

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 29TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION

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

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON MONDAY, 14TH JUNE, 2021

IN THE DOME OF THE ARTHUR CHUNG CONFERENCE CENTRE,

LILIENDAAL, GREATER GEORGETOWN

BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PRAYERS

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For Written Replies

1. LANDS IN POMEROON-SUPENAAM

Member Asking: Ms. Annette Ferguson, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Housing and Water

During a visit to the Pomeroon-Supenaam on 9th December 2020, His Excellency Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali announced that an additional 600 house lots will be developed and distributed to residents in several Region 2 communities. The Chief Executive Officer of the Central Housing and Planning Authority, Mr. Sherwyn Greaves further explained, “that the areas identified for house lots are Charity and Lima Sands.”

Can the Honourable Minister state:

1. Where in Charity and Lima Sands are the lands located?
2. How many house lots are expected to be developed in each area?

(Notice Paper No. 65 (Q42 Opp.42) published on 2021-03-25)

2. HOUSES FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Member Asking: Ms. Annette Ferguson, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Housing and Water

On September 10, 2020, the Honourable Minister stated, “there will also be the construction of houses catering for young professionals... three areas in Region 4 have been identified to start construction and we have had several expressions of interests.”

1. Can the Honourable Member state the three (3) areas in Region Four (4) where the professional houses are expected to be constructed?
2. How many professional houses will be built as per area?
3. What is the expected cost (s) per unit?

(Notice Paper No. 66 (Q43 Opp.43) published on 2021-03-25)

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3. **HOUSE LOTS DISTRIBUTION**

Member Asking: Ms. Annette Ferguson, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Housing and Water

During an outreach hosted by the Ministry of Housing and Water, Department of Central Housing and Planning Authority in East Berbice Corentyne on December 29, 2020. It has been reported via the Department of Public Information, “over 3,600 house lots have been delivered over the span of four months by the Ministry of Housing and Water; during the Dream Realised exercise.”

Can the Honourable Minister provide the following:

- (i) A disaggregation of the 3,600 house lots allocated in the various areas/regions where the “Dream Realised” outreaches were held?
- (ii) Provide for each area, the number of house lots per category that has been allocated?
- (iii) Has the Central Housing and Planning Authority paid in full for the lands listed below?
 - Meten-Meer-Zorg, West Coast Demerara
 - Anna Catherina, West Coast Demerara
 - Stewartville, West Coast Demerara
 - Edinburgh, West Coast Demerara
 - Corneila Ida, West Coast Demerara
- (iv) If no, what mechanisms, or procedures are being utilized by the Central Housing and Planning Authority in acquiring the lands above?
- (v) When are developmental works expected to commence on the lands listed above?
Kindly provide schedule for each area.

(Notice Paper No. 67 (Q44 Opp.44) published on 2021-03-25)

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4. **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Member Asking: Mr. Ganesh Mahipaul, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

1. From Budget 2021 (Details of Capital Expenditure – Project Code 1302200 – Community Infrastructure Improvement Project), a sum of \$1.172B was approved. Can the Hon. Minister say how much of this lump sum will be spent on the Parika, Charity and Mon Repos Markets?
2. Can the Hon. Minister state what is the allotted sum for the rehabilitation of Neighbourhood Democratic Council buildings at Annandale/Riverstown, Aberdeen/Zorg-en-Vlugt, Leguan, Canefield/Enterprise, Black Bush Polder and No. 52/74?

(Notice Paper No. 74 (Q50 Opp.50) published on 2021-03-30)

5. **REVALUATION OF PROPERTIES**

Member Asking: Mr. Ganesh Mahipaul, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

1. In view of the recent Ruling by the Chief Justice concerning Rates and Taxes and the need for the Valuation Officer to do a countrywide revaluation of properties so that proprietors can pay their rightful taxes in keeping with the Laws of Guyana, can the Hon. Minister say when will the revaluation begin?
2. What is the salary and other benefits of the Chief Valuation Officer?

