

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 85TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND
SESSION (2002-2006) OF THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON MONDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY, 2006

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS,

BRICKDAM, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (69)

Speaker (1)

The Hon. Hari N. Ramkarran, S.C., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly

Members of the Government (38)

(i) People's Progressive Party/Civic (34)

(ii) Non-elected Ministers (3)

(iii) The United Force (1)

The Hon. Samuel A.A. Hinds, M.P., Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works
and Communications

The Hon. Reepu Daman Persaud, O.R., J.P., M.P., Minister of Parliamentary Affairs

The Hon. Clement J. Rohee, M.P., Minister of Foreign Trade and International Co-operation (Absent – on leave)

The Hon. Harripersaud Nokta, M.P., Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

The Hon. Gail Teixeira, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs

The Hon. Dr. Henry B. Jeffrey, M.P., Minister of Education

The Hon. Saisnarine Kowlessar, M.P., Minister of Finance

The Hon. Shaik K.Z. Baksh, M.P., Minister of Housing and Water

The Hon. Rev. Dr. Ramnauth D.A. Bisnauth, M.P., Minister of Labour, Human Services and
Social Security

The Hon. Clinton C. Collymore, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Local Government and
Regional Development

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The Hon. Satyadeow Sawh, M.P., Minister of Fisheries, Other Crops and Livestock
(Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)

* The Hon. S. Rudolph Insanally, O.R., C.C.H., M.P., Minister in the Office of the
President with responsibility for Foreign Affairs

* The Hon. Doodnauth Singh, S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

The Hon. Dr. Jennifer R.A. Westford, M.P., Minister of the Public Service

The Hon. C. Anthony Xavier, M.P., Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport

The Hon. Bibi S. Shadick, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Labour, Human Services and
Social Security (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

** The Hon. Manzoor Nadir, M.P., Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce

The Hon. Carolyn Rodrigues, M.P., Minister of Amerindian Affairs

* The Hon. Harry Narine Nawbatt, M.P., Minister of Transport and Hydraulics

The Hon. Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P., Minister of Health

Mr. S. Feroze Mohamed, M.P., Chief Whip

Mr. Cyril C.L. Belgrave, C.C.H., J.P., M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. Donald R. Ramotar, M.P.

Mr. Husman Alli, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)

Mr. Komal Chand, C.C.H., J.P., M.P.

Mrs. Indranie Chandarpal, M.P.

Mr. Bernard C. DeSantos, S.C., M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)

Mrs. Shirley V. Edwards, J.P., M.P.

Mr. Odinga N. Lumumba, M.P.

Mr. Heeralall Mohan, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomereroon/Supenaam)

Mr. Ramesh C. Rajkumar, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)

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

Mrs. Philomena Sahoye-Shury, C.C.H., J.P., M.P.,
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Water

Mrs. Pauline R. Sukhai, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)

Dr. Moti Lall, C.C.H., M.P.

Mr. Zulfikar Mustapha, M.P.

Mr. Neendkumar, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne) (Absent)

*Non-Elected Minister

**Elected Member from The United Force

Members of the Opposition (30)**() People's National Congress/Reform (27)**

Mr. Robert H.O. Corbin, M.P. (Absent)

Mr. Winston S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P. (Absent)

Mrs. Clarissa S. Riehl, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly (Absent on leave)

Mr. E. Lance Carberry, M.P., Chief Whip

Mr. Ivor Allen, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomereroon/Supenaam)

Mrs. Deborah J. Backer, M.P.

Mr. Deryck M.A. Bernard, M.P.

Mr. C. Stanley Ming, M.P. (Absent)

Mr. Vincent L. Alexander, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. Basil Williams, M.P. (Absent)

Mrs. Volda A. Lawrence, M.P.

Dr. Dalgleish Joseph, M.D., M.P.

Miss Amna Ally, M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)

Miss Sandra M. Adams, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)

Mr. Jerome Khan, M.P. (Absent – on leave)

Dr. George A. Norton, M.P. (Absent – on leave)

Miss Myrna E.N. Peterkin, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica) (Absent - on leave)

Mr. James K. McAllister, M.P. (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

Dr. Carl Max Hanoman, M.P.

Mr. Joseph Hamilton, M.P.

Mr. Abdul Kadir, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)

Mr. Ricky Khan, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)

Mr. Dave Danny, M.P.

