

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE 45<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 THURSDAY, 10<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**

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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 11.04 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.

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**For Written Replies**

1. **CONTRACT SIGNED BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE GUYANA FIRE SERVICE HEAD QUARTERS AT HOMESTRETCH AVENUE, GEORGETOWN.**

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

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

“It has been reported in the Guyana Chronicle of November 24, 2021, that the Ministry of Home Affairs signed a \$600,000,000.00 contract for the construction of the Guyana Fire Service Head Quarters at Homestretch Avenue Georgetown”.

1. Can the Honourable Minister state whether there was a public bidding process for the award of the contract? If yes, when, and where?

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2. Can the Hon. Minister state whether the awardee/s was/were prequalified?
3. Can the Hon. Minister state the precise grounds under which the other bidders were disqualified?
4. Can the Hon. Minister provide the name of the Contractor(s) who was/were awarded the contract? Further, can the Minister state what experience this/these company/s has/have in the construction or reconstruction of Fire Head Quarters? Further, can the Minister state in detail the experience the company has in similar projects?
5. Can the Minister state whether the company that was awarded the contract for the construction of the Head Quarters was previously awarded any other contract by the Ministry of Home Affairs? If yes, can the Minister indicate the nature and status of such contract?
6. Regarding (1) and (2), could the Hon. Minister state which entity was responsible for the evaluation and recommendation of the awards of the contract?
7. Can the Hon. Minister state what criteria was used in the pre-qualification and qualification process?
8. Can the Minister confirm whether this contract was awarded to the lowest bidder? If not, can the Minister state why the contract was not awarded to the lowest bidder?
9. Can the Hon. Minister state whether the Principal/s of any of the 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?

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10. Can the Minister provide the National Assembly with a copy of the assessment and evaluation report justifying the awarding of the contract to the awardee(s)?

11. Can the Hon. Minister state what percentage of the total budgeted allocations for 2020 has been expended on the award of this contract?

**(Notice Paper No. 154 (Q119 Opp.119) published on 2022-01-19)**

### **ANSWERS**

1. Yes, there was a public bidding process. Solicitation of bids were done in the Guyana Chronicle, Stabroek News, Kaieteur News and Guyana Times Newspapers from the 6<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2021.
2. No, the awardee was not prequalified by the Ministry of Home Affairs.
3. The Ministry of Home Affairs was not part of the Evaluation Committee nor in anyway involved in the evaluation process. Hence, I cannot answer on which grounds the other bidders were disqualified.
4. Mohamed's Enterprise was awarded the Contract for the construction of the Headquarters for Guyana Fire Service. Matters of experience from part of the evaluation criteria of which I am not privy to, and as such I would not be able to comment on this.
5. Yes. Mohamed's Enterprise was awarded the Contract for the construction of the Lusignan Prison – Lot 1 by the National Procurement and Tender Administration Board (NPTAB). This project is approximately 80% completed.
6. The National Procurement and Tender Administration Board was responsible for appointing Evaluation Committee, and it was that Committee that made its recommendation for the award of the contract.

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7. The Ministry is not aware of any pre-qualification process. Evaluation was done by an Evaluation Committee appointed by (NPTAB), and that Committee determined qualification of bidders.
8. No, I cannot confirm whether this contract was awarded to the lowest bidder as the Ministry was not part of the evaluation process.
9. No, I cannot state whether the Principal/s of any of the companies which were awarded contracts have any pending litigation against the Government of Guyana or vice versa.
10. No, the Evaluation Report is in the possession of the National Procurement and Tender Administration Board (NPTAB).
11. 2.5% of the total budgeted allocation for 2021 (Agency Level) and 14.1% of the 2021 capital budgeted allocation.

## **2. REVIEW OF THE FIRE SERVICE ACT**

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

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

“It was widely reported at a Press Conference on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October, 2021, hosted by the Honourable Minister of Home Affairs along with members of the Disciplined Forces, that at least 80 % of the Brickdam Police Station was destroyed by fire”.

Can the Minister indicate whether there is likely to be a review of the Fire Service Act with the aim of having in place a comprehensive legislation?

**(Notice Paper No. 155 (Q120 Opp.120) published on 2022-01-19)**



**ANSWER**

The Guyana Fire Service Act would have been in existence for over sixty-five (65) years. In the view of the past and present commercial, economical and fire related conditions in Guyana, the Guyana Fire Service Act is somewhat antiquated, giving urgent need for amendments to be made to few chapters of the act.

3. **PRELIMINARY OR FINAL REPORT FROM THE GUYANA FIRE SERVICE IN RELATION TO THE FIRE AT THE BRICKDAM POLICE STATION.**

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

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

“It was widely reported at a Press Conference on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2021, hosted by the Hon Minister of Home Affairs along with members of the Disciplined Forces, that at least 80 % of the Brickdam Police Station was destroyed by fire”.

