

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 30TH 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 TUESDAY, 3RD AUGUST, 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-

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER-

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS-

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS-

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES-

By the Speaker of the National Assembly (Chairperson of the Committee of Selection):

Minutes of Proceedings of the 4th Meeting of the Committee of Selection held on 14th June, 2021.

(To be Circulated)

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ORAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

For Written Replies

1. UPGRADE AND CLOSURE OF DUMPSITES

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

1. Can the Hon. Minister specify the cost attached to the closure of Dakoura Dumpsite, Linden, and what type of work will be done for the closure?
2. Can the Hon. Minister specify the cost attached for the upgrade of sites at Rose Hall, Port Kaituma, Belle Vue, Lethem, Lima, Charity, Lusignan and D' Edward?
3. Can the Hon. Minister say why Dakoura, Linden, is being closed and which dumpsite or landfill site will be used in the absence of Dakoura?
4. Can the Hon. Minister say what is the Government's policy on landfill sites?

(Notice Paper No. 82 (Q57 Opp.57) published on 2021-03-30)

2. GEORGETOWN ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

For Budget 2021, Georgetown Enhancement Programme a sum of \$100.719M was approved. Can the Hon. Minister say how much will be allocated to City Hall and what are the works expected to be done with the sum allocated? Will the Mayor and City Council spearhead the work, or the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development?

(Notice Paper No. 83 (Q58 Opp.58) published on 2021-03-30)

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3. **COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT WORKERS (CEWs)**

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

1. Reference to Community Enhancement Workers (CEWs), can the Hon. Minister say what is the salary of a CEW?
2. Reference to the 70 NDCs and 10 Municipalities, can the Hon. Minister provide a list of the number of CEWs for each Local Authority Area?

(Notice Paper No. 84 (Q59 Opp.59) published on 2021-03-30)

4. **STAFFING DETAILS IN REGION #3**

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

1. Can the Hon. Minister provide a list of the designations of office bearers that are currently acting in higher offices?
2. Can the Hon. Minister state the designations of the higher offices that are currently being occupied by acting appointments and the remuneration packages for all acting appointments for all Programmes in Budget Agency 73 – Region 3: Essequibo Islands – West Demerara?
3. Can the Hon. Minister say why is Region 3 rehiring retirees?
4. Can the Hon. Minister provide a list of the designations of officers that are rehired retirees?

(Notice Paper No. 86 (Q61 Opp.61) published on 2021-03-30)

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**5. MAINTENANCE OF ROADS, BRIDGES, DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION AND
OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE**

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 733 – Public Works, Can the Hon. Minister provide a detailed breakdown of Line Items 6251 – Maintenance of Roads, 6252 – Maintenance of Bridges and 6255 – Maintenance of Other Infrastructure?
2. From the details of the current expenditure 2021, Programme 732 – Agriculture, Can the Hon. Minister provide a detailed breakdown of Line Items 6252 – Maintenance of Bridges, 6253 – Maintenance of Drainage and Irrigation Works and 6255 – Maintenance of Other Infrastructure?
3. From the details of the current expenditure 2021, Programme 734 – Education Delivery, Can the Hon. Minister provide a detailed breakdown of Line Items 6252 – Maintenance of Bridges, and 6255 – Maintenance of Other Infrastructure?
4. From the details of the current expenditure 2021, Programme 735 – Health Services, Can the Hon. Minister provide a detailed breakdown of Line Items 6251 – Maintenance of Roads, 6252 – Maintenance of Bridges, and 6255 – Maintenance of Other Infrastructure?

(Notice Paper No. 87 (Q62 Opp.62) published on 2021-03-30)

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6. INFRASTRUCTURAL WORKS AND CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSING UNITS

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

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Housing and Water**

It has been reported via an online report by the Department of Public Information, dated March 16, 2021, 'the Central Housing and Planning Authority' has awarded some \$13.9 Billion in contracts to start infrastructural works and construction of Housing Units in Regions 3, 4, 5 and six.

(A) Can the Honourable Minister indicate when Infrastructural works are expected to commence?

