

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 23RD SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION

(2020-2021) OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 10:00 A.M.

ON FRIDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY, 2021

IN THE DOME OF THE ARTHUR CHUNG CONFERENCE CENTRE,

LILIENDAAL, GREATER GEORGETOWN

BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PRAYERS

OATH OF A NEW MEMBER-

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT-

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ORAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

For Written Replies

1. MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Home Affairs

1. Recently citizens have observed that a number of vehicles have been fitted and are utilising flashing lights and sirens. Could the Minister state whether all Government vehicles are conforming to Section 41 of Cap 51:02, Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Regulations?
2. Could the Minister state what action(s) he intends to take to deal with any breach of Section 41 of Cap 51:02?

(Notice Paper No. 46 (Q28 Opp.28) published on 2021-02-01)

2. CONTRACTED EMPLOYEES

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Home Affairs

1. Can the Minister provide the designation of each person employed on contract in the Ministry of Home Affairs as well as its gazetted umbrella and associated Agencies since August 2, 2020?
2. Can the Minister provide the emoluments (salaries and other benefits) for each of the persons employed on contract since August 2, 2020, as stated above?
3. Can the Honourable Minister advise if financial provision for these positions were made in Budget 2020, and if so, under which Line Item are they being paid?

(Notice Paper No. 47 (Q29 Opp.29) published on 2021-02-01)

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3. GUYANA'S LARGEST DRUG BUST

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Home Affairs

Since the start of November last year, this country infamously recorded its largest drug bust: 11.5 tons (23000 pounds) of cocaine, with a street value of 900 million Euros, GY \$ 360 billion, almost a quarter of the gross domestic product (GDP) of this country. Regrettably, two months after this dastardly development, we have seen no breakthrough of any consequence locally.

1. Could the Hon. Minister state whether this matter was brought and discussed by the Government?
2. If yes, can you state what decisions have been since taken?
3. Has there been any review by agencies involved in this issue and if so, what new measures and new policy frameworks have been implemented to avoid this reoccurrence in the future?
4. Has there been any request by regional and international agencies for information in relation to this matter?
5. If so, has that information been transmitted to the relevant agency?
6. There has been conflicting information on the scanners at the wharf where the illegal drugs left Guyana. Could the Minister state definitively what is the situation in relation to the State's inability to identify in clear terms what occurred at the wharf?

(Notice Paper No. 48 (Q30 Opp.30) published on 2021-02-01)

4. DEATH OF PRISONER, MR. ROGER SAMUELS

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Home Affairs

The Guyana Prison Service in its press release dated the 10th January, 2021, stated that Prisoner Roger Samuels died at the Lusignan Prison on the said date after being received at the Prisons with several injuries to his body.

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1. Could the Hon. Minister provide the circumstances surrounding the death of the aforementioned prisoner?
2. Can the Hon. Minister state the extent of the injuries at the time of his reception at the Lusignan Prison?
3. Having established that Mr. Samuels was injured before he was received by the prison officials, what protocols and procedures were followed?
4. Could the Hon. Minister state whether Section 27(1) of the Prison Act was followed.
5. Could the Hon. Minister state what subsequent developments contributed to the demise of this prisoner?
6. Could the Hon. Minister state what administrative reviews have been undertaken to ensure there is no repeat of this unfortunate situation?

(Notice Paper No. 49 (Q31 Opp.31) published on 2021-02-01)

5. SEXUAL ASSAULT CASES

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

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

From 2nd August, 2020 to date, what is the number of sexual assault cases, broken down by those that were: -

- a. Reported to the authorities?
- b. Prosecuted? and
- c. Resulted in convictions?

(Notice Paper No. 50 (Q32 Opp.32) published on 2021-02-01)

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS, INCLUDING POLICY STATEMENTS-

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**REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY ON
DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE-**

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS-

PUBLIC BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

MOTION

**1. BUDGET SPEECH 2021 - MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATES
OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2021**

Assembly to resume the debate on the motion for the approval of the Estimates of
Expenditure for the financial year 2021.

(Moved by the Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance
on 2021-02-12)

BILLS – Second Reading

***2. ADOPTION OF CHILDREN (AMENDMENT) BILL 2021 – Bill No. 3/2021
published on 2021-02-11**

The Minister of Human Services and Social Security to move the second reading
of the following Bill:

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A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Adoption of Children Act.
(Read a first time on 2021-02-11)

BILLS – Committee, Second and Third Readings

***3. NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES (CONTROL)
(AMENDMENT) BILL 2021 – Bill No. 2/2021 published on 2021-01-28**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Control) Act.

(Read a first time and referred to a Special Select Committee on 2021-01-28)

***4. HIRE-PURCHASE BILL 2020 – Bill No. 14/2020 published on 2020-11-10**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to make provision for the regulation of hire-purchase, credit sale and conditional sale agreements; and for related purposes.

