NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 46TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION (2020-2022) OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD AT 2.00 P.M.

ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH APRIL, 2022,

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-

(1) By the Speaker of the National Assembly (Chairperson of the Committee of Selection):
Minutes of Proceedings of the 6th Meeting of the Committee of Selection held on Tuesday,
1st March, 2022.

(To be Circulated)

(2) By the Prime Minister:

Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission for the year 2020.

(To be Circulated)

(3) By the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance:

(i) Annual Report of the Supreme Court of Judicature for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018.

(To be Circulated)

(ii) Women and Gender Equality Commission Five Year Strategic Plan 2021 – 2026. (To be Circulated)

(4) By the Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance:

Treasury Memorandum Pursuant to Resolution No. 25/2021 dated December 13, 2021, of the National Assembly on the Public Accounts of Guyana for the year 2015.

(To be Circulated)

(5) By the Minister of Public Works:

Audited Financial Statements of the Cheddi Jagan International Airport Corporation for the year ended 31st December, 2020.

(To be Circulated)

(6) By the Minister of Health:

The Public Health (Coronavirus) (No. 3) Regulations 2022 – No. 8 of 2022.

(To be Circulated)

(7) By the Minister of Housing and Water:

Audited Financial Statements of the Central Housing and Planning Authority for the year ended 31st December, 2019.

(To be Circulated)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES-

(1) By Mr. Jermaine Figueira, M.P., (Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee): Report of the Public Accounts Committee in relation to the Appointment of Members to the Public Procurement Commission.

(Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance (Chairperson of the Committee on Appointments):

Fourth Report of the Committee on Appointments in relation to the Appointment of Members to the Women & Gender Equality Commission.

(Circulated)

(3) By the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance (Chairperson of the Committee on Appointments):

Fifth Report of the Committee on Appointments in relation to the Appointment of a Director to the Board of the Natural Resource Fund and a Member to the Public Accountability and Oversight Committee in keeping with the Natural Resource Fund Act No. 19 of 2021.

(Circulated)

ORAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

For Written Replies

1. FIRE AT THE BRICKDAM POLICE STATION

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Home Affairs

It was widely reported at a Press Conference on the 3rd October, 2021, hosted by the Honourable Minister of Home Affairs along with members of the Disciplined Forces, that at least 80 % of the Brickdam Police Station was destroyed by fire".

1. Can the Hon. Minister indicate the causes, conditions and circumstances surrounding the aforementioned fire and how did the government manage the situation as it unfolded and its aftermath?

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2. Can the Minister provide a detailed explanation as to why the fire at the Brickdam Station was not contained, having regard to the fact that the Central Fire Station is located a mere

two minutes away from the Brickdam Police Station?

(Notice Paper No. 159 (Q124 Opp.124) published on 2022-01-19)

2. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS AT THE BRICKDAM POLICE STATION

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Home Affairs

"It was widely reported at a Press Conference on the 3rd October, 2021, hosted by the Hon Minister of Home Affairs along with members of the Disciplined Forces, that at least 80 % of the Brickdam Police Station was destroyed by fire".

Can the Minister state the number of working fire extinguishers that were in place at the Brickdam Police Station prior to the 3rd October, 2021, and the location of each fire extinguisher?

(Notice Paper No. 160 (Q125 Opp.125) published on 2022-01-19)

3. PUBLIC BUILDINGS TO BE EQUIPPED WITH FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Home Affairs

"It was widely reported at a Press Conference on the 3rd October, 2021, hosted by the Hon Minister of Home Affairs along with members of the Disciplined Forces, that at least 80 % of the Brickdam Police Station was destroyed by fire".

A. Can the Minister indicate whether an advisory has been issued under his hand or under his

directives to ensure that all Public Buildings are fully equipped with fire extinguishers, an

identified area to serve as muster point, regular fire drills, the installation of sprinkler

systems? If yes, can the Minister indicate the date such advisory was issued and provide

to the house a copy of any such advisory.

B. Can the Minister indicate whether consideration has been given to establishing a

mechanism to examine all aspects related to fire safety, review of existing systems

inclusive of building codes, an immediate assessment of all response mechanisms,

remedial actions as well as a review of the available equipment and the human resource

capacity?

C. If yes, can the Minister indicate the findings made thus far, the composition of any such

team, the criteria used in selecting the members of the review team, the date of

commencement of the assessment and the timeline for the submission of any report on the

aforesaid?

(Notice Paper No. 161 (Q126 Opp.126) published on 2022-01-19)

4. TRAINING RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE GUYANA POLICE FORCE AS

FIRE RESPONDERS

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Home Affairs

"It was widely reported at a Press Conference on the 3rd October, 2021, hosted by the Hon Minister

of Home Affairs along with members of the Disciplined Forces, that at least 80 % of the Brickdam

Police Station was destroyed by fire".