(B) Can the Honourable Minister provide the following information:

- a. Number of Units to be constructed in Region 3?
- b. Number of Units to be constructed in Region 4?
- c. Number of Units to be constructed in Region 5?
- d. Number of Units to be constructed in Region 6?

(C) Can the Honourable Minister state where in the above listed regions Units are to be constructed?

(D) Can the Honourable Minister state what it will cost the Government of Guyana to construct each Unit within each Region?

(Notice Paper No. 100 (Q74 Opp.74) published on 2021-04-12)

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7. BENEFICIARIES OF THE HOUSING UNITS

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Housing and Water

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(A) Can the Honourable Minister provide a breakdown in the categories of allottees, who are expected to be beneficiaries from the construction of Housing Units, for example, Low Income, Middle Income, etc?

(B) What is the expected cost or final cost beneficiaries will pay for each category of the Housing Units?

(Notice Paper No. 101 (Q75 Opp.75) published on 2021-04-12)

8. 199 CONTRACTS AWARDED

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Housing and Water

In an online article carried by the Department of Public Information dated March 16, 2021, "the Central Housing and Planning Authority stated that some 199 contracts were awarded today at the Arthur Chung Conference Centre in keeping with the Government's plan to deliver 10,000 house lots every year for the next five years".

(A) Can the Honourable Minister state what method of procurement was used for procuring contractors?

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(B) If by Public Tender, kindly provide copies of advertisements.

(C) Can the Honourable Minister provide a detailed list of the fifty-nine (59) contractors, brief profile inclusive of the year of establishment and the number of projects awarded to each contractor?

(D) Can the Honourable Minister indicate whether due diligence was done on the contracting entities?

(E) From the 199 contracts awarded, can the Honourable Minister provide a disaggregation in works between infrastructure and the Housing Units, and the list of contractors that were awarded contracts for the construction of the Housing Units as against those who were awarded contracts for Infrastructural Development?

(F) Can the Honourable Minister indicate what is the contract period for the construction of the Housing Units?

(Notice Paper No. 102 (Q76 Opp.76) published on 2021-04-13)

9. HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN GUYANA

Member Asking: Ms. Natasha Singh-Lewis, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Human Services and Social Security

1. Can the Honourable Minister inform the National Assembly how many cases of Human Trafficking were investigated during the period August, 2020 to April, 2021? Can the Honourable Minister present this information as per Administrative Region?

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2. Can the Honourable Minister inform the National Assembly how many persons involved in Human Trafficking were prosecuted during the period August, 2020 to April, 2021? Can the Honourable Minister present this information as per Administrative Region?
3. During the period August, 2020 to April 2021, can the Honourable Minister inform the National Assembly how many cases of Human Trafficking reported were that of children? Can the Honourable Minister present this information as per Administrative Region?
4. Can the Honourable Minister inform the National Assembly how many shelters across Guyana are active and operational for victims of Human Trafficking? Can the Honourable Minister present this information as per Administrative Region?
5. Can the Honourable Minister inform the National Assembly how many staff are assigned responsibilities for the Human Trafficking operations across the Country?

(Notice Paper No. 108 (Q82 Opp.82) published on 2021-06-07)

10. SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS

Member Asking: Dr. Nicolette Henry, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

Can the Honourable Minister inform the House what mechanisms, if any, have been put in place for the academic year 2020-2021 for children with special education needs to benefit from remote learning during the pandemic?

(Notice Paper No. 109 (Q83 Opp.83) published on 2021-06-07)

11. NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS/PUPILS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS

Member Asking: Dr. Nicolette Henry, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

Can the Honourable Minister inform the House of the number and percentage of students/pupils with special education needs that were engaged during the current academic year for a minimum of 50% of the time to date? Please disaggregate by gender, region, and level of schooling?

(Notice Paper No. 110 (Q84 Opp.84) published on 2021-06-07)

12. ELIMINATION OF THE NATIONAL GRADE SIX AND OTHER ASSESSMENTS

Member Asking: Dr. Nicolette Henry, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Education

Can the Honourable Minister inform the House what are the reasons for exploring the possibility of eliminating the National Grade Six Assessment (NGSA)?

