
- (vii) **51-512 – MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS – GUYANA POLICE FORCE
CAPITAL ESTIMATES**
1216800 – Police Stations and Buildings
- (viii) **71-711 – REGION 1: BARIMA/WAINI – REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND
FINANCE
CURRENT ESTIMATES**
6281 – Security Services
- (ix) **71-712 – REGION 1: BARIMA/WAINI – PUBLIC WORKS
CURRENT ESTIMATES**
6281 – Security Services
- (x) **71-713 – REGION 1: BARIMA/WAINI – EDUCATION DELIVERY
CURRENT ESTIMATES**
6281 – Security Services

- (xi) **72-721 – REGION 2: POMEROON/SUPENAAM – REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**
CURRENT ESTIMATES
6281 – Security Services
- (xii) **72-722 – REGION 2: POMEROON/SUPENAAM – AGRICULTURE**
CURRENT ESTIMATES
6281 – Security Services
- (xiii) **72-723 – REGION 2: POMEROON/SUPENAAM – PUBLIC WORKS**
CURRENT ESTIMATES
6281 – Security Services
- (xiv) **72-724 – REGION 2: POMEROON/SUPENAAM – EDUCATION DELIVERY**
CURRENT ESTIMATES
6281 – Security Services
- (xv) **72-725 – REGION 2: POMEROON/SUPENAAM – HEALTH SERVICES**
CURRENT ESTIMATES
6281 – Security Services
- (xvi) **73-734 – REGION 3: ESSEQUIBO ISLANDS/WEST DEMERARA – EDUCATION DELIVERY**
CURRENT ESTIMATES
6281 – Security Services
- (xvii) **74-744 – REGION 4: DEMERARA/MAHAICA – EDUCATION DELIVERY**
CURRENT ESTIMATES
6281 – Security Services
- (xviii) **75-751 – REGION 5: MAHAICA/BERBICE – REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**
CURRENT ESTIMATES
6281 – Security Services
- (xix) **75-754 – REGION 5: MAHAICA/BERBICE – EDUCATION DELIVERY**
CURRENT ESTIMATES
6281 – Security Services

- (xx) **76-761 – REGION 6: EAST BERBICE/CORENTYNE – REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**
CURRENT ESTIMATES
6281 – Security Services
- (xxi) **76-762 – REGION 6: EAST BERBICE/CORENTYNE – AGRICULTURE**
CURRENT ESTIMATES
6281 – Security Services
- (xxii) **76-763 – REGION 6: EAST BERBICE/CORENTYNE – PUBLIC WORKS**
CURRENT ESTIMATES
6281 – Security Services
- (xxiii) **76-764 – REGION 6: EAST BERBICE/CORENTYNE – EDUCATION DELIVERY**
CURRENT ESTIMATES
6281 – Security Services
- (xxiv) **76-765 – REGION 6: EAST BERBICE/CORENTYNE – HEALTH SERVICES**
CURRENT ESTIMATES
6281 – Security Services
- (xxv) **77-771 – REGION 7: CUYUNI/MAZARUNI – REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**
CURRENT ESTIMATES
6281 – Security Services
- (xxvi) **77-773 – REGION 7: CUYUNI/MAZARUNI – EDUCATION DELIVERY**
CURRENT ESTIMATES
6281 – Security Services
- (xxvii) **78-783 – REGION 8: POTARO/SIPARUNI – EDUCATION DELIVERY**
CURRENT ESTIMATES
6281 – Security Services
- (xxviii) **79-791 – REGION 9: UPPER TAKATU/UPPER ESSEQUIBO – REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**
CURRENT ESTIMATES
6281 – Security Services