Can the Minister detail the training received by all ranks of the Guyana Police Force in relation to their duties and the established protocols as fire responders in cases of a fire at their locations? Can the Minister indicate the areas of training received and the length of any such training?

(Notice Paper No. 162 (Q127 Opp.127) published on 2022-01-19)

5. ASSESSMENT AND STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOP) OF THE GUYANA POLICE FORCE

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Home Affairs

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- 1. Can the Minister indicate what assessment has been done to determine the critical departments of the Brickdam Police Station that have been more significantly affected? Further, can the Minister advise on the government's short, medium and long-term plans to address the needs of the critical departments?
- 2. Can the Minister indicate if the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) were activated on the 3rd October, 2021, at the scene of the fire? If yes, can the Minister also indicate whether the Guyana Fire Service was the first responder?
- 3. Can the Minister indicate if the correct Alert Code was given as detailed in the protocols to the Disciplined forces? Further, at what stage and what Alert Code was given?
- 4. Can the Minister indicate how many Senior Ranks within the Guyana Fire Service were on duty on the 3rd October, 2021, and the ranks of all senior officers who were on duty on the said date?

5. Can the Hon. Minister state whether the conduct of the staff of the Guyana Fire Service who were on duty was in conformity with the Standard Operating Procedures of the Guyana Fire Service? If no, can the Minister advise what actions have been taken to address those officers who have breached their SOPS?

(Notice Paper No. 163 (Q128 Opp.128) published on 2022-01-19)

For Oral Reply

*6. <u>ELECTIONS FOR CHAIRMEN, DEPUTY CHAIRMEN, MAYORS, DEPUTY MAYORS OF THE SEVENTY (70) NEIGHBOURHOOD DEMOCRATIC COUNCILS AND TEN (10) MUNICIPALITIES</u>

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

"In keeping with the Laws of Guyana Chapter 28:02 section 28 (1) and (2) and the Local Authorities (Elections) (Amendment) Act 2018 (Act No. 10 of 2018) which state:

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Chapter 28:02 - Section 28

- 1. The Councillors of every Council, after hereinafter provided in this section, elect out of their number a Chairman and Deputy Chairman, of the Council.
- 2. The Overseer shall not later than the 16th of December of each year summon a meeting of the Councillors for the ensuing year for the purpose of electing a Chairman and a Deputy Chairman for the ensuing year and not less than three days notice of the meeting shall be given.

Local Authorities (Elections) (Amendment) Act 2018 (Act 10 of 2018) Section 12 (1) Subject to paragraph b and c, the Town Clerk shall in every year no later than the 16th day of December call a meeting of the City Councillors for the purpose of electing the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

*Can the Hon. Minister of Local Government and Regional Development, Mr. Nigel Dharamlall, M.P. explain to this Honourable House why were no elections for Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen, Mayors and Deputy Mayors, of the 70 Neighbourhood Democratic Councils and 10 Municipalities respectively, held on or before December 16, 2021 for the ensuing, year 2022?

Notice Paper No. 168 (Q130 Opp.130) published on 2022-01-31)

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-

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 13 (Order of Business)

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

WHEREAS very important Committees Business (Motions) has been on the Order Paper since December, 2021 to date;

AND WHEREAS some of the aforementioned motions await the approval of the National Assembly in order to proceed with the nomination and appointment of three Constitutional Commissions as well as Statutory Bodies;

AND WHEREAS it is the intention of Government to have the motions adopted in order to allow for some of these Commissions and Statutory Bodies to commence their work.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Standing Order No. 13 (Order of Business) be suspended to allow the Assembly to consider the Committees Business after consideration of Government's Business at its Sitting on 13th April, 2022.

(Notice Paper No. 174 (M42 Govt 23) published on 2022-04-06)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS-

PUBLIC BUSINESS

(i) GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

MOTIONS

1. <u>APPROVAL OF GUYANA'S MEMBERSHIP TO THE COMMONWEALTH</u> <u>ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEES</u>

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

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Association of Public Accounts Committees (CAPAC) was founded in June 2015 with the aim of sustaining and promoting the highest principles of public finance in all Commonwealth Parliaments and thus ensuring that the citizens they serve benefit from strong and independent Public Accounts or equivalent committees;

AND WHEREAS, as decided by the Parliamentary Management Committee, the Parliament of Guyana made application on 27th January, 2020 to become a Member of CAPAC;

AND WHEREAS, for membership to any international organization or resolution of the Parliament of Guyana is required,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of Guyana becoming a Member of the Commonwealth Association of Public Accounts Committees.

