

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**ORDER PAPER**

**FOR THE 31<sup>ST</sup> 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 MONDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2021**

**IN THE DOME OF THE ARTHUR CHUNG CONFERENCE CENTRE,**

**LILIENDAAL, GREATER GEORGETOWN**

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-**

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**1. CONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF ROADS, BRIDGES AND BUILDINGS IN REGION #3**

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

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

1. From the Details of Capital Expenditure 2021 a lump sum of \$29,000,000 was approved for the construction of a sanitary facility at Leguan and storerooms at Crane and Vreed-en-Hoop. Can the Hon. Minister disaggregate the \$29,500,000, and provide the specifics of the work to be done at Leguan, Crane and Vreed-en-Hoop?
2. From the Details of Capital Expenditure 2021 a lump sum of \$95,000,000 is approved for the payment of retention, Construction of revetments at Ruby and Hogg Island and Drainage Structure at Hubu, Rehabilitation of Drainage and Irrigation structures at Georgia, Farm, Hogg Island and Toevlugt. A sum of \$57,000,000 was already spent in this on-going expenditure. Can the Hon. Minister disaggregate the \$95,000,000 and provide the specifics reference the works that are currently on-going and the works that are yet to commence?
3. From the Details of Capital Expenditure 2021 a lump sum of \$105,000,000 is approved for bridges and culverts at Uitvlugt, Endeavour, Goed Intent, Tuschen, Stewartville, Best, la Jalousie, Crane and Wakenaam. Can the Hon. Minister say where bridges will be built and where culverts will be built? Can the Hon. Minister disaggregate the \$105,000,000 and provide the specifics of the different bridges and culverts?

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4. From the Details of Capital Expenditure 2021 a lump sum of \$124,000,000 is approved for construction and rehabilitation of roads. Can the Hon. Minister disaggregate the \$105,000,000?
5. From the Details of Capital Expenditure 2021 a lump sum of \$145,000,000 is approved for Provision for Buildings, schools, dormitory, water troughs, sanitary facilities and living quarters. Can the Hon. Minister disaggregate the \$145,000,000?
6. Can the Hon. Minister say how many children will be catered for at the Leonora Secondary School Dormitory?

**(Notice Paper No. 85 (Q60 Opp.60) published on 2021-03-30)**

2. **REGION #3 RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

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

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

Can the Hon. Minister provide a detailed Report with reference to the Region's response to COVID-19 and the functions of the Regional Task Force on COVID-19?

**(Notice Paper No. 88 (Q63 Opp.63) published on 2021-03-30)**

3. **REGIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

Can the Hon. Minister say what format would the Regional Strategic Plan take and if a physical document would be available to the public so as to understand the Regional Strategic Plan clearer?

**(Notice Paper No. 89 (Q64 Opp.64) published on 2021-03-30)**

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**4. POLICE OFFICERS' BODY CAMERAS**

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

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

1. Could the Honourable Minister indicate the percentage of Police Officers outfitted with body cameras as part of their official uniform?
2. Can the Honourable Minister state if policies and protocols are being developed with respect to the implementation of body cameras?
3. Can the Honourable Minister lay over the polices, if available? If not available, as soon as, it becomes available?

**(Notice Paper No. 126 (Q97 Opp.97) published on 2021-06-30)**

**5. DEATH OF MR. PETER HEADLEY WHILE IN POLICE CUSTODY**

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

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

“The Guyana Police Force in its press release dated the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021, stated that civilian Peter Headley died while in Police custody on the said 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021”. Can the Honourable Minister state the following:

- (1) What are the protocols that govern the apprehension of suspects who are in their vehicles?
- (2) What are the protocols that govern the search of the vehicles of citizens, and can the Minister indicate how thorough are these searches conducted?
- (3) What are the protocols that govern the police taking command of the vehicles of suspects?
- (4) Were the ranks wearing bodycams or any recording paraphernalia during this incident?

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- (5) In the event that a suspect is shot while in custody, what are the Standing Operational Procedures that govern the administering of medical attention at the scene and, thereafter, the protocols relating to the transport of the suspect to the hospital?
- (6) In the event of a suspect being shot and killed under unclear circumstances and/or questionable circumstances, what are the Standing Operational Procedures that relate to the immediate investigation into the conduct of the ranks involved in the incident?
- (7) Could the Minister explain why in the presence of an official Guyana Police Force vehicle was the suspect placed in a civilian vehicle after his arrest?

