

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 34TH 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 WEDNESDAY, 29TH DECEMBER, 2021,

IN THE DOME OF THE ARTHUR CHUNG CONFERENCE CENTRE,

LILIENDAAL, GREATER GEORGETOWN

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Third Report of the Committee on Appointments in relation to the Appointment of Members to the Police Service Commission.

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS-

PUBLIC BUSINESS

(i) **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

BILLS – Second Readings

1. **LOCAL CONTENT BILL 2021 – Bill No. 21/2021 published on 2021-12-15**

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

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A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the implementation of local content obligations on persons engaged in petroleum operations or related activities in the petroleum sector; to prioritise Guyanese nationals and Guyanese companies in the procurement of goods and services for the enhancement of the value chain of the petroleum sector; to enable local capacity development; to provide for the investigation, supervision, co-ordination, monitoring and evaluation of, and participation in, local content in Guyana; to promote competitiveness and encourage the creation of related industries that will sustain the social and economic development of Guyana; and for other related matters.

(Read a first time on 2021-12-16)

2. **NATURAL RESOURCE FUND BILL 2021 – Bill No. 20/2021 published on 2021-12-15**

The Senior Minister in the Office the President with Responsibility for Finance to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to establish the Natural Resource Fund to manage the natural resource wealth of Guyana for the present and future benefit of the people and for the sustainable development of the country, and for connected matters.

(Read a first time on 2021-12-16)

3. **FISCAL MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2021 – Bill No. 17/2021 published on 2021-12-10**

The Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Fiscal Management and Accountability Act and the Audit Act.

(Read a first time on 2021-12-13)

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4. **HUMAN ORGAN AND TISSUE TRANSPLANT BILL 2021 – Bill No. 19/ 2021**
published on 2021-12-15

The Minister of Health to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to make provision for the donation and removal of human organs, tissues, cells and biofluids for transplantation and blood for transfusion, for their use for regenerative medicine including cell therapy, gene therapy and stem cell therapy, and other therapeutic purposes, for medical education and for scientific research purposes including stem cell research, cell explant research and cell line research, and for connected matters.

(Read a first time on 2021-12-16)

5. **POWERS OF ATTORNEY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2021 – Bill No. 15/2021**
published on 2012-12-10

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 Powers of Attorney Act.

(Read a first time on 2021-12-13)

6. **DEEDS REGISTRY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2021 – Bill No. 16/2021 published on**
2021-12-10

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 Deeds Registry Act.

(Read a first time on 2021-12-13)

BILLS – Committee, Second and Third Readings

***7. 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)

***8. 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

***9. 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**

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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”,

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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)

- *10. **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;

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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

11. APPROVAL OF LIST OF ENTITIES TO NOMINATE MEMBERS TO THE ETHNIC RELATIONS COMMISSION

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

WHEREAS, article 212A of the Constitution provides for the establishment of an Ethnic Relations Commission;

AND WHEREAS, in accordance with article 212 B (1) of the Constitution, the Ethnic Relations Commission shall consist of –

- (a) *“not less than five nor more than fifteen members, nominated by entities, by a consensual mechanism determined by the National Assembly, including entities, representative of religious bodies, the labour movement, the private business sector, youth and women, after the entities are determined by the votes not less than twothirds of all elected members of the National Assembly;*
- (b) *a member who shall be a nominee, without the right to vote, chosen by and from each of the following commissions to be established under this Constitution, Indigenous Peoples’ Commission, Women and Gender Equality Commission, Commission for the Rights of the Child and Human Rights Commission.”*

AND WHEREAS, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Appointments (COA) examined the list of entities to nominate members to the Ethnic Relations Commission in accordance with article 212 B (1)(a) of the Constitution, Resolution No. 62 of 2000, and Resolution No. 68 of 2014 which increased the composition from 7 to 10 with regard to the number of members on the said Commission;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the list of entities on the attached First Schedule in accordance with article 212 (B)(1)(a);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves that the number of nominees for each group of entities be as follows: -

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| Groups of Entities | Number of Members |
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| Christian Religion | One Member |
| Hindu Religion | One Member |
| Muslim Religion | One Member |
| Labour Movement | One Member |
| Private Sector Organisations | One Member |
| Youth Organisations | One Member |
| Women Organisations | One Member |
| Cultural/Ethnic Organisations | |
| - Indo-Guyanese | One Member |
| - Afro-Guyanese | One Member |
| - Indigenous/Amerindian | One Member |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the consensual mechanism for the nomination of the members by the entities as set out in the Second Schedule attached.