(Notice Paper No. 74 (Q50 Opp.50) published on 2021-03-30)

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6. **PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES FROM AUGUST 5, 2020 TO MARCH 5, 2021**

Member Asking: Mr. Ganesh Mahipaul, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

In keeping with Section 10(2) of the Procurement Act 2003, can the Hon. Minister provide a description of the goods, services, construction or consulting services procured from August 5, 2020 to March 5, 2021, from the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development, the names and addresses of suppliers or contractors that submitted tenders, proposals or quotations and the names and addresses of the suppliers or contractors with which contracts were entered into and contract prices from August 5, 2020 to March 5, 2021?

(Notice Paper No. 76 (Q51 Opp.51) published on 2021-03-30)

7. **REFERENCE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE – PLANNING AND SUPPORT FOR LOCAL COUNCILS**

Member Asking: Mr. Ganesh Mahipaul, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

1. Reference Technical Assistance – Planning and support for Local Councils, would the Ministry be hosting a Local Conference on Local Democratic Organs and a National Conference on Local Democratic Organs, and, if yes, which month is it likely to be hosted?
2. In keeping with the Government's policy, can the Hon. Minister state exclusively what is the Ministry's policy on Local Government and Local Government Organs?

(Notice Paper No. 77 (Q52 Opp.52) published on 2021-03-30)

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8. **PROGRAMME 731 – REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**

Member Asking: Mr. Ganesh Mahipaul, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

1. From the details of the current expenditure 2021, Programme 731 – Regional Administration and Finance – Staffing Details, there is no increase in Clerical and Office Support staff and Semi- Skilled Operatives and Unskilled staff. In 2020, the number of staff members were 42 and 44 respectively, but the amount of money budgeted in 2021 is not the same as the amount expended in 2020. Can the Hon. Minister explain why the amount budgeted in 2021 for Line Items 6114 and 6115 are not the same as what was expended in 2020?
2. Can the Hon. Minister provide a list of the vacant positions that are currently existing within Programme 731 – Regional Administration and Finance?

(Notice Paper No. 78 (Q53 Opp.53) published on 2021-03-30)

For Oral Replies

9. ***OVERDRAFT BALANCE ON THE CONSOLIDATED FUND**

Member Asking: Ms. Annette Ferguson, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance

- (i) Can the Honourable Minister state the overdraft balance on the Consolidated Fund as at December 31, 2020?
- (ii) How does this balance compare with the balance as at August 2, 2020?

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(iii) What has caused the deterioration/improvement in the two balances?

(iv) What instruments does the Government plan to use to retire the overdraft?

(v) With respect to (iv), please provide an approximate time when this will be done.

(Notice Paper No. 79 (Q54 Opp.54) published on 2021-03-30)

10. *BOND SECURED BY NICIL TO BE USED BY GUYSUCO

Member Asking: **Ms. Annette Ferguson, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Senior Minister in the Office of the President with
Responsibility for Finance**

- (i) Can the Honourable Minister state the amount of the bond secured by NICIL for use by GUYSUCO?
- (ii) With respect to (i), can the Honourable Minister state the amount secured and how much has been disbursed by the bondholders to NICIL?
- (iii) With respect to (ii), can the Honourable Minister state the amount disbursed by the bondholders to NICIL and how much has been disbursed to GUYSUCO, as at August 2, 2020 and at December 31, 2020?
- (iv) With respect to (iii), can the Honourable Minister state how the money was expended by GUYSUCO between current and capital expenditure?

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- (v) Can the Honourable Minister state how much of the bond has been repaid by NICIL?
- (vi) Can the Honourable Minister state whether Government, as guarantor, has had to meet any of the repayments made to date?
- (vii) Can the Honourable Minister state whether the Government will continue to retain the balance of the bond for use by GUYSUCO?
- (viii) With respect to (vii), if the answer is YES, please, provide a schedule of disbursement of the balance.
- (ix) With respect to (vii), if the answer is NO, when will the balance of the bond be returned to the bondholders?

(Notice Paper No. 80 (Q55 Opp.55) published on 2021-03-30)

11. *VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE OF STUDENTS IN REGIONS #1-10

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

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Education**

(A) *Can the Honourable Minister inform the House of the number & percentage of students by gender in Regions (1-10) that attended online classes, in the September to December 2020 term and the January to March 2021 term, for nursery, primary and secondary schools?