- (xxix) **79-794 – REGION 9: UPPER TAKATU/UPPER ESSEQUIBO – EDUCATION DELIVERY**
CURRENT ESTIMATES
6281 – Security Services
- (xxx) **80-801 – REGION 10: UPPER DEMERARA/UPPER BERBICE– REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**
CURRENT ESTIMATES
6281 – Security Services
- (xxxi) **80-803 – REGION 10: UPPER DEMERARA/UPPER BERBICE– EDUCATION DELIVERY**
CURRENT ESTIMATES
6281 – Security Services
- (xxxii) **80-804 – REGION 10: UPPER DEMERARA/UPPER BERBICE– HEALTH SERVICES**
CURRENT ESTIMATES
6281 – Security Services

Assembly resumed

On a motion by the Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance, the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED,

That this National Assembly doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

RESOLVED,

Financial Paper No. 3/2021 – Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$5,112,355,210 for the period 2021-07-22 to 2021-12-09.

ITEM 2 - CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 4/2021 – CURRENT AND CAPITAL ESTIMATES

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance signified the recommendation or consent of the Cabinet and moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

Financial Paper No. 4 of 2021 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$21,477,833,982 for the period ending 31st December, 2021.

(Notice Paper No. 151 (M 31 Govt.20) published on 2021-12-13)

(Paper presented on 2021-12-13)

- (i) **02-023 – OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER – POWER GENERATION CAPITAL ESTIMATES**
2606900 – Sustainable Energy Programme
- (ii) **02-024 – OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER – TELECOMMUNICATION AND INNOVATION CAPITAL ESTIMATES**
1219100 – National Data Management Authority
- (iii) **03-031 - MINISTRY OF FINANCE – POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION CURRENT ESTIMATES**
6272 – Electricity Charges
- (iv) **13-133–MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT – REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL ESTIMATES**
1904100 – Georgetown Enhancement Programme

- (v) **16-162–MINISTRY OF AMERINDIAN AFFAIRS – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND EMPOWERMENT CAPITAL ESTIMATES**
1400100 – Amerindian Development Fund

- (vi) **21-212 – MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE – AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES CAPITAL ESTIMATES**
1301600 – National Drainage and Irrigation Authority

- (vii) **26-264 – MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES – PETROLEUM MANAGEMENT CAPITAL ESTIMATES**
4404600 – Oil and Gas Sector Development Programme

- (viii) **31-312– MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS – PUBLIC WORKS CAPITAL ESTIMATES**
140400 – Bridges

- (ix) **31-312 – MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS – PUBLIC WORKS CAPITAL ESTIMATES**
1404700 – Road Network and Expansion Project

- (x) **31-312 – MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS – PUBLIC WORKS CAPITAL ESTIMATES**
1501400 – Sea and River Defence Works

- (xi) **31-313 – MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS – TRANSPORT CAPITAL ESTIMATES**
1601500 – CJIA Corporation

- (xii) **31-313 – MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS – TRANSPORT CAPITAL ESTIMATES**
2700700 – Ferry Vessels and Stellings

(xiii) **40-402 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION – TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT
CURRENT ESTIMATES**

6301 – Education Subventions and Grants

(xiv) **40-405 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION– SECONDARY EDUCATION
CAPITAL ESTIMATES**

1215500 – Secondary Schools

(xv) **40-405 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION– SECONDARY EDUCATION
CAPITAL ESTIMATES**

2607400 – School Furniture and Equipment

(xvi) **45-452 – MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND WATER – HOUSING
DEVELOPMENT
CAPITAL ESTIMATES**

1903100 – Infrastructural Development and Buildings

Presiding by Hon. Dharamkumar Seerai, M.P.

At 5.30 p.m. during consideration of the Capital Estimates for the Ministry of Housing and Water – **1903100, Infrastructure Development and Buildings**, the Speaker withdrew from the Chamber and Hon. Dharamkumar Seeraj, M.P., took the Chair.

Speaker's Return to the Chamber

At 5.35 p.m. the Speaker returned to the Chamber.