(Notice Paper No. 111 (Q85 Opp.85) published on 2021-06-07)

13. BUDGET 2020 ALLOCATION OF \$70,781,000 FOR REGION #5, MAHAICA-BERBICE

Member Asking: Mr. Vincero Jordan, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

“Budget 2020 provided an allocation of \$70,781,000 for the provision of health facilities, security hut, oxygen supply system, incinerators, and checkpoints for Region #5, Mahaica-Berbice. With specific reference to the construction and installation of incinerators at Fort Wellington and Mahaicony Hospitals”.

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Could the Honorable Minister provide the answer to the following questions:

- (a) The total contract sum spent on the projects mentioned above?
- (b) When were the contracts awarded?
- (c) Date of completion for both projects?
- (d) The source and make of both incinerators?

(Notice Paper No. 112 (Q86 Opp.86) published on 2021-06-07)

14. CONTRACTED EMPLOYEES IN REGION #5, MAHAICA-BERBICE

Member Asking: Mr. Vinceroy Jordan, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

1. Can the Honorable Minister of Local Government and Regional Development with oversight responsibility for Mahaica-Berbice, Region #5, inform this Assembly of the total number of persons who were fifty-five (55) years of age and older working on contract as at August, 2020 to January, 2021, and how many of those contracts were terminated or not renewed, the designations of the staff, their salaries and dates of contractual agreements (start and end)?
2. Can the Honourable Minister state how many workers fifty-five (55) years and older were employed on contract as at August, 2020 to January, 2021, the designations of the staff, the salaries and the dates for contractual agreements (start and end)?

(Notice Paper No. 113 (Q87 Opp.87) published on 2021-06-07)

15. BUDGET 2021 ALLOCATION OF \$170,500,000 FOR MAHAICA/MAHAICONY/ABARY

Member Asking: Mr. Vinceroy Jordan, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Agriculture

“Budget 2021 provided an allocation of \$170,500,000 for the provision of drainage and irrigation structures, dams and equipment for Mahaica/Mahaicony/Abary. The Honourable Minister in his Budget presentation detailed that all communities would benefit from the allocation”.

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Can the Honourable Minister provide the following:

- (a) A list of all dams listed to be constructed or maintained?
- (b) The drainage and irrigation structures to be constructed or repaired?
- (c) The areas where new drainage pumps will be installed?

(Notice Paper No. 114 (Q88 Opp.88) published on 2021-06-07)

16. GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19 VACCINES

Member Asking: **Dr. Karen Cummings, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Health**

- A. Can the Honourable Minister inform the Assembly if the Ministry of Health procured adequate vaccines to be given to the citizens of Guyana as efforts are being made to contain this SARS-COV2 Virus and achieve herd immunity?
- B. Can the Honourable Minister state what were some of the factors that influenced him to purchase Astrazeneca, Sputnik V, and Sinopharm in preference to Pfizer or Moderna for the Nation's citizens?
- C. Could the Honourable Minister also inform this Noble Assembly how much money has been spent to purchase COVID-19 vaccines so far?
- D. Honourable Minister of Health, since the Johnson and Johnson (J&J) single dose vaccine can be kept for three months at temperatures between 2 to 8 degrees Celsius and has a long shelf life of two years, is there any storage facility in the Ministry of Health or in the Administrative Regions that can accommodate the storage of the J & J vaccine at the optimal temperature of minus 20 degrees Celsius?

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E. In light of the COVID-19 deaths, can the Minister of Health explain to this National Assembly if the Ministry of Health is equipped to perform a quick response to vaccine safety signals or to engage in vaccine pharmacovigilance to identify the rare instances where real adverse reactions occur so that their effects can be diminished?

F. Could the Honourable Minister of Health inform this August Assembly if there is a Communication Strategy in place to address vaccine hesitancy in some areas of the populace, as well as to promote awareness of the vaccine risks and benefits?