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(B) *Can the Honourable Minister also inform the House of the number and percentage of students by gender in (A) that attended classes online 50% of the time and 75% of the time in Regions (1-10) for nursery, primary and secondary schools?

(C) *Can the Honourable Minister further inform the House of the number of students that were required to attend online classes for the last two terms by gender in regions (1-10), for nursery, primary and secondary schools?

(Notice Paper No. 94 (Q68 Opp.68) published on 2021-04-12)

12. ***PHYSICAL ATTENDANCE OF STUDENTS IN REGIONS #1-10**

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

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Education**

(A) *Can the Honourable Minister inform the House of the percentage & number of students by gender in Regions (1-10) that attended classes face to face, in the September to December 2020 term and the January to March 2021 term, for primary and secondary schools?

(B) *Can the Honourable Minister also inform the House of the number of students that were required to attend classes face to face for the last two terms by gender in Regions (1-10), for primary and secondary schools?

(C) *Can the Honourable Minister further inform the House of the number & percentage of students by gender in (A) that attended classes face to face 50% and 75% of the time in regions (1-10), for primary and secondary schools?

(Notice Paper No. 95 (Q69 Opp.69) published on 2021-04-12)

13. *REFITTING OF SCHOOLS OR CLASSROOMS TO DELIVER VIRTUAL CLASSES

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

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Education**

(A) *Can the Honourable Minister inform the House whether any schools/classrooms were refitted over the last two terms, September 2020 - March 2021, by the Ministry of Education to deliver online classes?

(B) *If yes, please list the name of the schools and Region/s in which this was done and the number of students that school serves.

(Notice Paper No. 96 (Q70 Opp.70) published on 2021-04-12)

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS, INCLUDING POLICY STATEMENTS-

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS-

PUBLIC BUSINESS

(i) **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

MOTIONS

1. **CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1/2021 – CURRENT AND CAPITAL ESTIMATES**

Assembly to resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

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

BE IT RESOLVED:

Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$1,906,775,000 for the period 2021-04-01 to 2021-06-08.

(Notice Paper No. 119 (M27 Govt.17) published on 2021-06-10)

(Paper presented on 2021-06-10)

2. **CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 2/2021 – CURRENT AND CAPITAL ESTIMATES**

Assembly to resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

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

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BE IT RESOLVED:

Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$21,360,385,051 for the period ending 2021-12-31.

(Notice Paper No. 120 (M28 Govt.18) published on 2021-06-10)

(Paper presented on 2021-06-10)

3. **REMOVAL OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE**

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance and Government Chief Whip to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Public Accounts Committee met on December 28, 2020, under the Chairmanship of the Honourable Speaker of the National Assembly where Mr. David Patterson, M.P., was nominated and declared the Chairperson;

AND WHEREAS at the Sixth Meeting of the Public Accounts Committee, on February 1, 2021, following certain exposures during the examination of the 2016 Auditor General's Report, a motion was moved by Minister Gail Teixeira calling for Mr. David Patterson to resign as Chairperson while remaining as a member of the Committee and that another member of the Opposition be elected as the Chairperson; the motion was put in accordance with Standing Orders 26 (Admissibility of Motions) and 30 (h) Exemption from Notice;

AND WHEREAS the Chairperson having not agreed to resign, the motion was then moved and supported by the majority of the members for the removal of the Chairperson;

AND WHEREAS the Chairperson having not “put” the motion to a vote as required by the Standing Orders, the Clerk of the National Assembly was invited into the meeting to provide guidance;

AND WHEREAS the Clerk advised the Committee that the Regional Group of Clerks in the Caribbean had agreed that any member could move a motion for the Chairperson to step aside and that “no notice was required for a motion to be brought in a committee and the motion should be “put”, and if a division was called, it should be voted on;”

AND WHEREAS on the departure of the Clerk, the Chairperson did not “put” the motion but instead vacated the chair while remaining in the room and invited other members of the Opposition to take the chair whereby they declined; resulting in their being no Chair and the meeting being aborted;

AND WHEREAS the Seventh Meeting was summoned by the Chairperson on March 15, 2021, with the “Motion for the removal of the Chairperson” not listed as an item on the Agenda;