(Notice Paper No. 141 (M29 Committees 6) published on 2021-12-06)

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FIRST SCHEDULE

Groups and Entities within each Group to Nominate Members of the Ethnic Relations Commission

RELIGIOUS BODIES: -

Islamic Bodies

Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat
Anjuman Ilifazutal Islam
Essequibo Ahmadiyya Organisation Lahore
Guyana Islamic Forum
Guyana Islamic Trust
Guyana United Sadr Islamic Anjuman
Hijatul Ulamaa
The Central Islamic Organisation of Guyana

Hindu Bodies

Brahma Kumaris
Gandhi Youth Organisation
Guyana Central Arya Samaj
Guyana Hindu Dharmic Sabha
Guyana Maha Kali All Religious Organisation
Guyana Pandits Council
Guyana Sanatan Dharma Maha Sabha
Guyana Sevashram Sangha, Cove and John Ashram
Hare Krishna Iskcon Movement Guyana
Sri Sathya Sai Baba Organisation of Guyana
Viraat Sabha

Christian Bodies

Ambassadors for Christ

Church of Christ

District of the Nazarene Church of Guyana

Family Federation for World Peace & Unification

Freedom Life Ministries Inc.

Georgetown Ministers Fellowship (Umbrella Body - See Appendix for details)

Guyana Conference of Seventh-Day Adventist

Guyana Congregational Union

Guyana Council of Churches (GCC) (Umbrella Body - See Appendix for details)

Guyana Evangelical Fellowship (Umbrella Body - See Appendix for details)

Lifespring Ministries

The Wesleyan Church

The Church of God

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

The Guyana United Apostolic Mystical Council

The Hareyuya Church aka The Alleluias Church

The New Amsterdam/ Canje Christian Council

Zadok Ministers Fellowship (Umbrella Body - See Appendix for details)

THE LABOUR MOVEMENT BODIES

Amalgamated Transport and General Workers Union (AT&GWU)

Clerical & Commercial Workers Union (CCWU)

General Workers Union (GWU)

Guyana Agricultural & General Workers' Union (GAWU)

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Guyana Bauxite and General Workers Union (GBSU)

Guyana Labour Union (GLU)

Guyana Local Government Officers' Union (GLGOU)

Guyana Postal and Telecommunication Workers' Union (GP&TWU)

Guyana Public Service Union (GPSU)

Guyana Taxis Service Association

Guyana Teachers Union (GTU)

National Association of Agricultural, Commercial and Industrial Employees (NAACIE)

National Mine Workers' Union of Guyana

National Union of Public Service Employees (NUPSE)

Printing Industry and Allied Workers' Union (PIAWU)

The People United and General Workers Union (TPU&GWU)

Union of Agricultural & Allied Workers (UAAW)

United Minibus Union

University of Guyana Senior Staff Association (UGSSA)

University of Guyana Workers Union (UGWU)

PRIVATE BUSINESS SECTOR BODIES

Bankers' Association of Guyana

Bartica Chamber of Commerce and Development Association

Berbice Chamber of Commerce and Development Association (BCCDA)

Central Corentyne Chamber of Commerce (CCCC)

Consultative Association of Guyanese Industry (CAGI)

Essequibo Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ECCI)

Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCCI)

Guycraft Producers Association Inc.