(Notice Paper No. 115 (Q89 Opp.89) published on 2021-06-07)

17. PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

Member Asking: Dr. Karen Cummings, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Health

Can the Honourable Minister inform the Assembly how the Government plans to inform the citizens on how to address mental health issues, stigma, and discrimination, and how the Government will leverage digital health technology to lend support to the delivery of primary health care?

(Notice Paper No. 117 (Q90 Opp.90) published on 2021-06-07)

18. CONTACT TRACING

Member Asking: Dr. Karen Cummings, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Health

Honourable Minister of Health, owing to there being in excess of 1500 members of the populace in home isolation, is robust contact tracing being done in the 10 Administrative Regions of Guyana, especially at the epicenter, Region #4 and at the other regional hot spots to identify persons who are at high risk of COVID-19 or who may have had the P1 variant?

(Notice Paper No. 118 (Q91 Opp.91) published on 2021-06-07)

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19. **ILLEGAL MIGRANTS IN GUYANA**

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Home Affairs

In light of the continued influx of Venezuelans and other migrants into the country, can the Honourable Minister indicate what measures are being taken to efficiently and effectively control the flow of illegal migrants at a time of the COVID-19 pandemic?

(Notice Paper No. 121 (Q92 Opp.92) published on 2021-06-30)

20. **AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
AND FORMER UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE**

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Home Affairs

Following an agreement signed between the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the former United States Secretary of State in September of 2020, on Joint Maritime and Air Patrols between Guyana and the United States to interdict drugs, can the Honourable Minister state whether any arrest and charges were made as a result of the patrols?

(Notice Paper No. 122 (Q93 Opp.93) published on 2021-06-30)

21. **REPORTS OF CRIMES, MURDERS AND OTHER SERIOUS OFFENCES**

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Home Affairs

Given the recent reports of crimes, murders and other serious offences as published in the articles and on websites listed below “PRESS RELEASE: GCCI Statement on National Crime Situation – Georgetown Chamber of Commerce & Industry” dated the 22nd April, 2021, “US Embassy warns of Georgetown’s situation after visitor robbed in parking lot published by News Source Guyana on the 24th May, 2020”, “Mattai’s owner stabbed during attempted robbery outside home” Guyana Chronicle dated the 19th April, 2021, “Eleven (11) years old boy shot dead in Sophia during

robbery”, Demerara Waves dated the 11th March, 2021, “Businessman robbed twice in one day”, Kaieteur News 2nd June, 2021. Can the Honourable Minister state what steps are being taken to address and prevent such reoccurrences and explain the Government’s long term policy and plans to address the rising levels of crime within the country?

(Notice Paper No. 123 (Q94 Opp.94) published on 2021-06-30)

22. ILLEGAL/ CONTRABAND ITEMS FOUND IN GUYANA’S PRISONS

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Home Affairs

Given reports published of several illegal and/or contraband items found within the Guyana Prisons and contained in the article and website listed below, among several other publications including : - (a) “Prohibited items found at Mazaruni Prison”, published in Stabroek News dated the 17th May 2021, (b) “Contraband found during Camp Street prison exercise”, Kaieteur News dated the 23rd January, 2021, “Ganja among contraband items found at Lusignan Prison”, published on the Inews website <https://www.inewsguyana.com/> dated the 5th January, 2021. Can the Honourable Minister indicate what steps are being taken to prevent such activities in the Guyana Prison system and explain the Government’s long-term policy to prevent such reoccurrences?

(Notice Paper No. 124 (Q95 Opp.95) published on 2021-06-30)

23. PRISON ESCAPEES FROM GUYANA’S PRISONS

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Home Affairs

Given the recent published reports of several prison escapees from the Guyana Prison system contained in published articles and websites, listed below “Prisoner escapes from Lusignan jail during kitchen duties”, published on News Source Guyana (newssourcegy.com) dated 30th September, 2020, “Three more inmates escape from Lusignan Prison – use bedsheets to get over

fence”, published in the Stabroek News dated the 22nd November, 2020, “Four escaped from Mazaruni Prison”, published in Stabroek News dated the 16th February, 2021. Can the Honourable Minister indicate what steps are being taken to prevent such reoccurrences at the Prisons in Guyana and additionally explain the Government’s long-term policy to address the situation?