- A. Can the Minister indicate whether he is in receipt of a preliminary or final report from the Guyana Fire Service in relation to the fire? If yes, can the Minister provide a copy of this report to the National Assembly? If no, can the Minister indicate how soon will the report be available to the Assembly?
- B. Can the Minister say how was the said report generated and what was the methodology used to determine the findings of the said report?
- C. Can the Minister indicate if a Board of Inquiry was established to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the fire and can the Minister share the terms of reference of the said Board of Inquiry with the Assembly?
- D. Apart from any investigations conducted by the Guyana Fire Service, can the Hon. Minister indicate whether the government has any intentions to have this fire investigated independently or seek international assistance?

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- E. If yes, have you established any team to investigate this fire at the level mentioned above?
- F. Additionally, can the Hon. Minister state what are the intended terms of reference for any such independent Inquiry, and do you plan to solicit international assistance in any regard?
- G. Can the Hon. Minister state whether the government has any intentions to consult with civil society, Parliamentarians, or any other non- governmental organization to be a part of the process?
- H. Can the Minister state in relation to (d), if the process has not begun, can he indicate the reason for the delay?
- I. Is there any intention or consideration by Cabinet to establish a Commission of Inquiry into this major national disaster?

**(Notice Paper No. 156 (Q121 Opp.121) published on 2022-01-19)**

**ANSWERS**

- A. Yes, there is a final report on the incident. The matter is receiving attention at the Courts and the finalized report will be eventually made available to the National Assembly.
- B. The report was generated via the normal routes of inspection, interviews and experimental tests on various related materials.
- C. No.
- D. No, the failure in the department in SOPS of the Guyana Police Force are being evaluated and addressed.
- E. There is no delay.

- F. All matters relating to arson attacks of a similar nature are receiving the highest consideration and attention.

4. **FIRE HYDRANTS IN GUYANA AND THEIR LOCATIONS.**

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

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

“It was widely reported at a Press Conference on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2021, hosted by the Hon. Minister of Home Affairs along with members of the Disciplined Forces, that at least 80 % of the Brickdam Police Station was destroyed by fire”.

- (a) Can the Minister provide a list of all fire hydrants in Guyana and their locations? Can the Minister indicate what percentage of these are functional?
- (b) Can the Minister indicate how long fire hydrants that are not functional have been in this state? Can the Minister list all actions that have been taken to fix these fire hydrants?
- (c) Can the Minister indicate what percentage of public buildings in the country do not have access to a fire hydrant due to their absence or as a result of the hydrants not being functional?
- (d) Can the Minister indicate whether an assessment was conducted to determine whether there is a need for additional fire hydrants? If yes, can the Minister indicate the locations that are in need for additional fire hydrants.
- (e) Can the Minister indicate whether all fire hydrants within the country have ready access to water? If not, can the Minister indicate the locations of those fire hydrants that do not have ready access to water and the steps taken by the Ministry to ensure that all fire hydrants have a ready access to water?

**(Notice Paper No. 157 (Q122 Opp.122) published on 2022-01-19)**

**ANSWERS**

- (a) It must be noted that of the seven hundred and seventy-seven hydrants that are available country wide only 33% are fully functional. See **Appendix I**.
- (b) In the city of Georgetown hydrants were inoperable for a number of years where the city developed, and the hydrants were left behind. A total of 471 fire hydrants were found to be inoperable in Georgetown following an assessment by the Guyana Fire Service. Several actions were taken to fix Fire Hydrants in and around the city. This was done in conjunction with Brass Aluminum Cast Iron Foundry to fabricate new hydrants using compatible moldings and 151 hydrants were repaired by Compass Industrial Services.
- (c) A definite answer is not available. However, the Guyana Fire Service has an ongoing campaign, with direct focus on the implementation of new Fire Hydrants at specific Key Points (KP's) and Vulnerable Points (VP's), rehabilitation of existing ones and the upgrading of other Fire Hydrants around the country.
- (d) An assessment was conducted to determine whether or not there is need for more Fire Hydrants in and around the Capital City and by extension within the other Administrative Regions and as a consequence it was observed that there is need for Fire Hydrants in Vreed-en-Hoop, Parika, Charity, Diamond, Dairy, Rosehall, Corentyne, Canje, Linden, Port Kaituma, Lethem, Bartica, Anna Regina and Mabaruma.
- (e) Not all fire hydrants have access to water, in the country only a few hydrants are disconnected from the main due to vehicular accidents. These hydrants are deemed to be needing major repairs and will be repaired with the remainder of the inoperable hydrants.

5. **PRECAUTIONS OF OTHER RISK MITIGATION MEASURES**

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

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

Given that there was a fire on May 11, 2021 at the Brickdam Police Station, can the Minister say what precautions or other risk mitigation measures were taken in the wake of this fire, especially in the context of the fact that the government has claimed that it was an inmate who started the fire which destroyed the station?

**(Notice Paper No. 158 (Q123 Opp.123) published on 2022-01-19)**

**ANSWER**

Sand Buckets and Fire Extinguishers were distributed to the stations in the Regions. SOPs were drafted and distributed to all stations on Fire Drills and Mobilization Response Plan.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS-**

The Hon. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P., made a personal explanation re. Deterioration of Debates in the House Resulting in the Suspension of Hon. Sherod Duncan, M.P.

**MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND  
MOVED BY A MINISTER**

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 54(1)(a)**

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Standing Order No. 54(1)(a) be suspended to enable the Assembly to proceed at its Sitting on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2022, with the second reading and the remaining stages of the Fiscal Enactments (Amendment) Bill 2022 – Bill No. 2/2022.

**(Notice Paper No. 169 (M37 Govt 24) published on 2022-02-09)**

The motion was put and carried.

**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)**

**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:

**47 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH**

**Current Expenditure**

471 Policy Development and Administration

**Capital Expenditure**

471 Policy Development and Administration

**Current Expenditure**

472 Disease Control

**Capital Expenditure**

472 Disease Control

**Current Expenditure**

473 Family and Primary Health Care Services

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**Capital Expenditure**

473 Family and Primary Health Care Services

**Current Expenditure**

474 Regional and Clinical Services

**Capital Expenditure**

474 Regional and Clinical Services

**Current Expenditure**

475 Health Sciences Education

**Capital Expenditure**

475 Health Sciences Education

**Current Expenditure**

476 Standards and Technical Services

**Capital Expenditure**

476 Standards and Technical Services

**Current Expenditure**

477 Disability and Rehabilitation Services

**Capital Expenditure**

477 Disability and Rehabilitation Services

**Current Expenditure**

478 Disease Control – Non-Communicable Diseases

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**Capital Expenditure**

478 Disease Control – Non-Communicable Diseases

**Assembly resumed**

**SUSPENSION OF SITTING**

At 12.42 p.m., the Sitting was suspended for refreshments.

**RESUMPTION OF SITTING**

At 2.04 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:

**51 – MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**Current Expenditure**

511 Policy Development and Administration

**Capital Expenditure**

511 Policy Development and Administration

**Current Expenditure**

512 Guyana Police Force

**Capital Expenditure**

512 Guyana Police Force



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**Current Expenditure**

513 Guyana Prison Service

**Capital Expenditure**

513 Guyana Prison Service

**Current Expenditure**

515 Guyana Fire Service

**Capital Expenditure**

515 Guyana Fire Service

**Current Expenditure**

516 General Registrar Office

**Capital Expenditure**

516 General Registrar Office

**Current Expenditure**

517 Customs Anti -Narcotics Unit

**Capital Expenditure**

517 Customs Anti -Narcotics Unit

**03 – MINISTRY OF FINANCE**

**Current Expenditure**

031 Policy and Administration

**Capital Expenditure**

031 Policy and Administration

**Current Expenditure**

032 Public Financial Management Policies and Services

**Capital Expenditure**

032 Public Financial Management Policies and Services

**Assembly resumed**

The Senior Minister within the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance reported that the Committee of Supply had considered the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 2022 and had approved of them as printed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 2022, of a total sum of five hundred and one billion, six hundred and seventy-eight million, two hundred and ninety-eight thousand dollars (\$501,678,298,000), excluding fifty one billion, two hundred and fifty-five million, and four hundred and twenty thousand dollars (\$51,255,420,000) which is chargeable by law, as a detailed therein and summarized in Schedule 1, and agree that it is expedient to amend the law and to make further provision in respect of finance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly approves the recommended lump sum subvention for each Constitutional Agency for the financial year 2022 as stated in Schedule 2, amounting to a total sum of eleven billion, seven hundred and twenty-nine million, eight hundred and forty thousand dollars (\$11,729,840,000) which is charged upon the Consolidated Fund by the Constitution and for the sums voted for the Constitutional Agencies to form part of the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures of Guyana for the financial year 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the sum of \$126,694,310,000, equivalent to US\$607,646,570.98, to be withdrawn from the Natural Resources Fund for the financial year 2022 in accordance with the Natural Resource Fund Act 2021.

Thereafter, the motion for the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 2022 was put and carried.

**BILL – FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS**

**ITEM 1 – APPROPRIATION BILL 2022 – Bill No. 1/2022 published on 2022-09-10**

With the Leave of the Speaker, and on a motion by the Senior Minister within the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance, Standing Order Nos. 13(n) and 54 were suspended to enable the Appropriation Bill 2022 to be introduced at this stage and to be further proceeded with at that Sitting.

On motions by the Senior Minister within the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance Minister, 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 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2022, 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.

**BILL – Second Reading**

**ITEM 2 - FISCAL ENACTMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2022 – No. 2/2022 published on 2022-02-04**

The Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Income Tax Act and the Customs Act.

**(Read a first time on 2022-02-04)**

Hon. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P., spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance replied.

The Bill was then read a second time.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

**In Committee**

**Clauses 1 and 2** were passed as printed.

**The Schedule** was passed as printed.

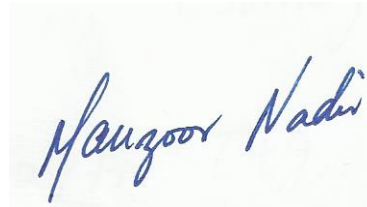
**Assembly resumed**

On a motion by the Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance, the Fiscal Enactments (Amendment) Bill 2022 was read a third time and passed as printed.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4.28 p.m., on a motion by the Prime Minister, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.



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

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

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