Guyana Forest Products Association
 Guyana Gold & Diamond Miners Association
 Guyana Manufacturers and Services Association
 Guyana Private Sector Commission
 Guyana Rice Millers and Exporters Development Association
 Guyana Rice Producers Association
 Guyana Trawlers and Seafood Processors Association
 Linden Chamber of Industry, Commerce and Development (LCICD)
 Private Aircraft Owners Association of Guyana
 Rupununi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI)
 Shipping Association of Guyana
 The Tourism and Hospitality Association of Guyana
 Upper Corentyne Chamber of Commerce (UCCI)
 Region 5 Chamber of Industry and Commerce
 West Demerara/East Bank Essequibo & Islands' Chamber of Commerce
 and Industry, Inc. (WD/EBE)/I)

YOUTH BODIES

Central Baptist Youth Fellowship
 Church of Christ Youth Group
 Diocese of Georgetown (Roman Catholic Youth Office)
 Dharmic Naujawan (Dharmic Youth)
 Empowering Queers Using Artistic Learning (EQUAL)
 Full Gospel Youth Fellowship
 Generation Next
 Golden Om Dharmic Youth Organisation

Guyana Girl Guides Association
Guyana Central Arya Samaj -Youth Organisation
Guyana Congregational Young People's Union
Guyana Scouts Association
Guyana Youth and Student Movement
Guyana Youth Development Association
Indian Action Committee Youth Group
Joshua Generation
Junior Chamber International Guyana (JCI Guyana)
Leo Association of Guyana
Methodist Youth Club
Muslim Youth League of Guyana
Muslim Youth Organisation
National Youth Council
Outreach Ministries International -Youth Arm
Presbytery of Guyana Youth Council
Progressive Youth Organisation
Rotaract Clubs of Guyana
President's Youth Award: Republic of Guyana, MS
The Youth Ministries Department of the Guyana Conference of Seventh-Day Adventist
The Moravian Church in Guyana, Youth Fellowship
University of Guyana Student Society
Volunteer Youth Corps
Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA)
Youth Advocacy Movement (YAM)

Youths for Change (YFC)

Youth Ministries Department of the Assemblies of God

WOMEN'S BODIES

Assemblies of God Women's Ministry

Association of Women Entrepreneurs

Guyana Association of Women's Artists

Guyana Association of Women's Lawyers

Guyana District Conference Women's Work Committee (Methodist)

Guyana Hindu Dharmic Sabha Mahila Mandalee

Guyana Nurses Association

Guyana Women's Miners Association

Guyanese Women in Development (GUY WID)

Lutheran Church Women

National Congress of Women

Outreach Ministries International Women's Group

Red Thread Women's Development Project

Salvation Army Home League

The Mother's Union Diocese of Guyana

The National Committee of Sisters Affairs (NACOSA)

The Women's Ministries Department of the Guyana Conference of Seventh-Day Adventist

Women's Advisory Council (WAC)

Women Across Differences

Women for Change (AFC Women Arm)

Women's Progressive Organisation

Young Women's Christian Association of Guyana (YWCA)

CULTURAL /ETHNIC

Indigenous/Amerindian Bodies

Amerindian People's Association

Guyanese Organisation of Indigenous Peoples'

National Amerindian Development Foundation

National Toshias Council

The Amerindian Action Movement of Guyana

Afro-Guyanese Bodies

African Cultural and Development Association (ACDA)

All African Guyanese Council

Forum for the Temples of Kamaatic Spirituality

Guyana Rastafarian Council

House of NyahBinghi

International Decade for People of African Descent Assembly - Guyana (IDPADA-G)

Pan African Movement (Guyana Branch)

Indo-Guyanese Bodies

Indian Action Committee

Indian Commemoration Trust

Appendix

Guyana Council of Churches:

1. AME Church (St. Peter's)
2. AME Zion Church
3. Anglican Diocese
4. Catholic Diocese
5. Church of God
6. Church of the Nazarene
7. Congregational Union
8. Ethiopian Orthodox
9. Evangelical Lutheran
10. Methodist Church
11. Moravian Church
12. Outreach Ministries
13. Presbyterian Church (Burns Memorial)
14. Presbyterian Church (St. Andrews Kirk)
15. Salvation Army
16. Guyana Missionary Baptist Church

Guyana Evangelical Fellowship:

1. Assemblies of God
2. Full Gospel Fellowship
3. Elim Pentecostal Fellowship
4. Christian Brethren Assemblies
5. Wesleyan Church
6. New Testament Church of God