AND WHEREAS at the said Meeting, a motion was moved to amend the agenda to include, as the first item, “the Motion for the removal of Mr. David Patterson as Chairperson of the PAC”; this motion to amend the agenda was put to a vote and carried; and again, the Chairperson did not put the motion for his removal;

AND WHEREAS the Clerk of the National Assembly was again invited to the meeting and advised that the Clerk of the Committee could conduct an election for a temporary Chair for the day’s meeting; it was also noted that the Chairperson, according to SO 102(3), has “no original vote but in the event of an equality of votes shall have a casting vote”; therefore, the Chairperson

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although personally involved could occupy the Chair and “put” the motion; the Chairperson did not comply and again vacated the Chair; there was no Chairperson in place to “put” the motion to a vote once again; it was then agreed that the Clerk of the National Assembly would seek legal advice from a lawyer who was “not politically aligned” on the interpretation of the Standing Orders;

AND WHEREAS the Clerk of the National Assembly formally circulated the legal advice he received dated March 23, 2021 “on whether SO 95(4) overrides SO 82(2)” to the Chairperson and Members of the Committee and called for a meeting to be held on March 31, 2021, no meeting was held, however, until April 12;

AND WHEREAS at the April 12th Meeting, the legal opinion was listed as Item #1 and “Motion for the removal of the Chairperson” as Item # 2 on the Agenda;

AND WHEREAS the Chairperson refused to allow a motion for the adoption of the legal opinion circulated by the Clerk and repeatedly ignored and refused to allow motions to go to Item 2 on the agenda and “put” the “Motion for the removal of the Chairperson” instead he overrode every effort to do so and moved to other items on the Agenda;

AND WHEREAS a Committee Meeting was convened for April 19, at which Item # 1 “Motion for the removal of Mr. David Patterson as Chairperson” was asterisked by the Chairperson on the Agenda; the meeting was subsequently cancelled;

AND WHEREAS on May 3, 2021, the Speaker of the National Assembly wrote the Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee, copied to all members of the Public Accounts Committee, in which he stated that i) as Speaker he could intervene in a committee related issue in “ very serious and special circumstances;” (ii) the Chairperson of a Committee does not have the authority to place an asterisk against a Member’s motion, only the mover could; (iii) this action by the Chairperson was a “gross violation of the Standing Orders and tantamount to bullying,” and, iv) he compelled the Chairperson to “put” the motion;

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AND WHEREAS to date Mr. David Patterson has demonstrated that he has no respect for the Speaker of the National Assembly and, it would appear, in the absence of a response to the Speaker's letter he is unprepared to obey the Speaker's instruction; he has disregarded the advice of the Clerk of the National Assembly on several occasions with regard to the Standing Orders and is resolute in his refusal, using all forms of subterfuge, to allow the motion for his removal to be "put" to the vote;

AND WHEREAS Mr. David Patterson has consistently and openly violated the Standing Orders and has introduced a level of bullyism unbecoming of a Member of Parliament, and, in doing so, bringing the image of the National Assembly into disrepute,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That as a result of Mr. David Patterson's conduct as Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee with respect to his open violation of the Standing Orders, among other things, in particular since February 1, the majority of the members of the Public Accounts Committee have lost confidence in him as the Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the removal of Mr. David Patterson as the Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee.

(Notice Paper No. 116 (M26 Govt 16) published on 2021-06-03)

BILLS – Second Readings

4. 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)

***5. SUMMARY JURISDICTION (OFFENCES) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2021 – Bill No. 6/2021 published on 2021-06-04**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Summary Jurisdiction (Offences) Act.

(Read a first time on 2021-06-10)

***6. CIVIL LAW OF GUYANA (AMENDMENT) BILL 2021 – Bill No. 7/2021 published on 2021-06-04**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Civil Law of Guyana Act.

(Read a first time on 2021-06-10)

***7. POLICE (AMENDMENT) BILL 2021 – Bill No. 8/2021 published on 2021-06-07**

The Minister of Home Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Police Act.