**(Notice Paper No. 127 (Q98 Opp.98) published on 2021-06-30)**

### **Oral Replies**

#### **\*6. NUMBER OF REPORTS OF SEXUAL ABUSE**

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

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

\*For the period 1st May 2015 to 12th January 2016, can the Honourable Minister inform the National Assembly how many reports, by Region, of sexual abuse that were dealt with by the Guyana Police Force?

**(Notice Paper No. 104 (Q78 Opp.78) published on 2021-05-06)**

#### **\*7. TRAFFICKING OF DRUGS**

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

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

- A. \*For the period 1st August 2020 to 1st April 2021, can the Honourable Minister inform the National Assembly how many pounds of cocaine were reported and the number of times, as originated (trafficked) from Guyana at the time of interception in a second country?

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- B. \*For the period 1st August 2015 to 1st January 2016, can the Honourable Minister additionally inform the National Assembly how many pounds of cocaine were reported and the number of times, as originated (trafficked) from Guyana, at the time of interception in a second country?
- C. \*For the period 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020 to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021, can the Honourable Minister inform the National Assembly, how many persons were apprehended and charged for cocaine trafficking/possession of amounts more than five pounds in Guyana and the number of incidences?
- D. \*For the period 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020 to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021, can the Honourable Minister further inform the National Assembly, how many persons in Guyana were apprehended and charged for cocaine trafficking of amounts more than five pounds and the number of incidences, when cocaine was intercepted in a second country, but was trafficked from Guyana?

(Notice Paper No. 105 (Q79 Opp.79) published on 2021-05-06)

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**BILLS – Second Readings**

**1. PETROLEUM (EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION) (AMENDMENT) BILL  
2021 – Bill No. 14/2021 published on 2021-07-27**

The Minister of Natural Resources to move the second reading of the following Bill:

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

**(Read a first time on 2021-08-03)**

**2. 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)**

**3. 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)**

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4. **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)**

5. **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)**

6. **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)**

7. **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)**



**MOTION**

**8. ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF  
THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY ON THE DEATH IN AN  
EXPLOSION OF THE LATE DR. WALTER RODNEY**

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

WHEREAS the Report on “The Commission of Inquiry Appointed to Enquire and Report on the Circumstances Surrounding the Death in An Explosion of the Late Dr. Walter Rodney on Thirteenth Day of June, One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eighty at Georgetown” was handed over to President David Granger on February 10, 2016;

AND WHEREAS the complete report emanating from the Commission of Inquiry was never made public;

AND WHEREAS the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, Mr. Basil Williams, M.P., laid Volume 1 of the Report of the Commission of Inquiry in the National Assembly on May 12, 2016;

AND WHEREAS in Volume I of the Report of the Commission of Inquiry, the Commission presented its findings including “Critical Findings and Summary on Gregory Smith” and 11 significant recommendations;

AND WHEREAS a motion was brought by the Opposition Chief Whip Gail Teixeira, M.P., calling on the “National Assembly to adopt the report and its findings” and calling “on the Government to take measures to implement the recommendations therein in order to ensure that the democratic architecture of the state is preserved and strengthened”;

AND WHEREAS the motion was debated in the National Assembly on August 4, 2016, and amended by the Government to read “the National Assembly acknowledges the report” and “calls on the Government to take measures to examine the findings and recommendations therein in order to ascertain whether any, and if so which, are acceptable and implementable;”

AND WHEREAS there was no movement on this Resolution by the former Government,

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

That this National Assembly adopts Volume 1 of the Report and its findings;

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

That the National Assembly calls on the Government to take measures to implement the recommendations therein in order to preserve and strengthen the democratic architecture of the state; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That this National Assembly calls on the Government to take measures to cause the complete report emanating from the Commission of Inquiry be made public and publicly available electronically.

(Notice Paper No. 128 (M29 Govt.19) published on 2021-07-29)

**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:

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

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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:

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”;

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

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)**

\*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;

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

**14.**

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.

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**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 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, to conclude the work that was referred to it in that Session,

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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:

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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2021.**