Mrs. Rajcoomarie Bancroft, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni)

Mr. Nasir Ally, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)

Miss Judith David, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)

Miss Genevieve Allen, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica) (Absent – on leave)

(ii) **Guyana Action Party/Working People's Alliance (2)**

Mrs. Sheila V.A. Holder, M.P.

Mrs. Shirley J. Melville, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)

(iii) **Rise, Organise and Rebuild Party (1)**

Mr. Ravindra Dev, M.P.

OFFICERS

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

Mrs. Lilawtie Coonjah, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING

The sitting commenced at 2.04p.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read prayers.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

BUDGET FOR 2006 - MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2006

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 2006.

(Moved by the Minister of Finance on 2006-01-23)

In Committee of Supply

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

01 - OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

011 Head Office Administration

012 Presidential Advisory (Cabinet and Other Services)

013 Amerindian Development

014 Public Policy and Planning

Div.501 Office of the President

- Code 12002 Office and Residence of the President
- Code 17001 Minor Works
- Code 24002 Land Transport
- Code 25001 Purchase of Equipment
- Code 34005 Go-Invest
- Code 34006 Environmental Protection Agency
- Code 34008 Public Management Modernisation Programme
- Code 34010 National Parks Commission
- Code 34012 Government Information Agency
- Code Guyana Energy Agency
- Code 44001 Public Sector Technical Assistance Credit
- Code 45002 National Communication Network
- Code IAST

09 - PUBLIC AND POLICE SERVICE COMMISSIONS

091 Public and Police Service Commissions

Div. 505 - Code 25002 Public Service Commission

10 - TEACHING SERVICE COMMISSION

101 Teaching Service Commission

Div 505 - Code 25008 Teaching Service Commission

11 - ELECTIONS COMMISSION

111 Elections Commission

112 Elections Administration

Div. 505 - Code 25010 Guyana Elections Commission

53 - GUYANA DEFENCE FORCE

531 Defence Head Quarters

Div. 501 - Code 12001 Guyana Defence Force

- Code 12003 Marine Development
- Code 28001 Pure Water Supply
- Code 28007 Agriculture Development
- Code 34009 Infrastructure
- Code 51003 Equipment

57 - OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN

571 Ombudsman

Div. 505 - Code 25005 Office of the Ombudsman

58 - PUBLIC SERVICE APPELLATE

581 Public Service Appellate Tribunal

Div. 505 - Code 25009 Public Service Appellate Tribunal

02 - OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

021 Prime Minister's Secretariat

31 - MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS

311 Ministry Administration

312 Public Works

313 Communication and Transport

Div. 519 - Ministry of Public Works and Communications - Sea Defences

Div. 520 - Ministry of Public Works and Communications

Div. 548 - Ministry of Public Works and Communications - Bridges/Roads

Assembly resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.58 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 5.30 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for 2006.

In Committee of Supply

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

07 - PARLIAMENT OFFICE

071 National Assembly

Div. 505 - Code 25003 Parliament Building

**15 - MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND INTERNATIONAL
CO-OPERATION**

Div. 550 - Ministry of Foreign Trade and International Co-operation

04 - MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

041 Ministry Administration

042 Foreign Relations

043 Foreign Trade and International Co-operation

Div. 506 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs

44 - MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT

441 Ministry Administration

442 Culture

443 Youth

444 Sport

445 Youth, Entrepreneurial Skills Training

Div. 541 - Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport

41- MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

411 Main Office

412 National Education Policy

413 Ministry Administration

414 Training and Development

415 Education Delivery

Div. 543 Ministry of Education

Div. 544 Ministry of Education -

 Secondary School Reform Project

Div. 547 Guyana Education Access Project

Div. 553 Basic Education Access and Management Support Programme

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

131 Main Office

132 Ministry Administration

133 Regional Development

Div. 527 Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development

71 - REGION 1: BARIMA/WAINI

711 Regional Administration and Finance

712 Public Works

713 Education Delivery

714 Health Services

Div. 531 Region 1: Barima/Waini

72 - REGION 2: POMEROON/SUPENAAM

721 Regional Administration and Finance

722 Agriculture

723 Public Works

724 Education Delivery

725 Health Services

Div. 532 Region 2: Pomeroon/Supenaam

Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8.10 p.m., on a motion by the Prime Minister, the sitting was adjourned to 2.00 p.m., on Tuesday, 7th February, 2006.


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HON. HARI N. RAMKARRAN, S.C., M.P.,
Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

6th February, 2006.