(Notice Paper No. 166 (M 35 Govt 22) published on 2022-01-21)

2. AMENDMENT OF STANDING ORDER NO. 82 (Public Accounts Committee)

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

WHEREAS Standing Order No. 82 provides for the establishment of the Public Accounts Committee and defines its role and functions;

AND WHEREAS Standing Order No. 95(6) states that three (3) Members is the quorum on any Standing or Select Committee including the Chairperson "unless the Assembly otherwise direct";

AND WHEREAS Standing Order No. 83(5) provides in the Parliamentary Management Committee for a quorum of five (5) Members, of which two (2) must represent the Government, and, two (2) must represent the Opposition, one (1) of whom shall be the representative of the main Opposition party, and the Speaker and or the Deputy Speaker as the Chairperson of the said Committee;

AND WHEREAS due to the role and functions of the Public Accounts Committee, it would be appropriate to amend Standing Order 82 to provide for a similar quorum formulation as in the Parliamentary Management Committee,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Standing Order No. 82 be amended as follows: -

Public Accounts Committee

Standing Order	HOW AMENDED
82	By inserting immediately after paragraph (3), the following paragraph –
	"(4) A quorum shall be five (5) Members, two (2) representing the
	Government, two (2) representing the Opposition and the Chairperson."

(Notice Paper No. 175 (M43 Govt 24) published on 2022-04-06)

BILLS - Committee, Second and Third Readings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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*Not to be proceeded with at this Sitting

A BILL intituled AN ACT to make provision for the regulation of hirepurchase, 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

5. Payment of first Salary to Public Servants in one (1) month

Mrs. Tabitha Sarabo-Halley, M.P. to move the following motion:

WHEREAS there have been consistent reports from new public servants that they were informed they must wait three months before they received their first salary.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly advises the Government of Guyana to ensure that public servants receive their first paycheck no more than one (1) month after the commencement of their employment in the public sector.

(Notice Paper No. 169 (M37 Opp 6) published on 2022-02-28)

6. INCREASE IN THE COST OF LIVING FOR GUYANESE

Ms. Annette Ferguson, M.P. to move the following motion:

WHEREAS Guyana, and countries around the world, continue to experience a tremendous health and socio-economic (cost of living) impact from the Coronavirus 19 pandemic: ranging in Guyana, over a thousand tragic deaths so far to an alarming increase in the cost of living;

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AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana, in its efforts to cushion the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, provided a one-off twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) COVID-19 cash grant;

AND WHEREAS there has been a substantial increase in the cost of essential food items, some doubling or nearly doubling from pre-pandemic levels, including those grown here in Guyana;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana provided a 7%, taxable increase in salary to Public Servants in December 2021;

AND WHEREAS inflation persist, and Guyanese must brace themselves for further increases in the cost of living in 2022;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana has failed to devise strategies or implement policies, that have proven effective at combating inflation or cushioning its impact on the lives of Guyanese,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Government of Guyana promptly devise a strategy or plan to address the high cost of living Guyanese are burdened with; and

BE IT FURTER RESOLVED:

That the Government of Guyana makes provision for EACH Guyanese above the age of eighteen (18) years be paid a quarterly cash grant of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00), which will compensate for the increase in the cost of living.

(Notice Paper No. 170 (M38 Opp 7) published on 2022-02-28)

*7. 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;

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 (mcfd) 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)

*8. <u>CONDEMN THE BRUTAL AND HORRIFIC KILLING OF JOEL HENRY,</u> <u>ISIAAH HENRY AND HARESH SINGH, BETWEEN THE PERIOD</u> <u>SEPTEMBER 6 to 9, 2020</u>

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;

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;

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED:

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

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

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

(iii) <u>COMMITTEES BUSINESS</u>

MOTIONS

9. 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: -

Groups of Entities	Number of Members	
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)

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 Amesterdam/ 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)

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 (GCCI)

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 Toshaos 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

- 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
- 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.

10. 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)

11. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE IN RELATION TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT COMMISSION

Mr. Jermaine Figueira, M.P., (Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee) to move the following motion: WHEREAS article 212X (2) of the Constitution of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana states:

"The President shall appoint the members of the Commission after such members have been nominated by the Public Accounts Committee and approved by not less than two-thirds of the elected members of the National Assembly."