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7. Christian Mission
8. Church of God of Prophecy
9. Faith Miracles Ministries
10. Word of Faith
11. First Century Gospel Mission Assembly
12. Intervarsity Fellowship (IS/IVF)
13. Every Home Crusade
14. EPAS (Early Pregnancy)

Georgetown Ministers' Fellowship Churches:

1. Agape Assembly of God
2. Bethlehem New Testament
3. Bladen Hall Assembly of God
4. Bethel Gospel Hall
5. Christian Mission Gospel Tabernacle
6. Church of God of Prophecy
7. Covent Garden Assembly of God
8. Deliverance Tabernacle Assembly of God
9. Ruimveldt Life Improvement Centre AOG
10. Ebenezer Full Gospel Fellowship
11. Elim Pentecostal Church
12. Emmanuel's Tabernacle Kitty Assembly of God
13. First Assembly of God Wortmanville
14. From the Heart Church Ministries
15. Holy Spirit Empowered Church of Lord Jesus Christ
16. House of Prayer Tucville Assembly
17. Kingston Assembly of God
18. Love & Faith World Outreach Ministries

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19. New Life Assembly of God
20. Newton Assembly of God
21. Queenstown Moravian
22. Streams of Power Ministries
23. South Road Full Gospel Fellowship
24. Success Assembly of God
25. Sure Foundation Ministries
26. Tuschen Assembly of God
27. Vreed-en-Hoop Wesleyan Church

Zadok Ministries Fellowship:

1. Outreach Ministries International
2. Ambassadors of Christ Ministries
3. Grace Pentecostal Fellowship
4. Praise Shekinah Worship Centre
5. Jesus Home of Prayer and Deliverance
6. Jesus Highs Healing and Deliverance Ministry
7. Restoreth Ministry Inc.
8. Pentecostal Family Ministry
9. Word of Life Center

SECOND SCHEDULE

Consensual Mechanism for the Nomination by Entities for Members of the Ethnic Relations Commission

All the Entities in each Group, immediately on the passage of this motion, should be written to by the Clerk of the National Assembly inviting them to meet as a group, to select their nominees and to send a representative/s on an appointed day/date, time to appear before the Parliamentary Standing Committee to Appoint Members of the Commissions, at the Parliament Buildings to present the name/s of their nominee/s for Membership on the Ethnic Relations Commission.

A deadline shall be set by the Clerk of the National Assembly on advice by the Standing Committee, by which time it would be formally notified of the names and other requested particulars of the Nominee/s, the process used for the selection of the Nominee/s by the entity, and a statement to the effect that the Nominee/s is/are supported and accepted by that entity.

The Nominee/s chosen to represent the Group must be a person/s who is competent to contribute positively to the work of the Commission and who are committed to ensuring that it discharges all of its functions. They should have earned public respect and be of unquestionable honesty and integrity.

The process used must be demonstrated to be unbiased and transparent. It is important that the Nominee/s obtain the unquestioned support and acceptance of the Entity nominating them as well as the Entities within the Group.

Where there is a recognized “*umbrella organization*” in the list of entities for that Group, the Clerk shall write to that organization and copy his letter to each of the “*constituent entities*” within the Group.

12. **ADOPTION OF THE THIRD REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS IN RELATION TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE POLICE SERVICE COMMISSION**

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

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly adopts the Third Report of the Standing Committee to address matters relating to the Appointment of Members of Commissions established under the Constitution, and signify to the President that the following persons:

- (i) **Mr. Ernesto Choo-a-Fat, Businessman;**
- (ii) **Mr. Lloyd Mark Conway, Attorney-at-Law;**
- (iii) **Mr. Hakeem Mohamed, A.A., Businessman; and**
- (iv) **Mr. Patrick Anthony Findlay, Bishop.**

who have been nominated in accordance with article 210(1)(c) of the Constitution, be appointed Members of the Police Service Commission.

(Notice Paper No. 152 (M 32 Committees 7) published on 2021-12-20)

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

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

21st December, 2021.

