

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE 44<sup>TH</sup> SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST**  
**SESSION (2020-2022) OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD**  
**AT 10.00 A.M.**  
**ON WEDNESDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2022**  
**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 (Absent)

**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 (Virtual Participation)

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. (Virtual-Participation)

Hon. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.

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

Hon. Raphael G.C. Trotman, M.P. (Absent)

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

Hon. Dr. Nicolette O. Henry, M.P. (Absent)

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

Hon. Tabitha J. Sarabo-Halley, M.P. (Absent)

Hon. Geeta Chandan-Edmond, M.P.

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**\*Non-Elected Member**

4.

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

Hon. Annette N. Ferguson, M.P.

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)

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. 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 (Virtual-Participation)

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**Officers (2)**

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

Ms. Hermina Gilgeours, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

**COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING**

The Sitting commenced at 10.42 p.m.

**PRAYERS**

The Clerk led in Prayers.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER-**

The Speaker made the following announcements:

**1. LATE COMMENCEMENT**

The Speaker apologized to the Members of the National Assembly for the late commencement of the Sitting.

**2. BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

The Speaker extended birthday greetings to the Hon. Dr. Ashni Singh, M.P, Senior Minister within the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance and Hon. Bhagmattie Veerasammy, M.P.

**MOTION**

**BUDGET SPEECH 2022 – MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2022**

The Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 2022.

**(Moved by the Senior Minister in the Office of the President with  
responsibility for Finance on 2022-01-26)**

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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:

**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 considered and approved by the Committee as presented with the respective amounts allocated thereto:

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

**Current Expenditure**

721 Regional Administration and Finance

**Capital Expenditure**

721 Regional Administration and Finance

7.

**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

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

**Current Expenditure**

731 Regional Administration and Finance

**Capital Expenditure**

731 Regional Administration and Finance

8.

**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

**74 – REGION NO. 4: DEMERARA/MAHAICA**

**Current Expenditure**

741 Regional Administration and Finance

**Capital Expenditure**

741 Regional Administration and Finance

**Current Expenditure**

742 Agriculture



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**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

**75 – REGION NO. 5: MAHAICA/BERBICE**

**Current Expenditure**

751 Regional Administration and Finance

**Capital Expenditure**

751 Regional Administration and Finance

**Current Expenditure**

752 Agriculture

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**STANDING ORDER 47(2)**

As a result of gross disorder and disregard for the authority of the Chair, the Speaker in accordance with SO 47(2) named the Hon. Sherod Duncan, M.P. Thereafter, the Hon. Gail Teixeira, M.P., Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance and Government Chief Whip moved a motion under SO 47(3)(a) for the Hon. Sherod Duncan, M.P., to be suspended from the service of the Assembly for four Sittings.

The motion was put and carried.

**Assembly resumed**

**SUSPENSION OF SITTING**

At 5.55 p.m., the Sitting was suspended for refreshments.

**RESUMPTION OF SITTING**

At 8.22 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:

**Capital Expenditure**

752 Agriculture

**Current Expenditure**

753 Public Works

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**Capital Expenditure**

753 Public Works

**Current Expenditure**

754 Education Delivery

**Capital Expenditure**

754 Education Delivery

**Current Expenditure**

755 Health Services

**Capital Expenditure**

755 Health Services

**Assembly resumed**

**STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS, INCLUDING POLICY STATEMENTS**

**Unparliamentary Remarks**

The Hon. Nigel Dharamlall, M.P., Minister of Local Government and Regional Development made a statement re. unparliamentary remarks he might have made earlier in the Consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure earlier in the day.

**76 – REGION NO. 6: EAST BERBICE/CORENTYNE**

**Current Expenditure**

761 Regional Administration and Finance

**Capital Expenditure**

761 Regional Administration and Finance

12.

**Current Expenditure**

762 Agriculture

**Capital Expenditure**

762 Agriculture

**Current Expenditure**

763 Public Works

**Capital Expenditure**

763 Public Works

**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

13.

**Current Expenditure**

772 Public Works

**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

**78 – REGION NO. 8: POTARO/SIPARUNI**

**Current Expenditure**

781 Regional Administration and Finance

**Capital Expenditure**

781 Regional Administration and Finance

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**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

**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

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**Current Expenditure**

792 Agriculture

**Capital Expenditure**

792 Agriculture

**Current Expenditure**

793 Public Works

**Capital Expenditure**

793 Public Works

**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

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**Current Expenditure**

802 Public Works

**Capital Expenditure**

802 Public Works

**Current Expenditure**

803 Education Delivery

**Capital Expenditure**

803 Education Delivery

**Current Expenditure**

804 Health Services

**Capital Expenditure**

804 Health Services

**Current Expenditure**

805 Agriculture

**Capital Expenditure**

805 Agriculture

**Assembly resumed**



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**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10.55 p.m., on a motion by the Prime Minister, the Assembly was adjourned to 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.

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

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

**9<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.**