AND WHEREAS, in keeping with article 212X (2) the Public Accounts Committee established a Sub-Committee for the purpose of shortlisting applicants to the Public Procurement Commission;

AND WHEREAS, the Sub-Committee at its $1^{\rm st}$ Meeting shortlisted the following applicants:

- 1) Justice Carl Ashok Singh
- 2) Mr. Dunstan Barrow, A.A, MBA (Hons.), BSc. (Hons.)
- 3) Mr. Reggie Bhagwandin Jugmohan
- 4) Mr. Roopnarine Satram
- 5) Mr. Gavindra Ramnarain
- 6) Mr. Mark Deen
- 7) Mr. Dwarka Balkaran
- 8) Mr. Berkley Wickham
- 9) Mr. Lelon Saul
- 10) Mr. Kenneth Michael Jordan
- 11) Ms. Sharon Patterson
- 12) Ms. Dianna Rajcumar
- 13) Ms. Beverly Alert

AND WHEREAS, the Sub-Committee at its 2^{nd} Meeting shortlisted the following applicants:

- 1) Ms. Pauline Ann Cleopatra Chase
- 2) Mr. Joel Bhagwandin
- 3) Mr. Rajnarine Singh
- 4) Mr. Berkley Wickham
- 5) Mr. Rawle Lucas

AND WHEREAS, at its 28th Meeting held on January 17, 2022, the Public Accounts Committee, after deliberations, recommended, from among the applicants shortlisted the following persons as the suitable candidates to be appointed to the Public Procurement Commission.

- 1) Ms. Pauline Ann Cleopatra Chase
- 2) Mr. Joel Bhagwandin
- 3) Mr. Rajnarine Singh
- 4) Mr. Berkley Wickham
- 5) Ms. Dianna Rajcumar

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly adopts the Report of the Public Accounts Committee to address matters relating to the appointment of Members to the Public Procurement Commission and signifies to the President that the following persons have been recommended in accordance with article 212X (2) of the Constitution of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana:

- 1) Ms. Pauline Ann Cleopatra Chase
- 2) Mr. Joel Bhagwandin
- 3) Mr. Rajnarine Singh
- 4) Mr. Berkley Wickham
- 5) Ms. Dianna Rajcumar

(Notice Paper No. 172 (M40 Committees 8) published on 2022-03-09)

12. ADOPTION OF THE FIFTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS IN RELATION TO THE APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR TO THE BOARD OF THE NATURAL RESOURCE FUND AND A MEMBER TO THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVERSIGNT COMMITTEE

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

WHEREAS in keeping with the Natural Resource Fund Act No. 19 of 2021, Part III, as follows:-

- "5. (1) There shall be a Board of Directors of the Fund which shall comprise of not less than three and not more than five members who shall be appointed by the President, one of whom shall be appointed Chairperson by the President.
 - (2) The Directors shall be selected from among persons who have wide experience and ability in legal. Financial. Business, or administrative matters, one of whom shall be nominated by the National Assembly and one of whom shall be a representative of the private sector."

And

- "6. (1) There shall be a Committee to be known as the Public Accountability and Oversight Committee which shall comprise the following members appointed by the President and one of whom shall be appointed Chairperson by the President
 - (a) a nominee of the National Assembly;
 - (b) three representatives of the religious community;
 - (c) two representatives of the private sector;
 - (d) two representatives of organized labour; and
 - (e) one representative of the professions."

AND WHEREAS, the Committee proposed ten (10) nominees for the positions;

AND WHEREAS, the Committee on Appointments after deliberations recommended **Mr. Dunstan Barrow** as the suitable candidate to be appointed a Director on the Board of Directors of the Natural Resource Fund, in accordance with the Natural Resource Fund Act No. 19 of 2021;

AND WHEREAS, the Committee on Appointments after deliberations recommended **Mr. Clement Sealey** as the suitable candidate to be appointed as a member to the Public Accountability and Oversight Committee, in accordance with the Natural Resource Fund Act No. 19 of 2021,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly adopts the Fifth Report of the Standing Committee on Appointments to address matters relating to the appointments of a Director on the Board of Directors of the Natural Resource Fund and a member to the Public Accountability and Oversight Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly signifies to the Clerk of the National Assembly that **Mr. Dunstan Barrow** and **Mr. Clement Sealey** be appointed in accordance Part III, of the Natural Resource Fund Act No. 19 of 2021, Sections 5 & 6.

