

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 47TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION

(2020-2022) OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 10.00 A.M.

ON TUESDAY, 17TH MAY, 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 Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance:

Annual Report of the Supreme Court of Judicature for the years 2019 and 2020.

(To be circulated)

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

- (i) Government Notice No. 1 of 2022, regarding Notification Receipts of all petroleum revenues paid into the Natural Resource Fund during the period 1st January, 2022 to 31st March, 2022.

(To be Circulated)

- (ii) Value-Added Tax (Amendment of Schedule 1) Order 2022 – No. 9 of 2022.

(To be Circulated)

(3) By the Minister of Public Works:

- (a) Audited Financial Statements of the Transport and Harbours Department for the year ended 31st December, 2010.

(To be Circulated)

- (b) Audited Financial Statements of the Guyana National Shipping Corporation Limited for the year ended 31st December, 2020.

(To be Circulated)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES-

ORAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

For Written Reply

**DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF ITEMS DESTROYED BY THE FIRE AT 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”.

Can the Minister provide to the House a detailed breakdown of all equipment, vehicles, documents and exhibits completely and partially destroyed? Further, what steps have since been taken to reconstruct documents and the replacing of destroyed and/or damaged equipment and vehicles?

(Notice Paper No. 164 (Q129 Opp.129) published on 2022-01-19)

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-**

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS-

PUBLIC BUSINESS

(i) GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

BILLS – Second Readings

1. CONDOMINIUM BILL 2022 – Bill No. 4/2022 published on 2022-04-06

The Minister of Housing and Water to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to make provision for the horizontal and vertical subdivision of land and buildings into units for individual ownership and to make provision for the use and management of condominiums and matters connected thereto.

(Read a first time on 2022-04-13)

2. MENTAL HEALTH PROTECTION AND PROMOTION BILL 2022 – Bill No. 7/2022 published on 2022-04-08

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide mental health care and treatment for persons with mental illness and to protect, promote and fulfil the human rights of those persons during the delivery of mental health care; to provide for the establishment of the Mental Health Board; to repeal the Mental Hospital Ordinance and for related matters.

(Read a first time on 2022-04-13)

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3. **THE NURSES AND MIDWIVES BILL 2022 – Bill No. 6/2022 published on 2022-04-08**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to make provision for the registration and regulation of nurses, midwives, nursing assistants and specialist nurses, and for related matters.

(Read a first time on 2022-04-13)

4. **TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL 2022 – Bill No. 9/2022 published on 2022-04-13**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Tax Act.

(Read a first time on 2022-04-13)

5. **EVIDENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 2022 – Bill No. 3/2022 published on 2022-04-06**

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 Evidence Act.

(Read a first time on 2022-04-13)

6. **JUVENILE JUSTICE (AMENDMENT) BILL 2022 – Bill No. 5/2022 published on 2022-04-07**

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

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A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Juvenile Justice Act
(Read a first time on 2022-04-13)

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)

***9. THE RADIATION SAFETY AND SECURITY BILL 2022 – Bill No. No. 8/2022 published on 2022-04-13**

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 provide for the safe, secure and peaceful uses of ionizing radiation, protect persons and the environment against the harmful effects of radioactive waste, establish the Radiation Safety and Security Board and for connected matters.

(Read a first time and referred to a Special Select Committee on 2022-04-13)

(ii) **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

MOTIONS

10. **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)

*11. **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)

- *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:

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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

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

**PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
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Brickdam,
Georgetown.**

10th May, 2022.