(Notice Paper No. 125 (Q96 Opp.96) published on 2021-06-30)

For Oral Replies

***24. DOMESTIC COMPONENT OF BORROWING IN BUDGET 2020**

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

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

1. Can the Honourable Minister provide a detailed breakdown of the amount, by source, of the domestic component of the borrowing that was projected in Budget 2020?
2. With respect to (1), can the Honourable Minister provide the latest estimate of the amount, by source, for year ended December 31, 2020?

(Notice Paper No. 81 (Q56 Opp.56) published on 2021-03-30)

***25. FUNDING FOR THE AWARD OF CONTRACTS**

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Housing and Water

Budget 2021 has an appropriated sum of \$6B under "Capital Expenditure" for Infrastructural Development and Buildings, (**Budget Estimate Volume 3, profile 225**). The sum of \$1,254,187B under "Current Expenditure" for "Subsidies and Contributions to Local Organizations" to Central Housing and Planning Authority for Housing Development and Management (**Budget Estimate Volume 1, page 599**).

16.

In an online reporting by the Department of Public Information, dated March 16, 2021, "\$13.9B in contracts was signed for housing development."

*Can the Honourable Minister state where the shortfall of \$7.9B was funded from for the awarding of some \$13.9B in contracts to commence infrastructural works and construction of housing units in Regions 3, 4, 5 and 6, respectively?

(Notice Paper No. 99 (Q73 Opp.73) published on 2021-04-12)

***26. DIRECT SUPPORT FOR TEACHERS 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 what direct support (free data, devices, electricity cost, allowances, or training, etc.) was given to Teachers delivering online classes from their homes over the last two terms in Regions (1-10) for nursery, primary and secondary schools?

(B) *Please state whether anywhere in Budgets 2020 and 2021 addressed direct support for Teachers who delivered online classes from their homes using their personal computers, data, and electricity, given that both Budgets were delivered amidst the COVID-19 pandemic?

(Notice Paper No. 97 (Q71 Opp.71) published on 2021-04-12)

***27. ABSENTEES FROM VIRTUAL AND PHYSICAL CLASSES 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 how many students (number & percentage) by gender in Regions (1-10) did not attend online classes but were required to, over the last two terms for nursery, primary and secondary schools?

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(B) *Can the Honourable Minister further inform the House how many students (number & percentage) by gender in Regions (1-10) did not attend face to face classes but were required to, over the last two terms, for primary and secondary schools?

(Notice Paper No. 98 (Q72 Opp.72) published on 2021-04-12)

***28. NUMBER OF REPORTS OF MISSING CITIZENS**

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Home Affairs

(A) *For the period 1st August 2020 to 12th April 2021, can the Honourable Minister inform the National Assembly how many reports of citizens going missing were dealt with by the Guyana Police Force?

(B) *For the period 1st May 2015 to 12th January 2016, can the Honourable Minister also inform the National Assembly how many reports of citizens going missing were dealt with by the Guyana Police Force?

(C) *Can the Honourable Minister further inform the National Assembly by Region, the number of citizens in A & B above (state separately) that were discovered dead? Please state their names.

(Notice Paper No. 103 (Q77 Opp.77) published on 2021-05-06)

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS, INCLUDING POLICY STATEMENTS-

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS-

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-

18.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS-

Introduction and First Reading

PETROLEUM (EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2021 – Bill No. 14/2021

The Minister of Natural Resources, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Act.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

(i) GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

BILLS – Second Readings

1. 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:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Adoption of Children Act.

(Read a first time on 2021-02-11)

2. 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)

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3. 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)

4. 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)

5. 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)

6. 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)

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7. **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)

8. **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)

BILLS – Committee, Second and Third Readings

*9. **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)

*10. **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:

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

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

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

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

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;

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

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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/d) 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

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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)

***12. 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)

(ii) **COMMITTEES' BUSINESS**

MOTIONS

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

Mr. Jermaine Figueira, 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)

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

Mr. Jermaine Figueira, M.P., Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee to move the following motion:

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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)

15. **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:

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)

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27th July, 2021.