(Notice Paper No. 173 (M41 Committees 9) published on 2022-03-22)

13. ADOPTION OF THE FOURTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS AND APPROVAL OF THE LIST OF ENTITIES AND CONSENSUAL MECHANISM TO NOMINATE MEMBERS TO THE WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY COMMISSION

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

WHEREAS, Article 212 Q of the Constitution has established a Women and Gender Equality Commission;

AND WHEREAS, in accordance with Article 212 Q (2) of the Constitution, the Women and Gender Equality Commission shall consist of-

- (a) "not less than five nor more than fifteen members, with expertise in women's and gender equality issues, nominated by entities, by a consensual mechanism determined by the National Assembly, after the entities which shall include the Women's Advisory Committee of the Trade Union Congress, are determined by the votes of not less than two-thirds of all the elected Members of the National Assembly; and
- (b) the Administrator of the Women's Affairs Bureau, by whatever name that office is designated; and
- (c) a member who shall be a nominee, without the right to vote, chosen by and from each of the following Commissions: the Human Rights Commission, Ethnic Relations Commission, Indigenous People's Commission and Rights of the Child Commission."

AND WHEREAS, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Appointments (COA) examined the list of entities to nominate members to the Women and Gender Equality Commission in accordance with article 212 Q (2)(a) of the Constitution, and Resolution No. 62 of 2000 with regard to the appointment of members to the rights commissions;

AND WHEREAS, the Committee having deliberated on the identification of the entities for nomination to the Women & Gender Equality Commission in accordance with art 212 Q (2) (a), unanimously agrees and proposes that the Commission be comprised of nominations from the list of entities in the First Schedule in the following categories:

Women Bodies	2
Regional Representative from 8 GAC	5
TUC Women's Advisory Council	
Labour Movement	
Private Business Sector Bodies	
Professional Bodies	
Cultural/Ethnic	

And (b)

Administrator of the Women's Affairs Bureau 1

AND WHEREAS, the Committee also unanimously agreed on the consensual mechanism to guide the process for consultation and nomination of Members to the said Women and Gender Equality Commission herein at the Second Schedule;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the proposed representation of the abovementioned categories from the list of entities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly adopts the Committee on Appointments Report on the Women and Gender Equality Commission;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the list of entities to nominate Members to the Women and Gender Equality Commission as set out in the First Schedule attached, in accordance with article 212Q (2)(a) of the Constitution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the consensual mechanism, outlined in the Second Schedule attached.

(Notice Paper No. 176 (M44 Committees 10) published on 2022-04-06)

FIRST SCHEDULE

Group and entities within each Group of Nominate Members of the Women and Gender Equality Commission

Women Bodies- 2

Assemblies of God Women's Ministry

Association of Women Entrepreneurs

Guyana Association of Women's Artists

Guyana Association of Women Lawyers

Guyana District Conference Women's Work Committee (Methodist)

Guyana Hindu Dharmic Sabha- Mahila Mandalee

Guyana Women Miners Organisation

Guyanese Women in Development (GUYWID)

Lutheran Church Women

Mothers' Union Diocese of Guyana

National Committee of Sisters Affairs (NACOSA) (CIOG Women's Arm)

National Congress of Women

Outreach Ministries International Women's Group

Red Thread Women's Development Project

Salvation Army Home League

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

Women Across Differences

Women for Change (AFC Women Arm)

Women's Home & Overseas Missionary Society

Women's Progressive Organisation

Young Women's Christian Association of Guyana (YWCA)

Regional Gender Affairs Committees- (Regions 1-7 & 9) -5

The Labour Movement-1

Amalgamated Transport and General Workers Union (AT&GWU)

Clerical & Commercial Workers Union (CCWU)

General Workers Union (GWU)

Guyana Agricultural & General Workers' Union (GAWU)

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 -1

Bankers' Association of Guyana

Bartica Chamber of Commerce and Development Association

Berbice Chamber of Commerce and Development Association (BCCA)

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 (GCCI)

Guycraft Producers Association Inc.

Guyana Forest Products Association

Guyana Gold and 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 Chambers of Industry and Commerce

West Demerara/East Bank Essequibo & Islands' Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc.

(WD/EBE)/I)

Women's Chamber of Commerce & Industry Guyana (WCCIG)

Professional Group-1

Association of Chartered Accountants

Guyana Association of Optometrists

Guyana Association of Professional Social Workers (GAPSW)

Guyana Bar Association

Guyana Nurses Association

Guyana Medical Association

Guyana Pharmacists' Association

Medical Technologists Association of Guyana

Cultural / Ethnic-3

Indigenous/Amerindian Bodies - 1

Amerindian People's Association Guyanese Organisation of Indigenous Peoples National Amerindian Development Foundation (NADF) National Toshaos Council (NTC) The Amerindian Action Movement of Guyana (TAAMOG)

Afro-Guyanese Bodies -1

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 -1

Indian Action Committee
Indian Commemoration Trust

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

PARLIAMENT OFFICE, Public Buildings, Brickdam, Georgetown.

6th April, 2022.