(Read a first time on 2021-06-10)

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

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*8. **FIREARMS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2021 – Bill No. 9/2021 published on 2021-06-07**

The Minister of Home Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Firearms Act.

(Read a first time on 2021-06-10)

*9. **REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2021 – Bill No. 10/2021 published on 2021-06-07**

The Minister of Home Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Registration of Births and Deaths Act.

(Read a first time on 2021-06-10)

*10. **EVIDENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 2021 – Bill No. 11/2021 published on 2021-06-07**

The Minister of Home Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Evidence Act.

(Read a first time on 2021-06-10)

*11. **NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES (CONTROL) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 2021 – Bill No. 12/2021 published on 2021-06-07**

The Minister of Home Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

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

(Read a first time on 2021-06-10)

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

BILLS – Committee, Second and Third Readings

***12. 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)

***13. 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)

(ii) PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

MOTIONS

***14. NATURAL GAS FLARING AT THE ESSO EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION
GUYANA LIMITED**

Mr. David Patterson, M.P. to move the following motion:

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

WHEREAS Esso Exploration and Production Guyana Limited (EEPGL) was on June 1, 2017, granted an Environmental Permit, No. 20160705-EEDPF, to undertake Phase 1 of the Liza Development Project (Liza 1) which included, the use of a Floating Production, Storage, and Offloading (FPSO) vessel “to process, store and offload the recovered oil during production operations within the Stabroek Block”;

AND WHEREAS the Liza 1 Permit (Clause 1.10) enjoined the Permit Holder, EEPGL, to “Employ effective operational and maintenance systems on all aspects of the facility whose failure could impact the environment...”;

AND WHEREAS the Liza 1 Permit (Clause 3.6) expressly prohibits flaring and venting; with exceptions being made for “tank flashing emission, standing/working/breathing losses” and flaring related to the startup of the FPSO, emergencies or during periods of maintenance;

AND WHEREAS EEPGL has routinely been engaged in flaring in direct contravention of the terms of the Liza 1 Permit issued and acknowledged, and as a result, has caused, and is causing substantial damage to the environment and the credibility of the Liza 1 Development Project;

AND WHEREAS calculations based upon reported EEPGL’s production data shows that zero flaring, except for the small amount allowed for pilot flaring, may be achieved by reducing oil production by approximately 15,000 bopd;

AND WHEREAS according to Clause 13.1 in the Liza 1 and Liza 2 Permits, “The Environmental Protection Agency reserves the right to review and amend the conditions attached to this Permit”,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly expresses its dissatisfaction, that all reasonable measures have not been taken or are being taken to prevent the flaring of gas as currently exists, and which reported by EEPGL to be 16 million cubic feet, per day (mcf) at the designed maximum safe oil production limit of 120,000 barrels oil, per day (bopd).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly calls on the Government of Guyana:

1. To direct Esso Exploration and Production Guyana Limited to abide by the terms and conditions of the Liza 1 Permit issued on June 1, 2017;
2. To request that the Environmental Protection Agency takes all reasonable measures to ensure compliance including, EEPGL achieving zero flaring at the Liza 1 Project through reduction of oil production rates; and suspension of same Liza 1 Permit if zero flaring is not met, until it is satisfied that all reasonable and lawful efforts are being made to ensure that there is no flaring of gas as has occurred over the past several weeks; and
3. To request that the Liza 1 and Liza 2 Permits be immediately amended by the EPA to become consistent with the updated conditions in the Payara Permit, relative to flaring.

(Notice Paper No. 63 (M22 Opp. 4) published on 2021-02-26)

- *15. **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:

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

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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;

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)

(ii) COMMITTEES' BUSINESS

MOTIONS

16. 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)

17. **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:

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)

18. **OUTSTANDING WORK OF THE PARLIAMENTARY SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES OF THE ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT**

The Minister of Human Services and Social Security to move the following motion:

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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 Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Social Services, a Sectoral 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 during that Session,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Social Services of the National Assembly of the First Session of the Twelfth Parliament adopt all outstanding work of the previous Committee.

(Notice Paper No. 90 (M25 Committee 5) published on 2021-03-30)

**S. E. ISAACS, A.A.,
Clerk of the National Assembly**

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

10th June, 2021.