(xvii) **45-453 – MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND WATER – WATER SERVICE
EXPANSION AND MANAGEMENT
CAPITAL ESTIMATES**

2802100 – Hinterland Water Supply

- (xviii) **45-453 – MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND WATER – WATER SERVICE
EXPANSION AND MANAGEMENT
CAPITAL ESTIMATES**
2802200 – Coastal Water and Supply

- (xix) **47-471 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH – POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND
ADMINISTRATION
CURRENT ESTIMATES**
6294 – Other

- (xx) **47-472 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH – DISEASE CONTROL –
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
CURRENT ESTIMATES**
6221 – Drugs and Medical Supplies

- (xxi) **47-472 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH – DISEASE CONTROL –
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
CURRENT ESTIMATES**
6283 – Cleaning and Extermination Services

- (xxii) **47-472 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH – DISEASE CONTROL –
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
CAPITAL ESTIMATES**
4402700 – HIV/TB/Malaria Programmes

- (xxiii) **47-474 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH – REGIONAL AND CLINICAL SERVICES
CURRENT ESTIMATES**
6221 – Drugs and Medical Supplies

- (xxiv) **47-474 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH – DISEASE CONTROL –
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
CURRENT ESTIMATES**
6281 – Security Services

(xxv) **51-512 – MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS – GUYANA POLICE FORCE
CAPITAL ESTIMATES**
2405900 – Land and Water Transport – Police

(xxvi) **51-513 – MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS – GUYANA PRISON SERVICE
CURRENT ESTIMATES**
6284 – Other

(xxvii) **51-513 – MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS – GUYANA PRISON SERVICE
CURRENT ESTIMATES**
6292 – Dietary

(xxviii) **51-515 – MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS – GUYANA FIRE SERVICE
CURRENT ESTIMATES**
6284 – Other

(xxix) **51-515 – MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS – GUYANA FIRE SERVICE
CAPITAL ESTIMATES**
2406100 – Land and Water Transport – Fire

(xxx) **51-515 – MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS – GUYANA FIRE SERVICE
CAPITAL ESTIMATES**
2406100 – Tools and Equipment – Fire

(xxxi) **52-521 – MINISTRY OF LEGAL AFFAIRS – POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND
ADMINISTRATION – COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
CAPITAL ESTIMATES**
1501500 – Justice Sector Programme

(xxxii) **56-561 – PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS – PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS
CAPITAL ESTIMATES**
2500700 – Public Prosecutions

(xxxiii)72-724 – REGION 2: POMEROON/SUPENAAM – EDUCATION DELIVERY
CAPITAL ESTIMATES
1202800 – Buildings Education

Assembly resumed

BILL – FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS

ITEM 3 – SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (NO. 2 FOR 2021) BILL 2021 –
Bill No. 18/2021 published on 2021-12-13

With the Leave of the Speaker, and on a motion by the Prime Minister, Standing Order Nos. 13(n) and 54 were suspended to enable the Supplementary Appropriation Bill No.18/2021 to be introduced at this stage and to be further proceeded with at that Sitting.

On a motion by the Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance the following Bill was introduced and was read the first, second and third times and passed as printed:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the issue from the Consolidated Fund of the sums necessary to meet the expenditure (not otherwise lawfully charged on the Consolidated Fund) of Guyana for the fiscal year ending 31st December, 2021, estimates whereof have been approved by the National Assembly and for the appropriation of those sums for the specified purposes, in conformity with the Constitution.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Speaker extended Christmas Greetings to the Members of Parliament, the staff of the Parliament Office, the media, the staff of the Arthur Chung's Conference Centre and the Members of the Guyana Police Force. The Hon. Prime Minister, the Hon. Christopher Jones, M.P., Opposition Chief Whip and the Hon. Lenox Shuman, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly also joined the Speaker in extending Christmas Greetings.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7.15 p.m., on a motion by the Prime Minister, the Assembly was adjourned to 10.00 a.m., on Wednesday 29th, December 2021.



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

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

16th, December 2021.