(Read a first time on 2020-12-23 and referred to a Special Select Committee on 2021-02-11)

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***Not to be proceeded with at this Sitting**

(ii) **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

MOTION

***5. CONDEMN THE BRUTAL AND HORRIFIC KILLING OF JOEL HENRY, ISIAAH HENRY AND HARESH SINGH, BETWEEN THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 6 to 9, 2020**

Ms Geeta Chandan-Edmond, M.P. to move the following motion:

WHEREAS, Guyanese citizens, Joel Henry, Isiah Henry and Haresh Singh, all under the age of 20 years old, from the village of N0. 3 Village, West Coast Berbice, were brutally, barbarically and horrifically killed, and the bodies found at or near the Cotton Tree Back Dam in the Mahaica/ Berbice Region No. 5;

AND WHEREAS, the period September 6 to 9, 2020, will go down in the history of our country as the period when these unspeakable crimes left the nation numb and in a state of shock and sadness;

AND WHEREAS. these brutal, senseless, barbaric, depraved and horrific killings have caused untold pain, agony, grief, anguish, anger and despair to the surviving family members, fellow villagers and the entire Guyanese Community;

AND WHEREAS, these brutal and horrific killings have evoked unequivocal condemnation from Guyanese, living in Guyana and in the diaspora;

AND WHEREAS, the diplomatic community and civil society have also unequivocally condemned these brutal, barbaric and horrific killings;

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***Not to be proceeded with at this Sitting**

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AND WHEREAS, Parliament, of which the National Assembly is a part of the supreme legislative forum of our Republic wherein the people's elected representatives discuss and determine matters of national interest and is obliged to consider the grave threats to the public welfare and public security;

AND WHEREAS, Article 138(1) of the Constitution of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana prescribes that no person shall be deprived of his life intentionally save in the execution of the sentence of a court in respect of an offence under the Laws of Guyana of which he has been convicted;

AND WHEREAS, to date these horrific deaths which are of public importance, concern and welfare remain substantially unresolved.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly recommends to the Government to procure and finance the assistance of expert and competent professionals who can resolve these cases;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly condemns the killing of the three Citizens aforementioned, and extends sincerest condolences to the families of the deceased; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly calls on the Government to continue its earnest investigations, so as to ensure expeditious justice to the family.

(Notice Paper No. 18 (M8 Opp 2) published on 2020-12-01)

(iii) **COMMITTEES' BUSINESS**

MOTIONS

*6. **OUTSTANDING WORK OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE OF THE ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT**

Mr. David Patterson, M.P. (Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee) to move the following motion:

WHEREAS, in accordance with Standing Order No. 104(1), every Committee shall before the end of the Session in which it was appointed, make a report to the Assembly upon matters referred to it;

AND WHEREAS, the Public Accounts Committee, a Standing Committee of the National Assembly of the First Session of the Eleventh Parliament, was unable, owing to the dissolution of Parliament on 30th December, 2019, to conclude the work that was referred to it in that Session,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Public Accounts Committee of the National Assembly of the First Session of the Twelfth Parliament take into account all outstanding work of the previous Committee.

(Notice Paper No. 28 (M14 Committee 1) published on 2021-01-06)

*7. **ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ON ITS EXAMINATION OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF GUYANA FOR THE YEAR 2015**

Mr. David Patterson, M.P. (Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee) to move the following motion:

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***Not to be proceeded with at this Sitting**

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BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on its examination of the Public Accounts of Guyana for the year 2015, be adopted and refer the Report to the Government for consideration.

(Notice Paper No. 31 (M15 Committee 2) published on 2021-01-18)

*8. **ADOPTION OF THE FIRST REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS IN RELATION TO THE APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION**

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance (Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Appointments) to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly adopts the First Report of the Standing Committee on Appointments to address matters relating to the Appointment of Members of Commissions established under the Constitution, and signifies to the President that Justice Beasraj Singh Roy (Ret'd) has been nominated in accordance with Article 198(2)(a) of the Constitution, to be appointed Member of the Judicial Service Commission.

(Notice Paper No. 61 (M20 Committees 3) published on 2021-02-24)

*9. **ADOPTION OF THE SECOND REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS IN RELATION TO THE APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION**

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance (Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Appointments) to move the following motion:

WHEREAS in keeping with the Local Government Commission Act No.18 of 2013, Section 4 (1) (c); the Committee is responsible for nomination of;

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***Not to be proceeded with at this Sitting**

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“one member, appointed by the President, after approval by the National Assembly upon a nomination by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Appointments from persons submitted by Trade Unions within the Local Government System.”

AND WHEREAS, the Committee agreed that the following list of unions represent Trade Unions within the Local Government System and should be consulted to submit nominees for appointment to the Local Government Commission:

**Guyana Public Service Union;
Guyana Local Government Officers Union; and
Guyana Labour Union**

AND WHEREAS, the Committee on Appointments after deliberations recommended Mr. Carvil Duncan, A.A. of the Guyana Labour Union as the nominee to be appointed to the Local Government Commission.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly adopts the Second Report of the Standing Committee on Appointments to address matters relating to the appointment of Members of Commissions and signifies to the President that Mr. Carvil Duncan, A.A. of the Guyana Labour Union has been nominated in accordance with the Local Government Commission Act No. 18 of 2013, Clause 4(1) (c), to be appointed to the Local Government Commission.

(Notice Paper No. 62 (M21 Committees 4) published on 2021-02-24)

**S. E. ISAACS, A.A.,
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24th February, 2021.

