

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 49TH 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 MONDAY, 8TH AUGUST, 2022,

IN THE DOME OF THE ARTHUR CHUNG CONFERENCE CENTRE,

LILIENDAAL, GREATER GEORGETOWN

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1. ALLOWANCE FOR EMPLOYMENT COSTS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED AT THE GUYANA CONSULATE IN NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Member Asking: Mrs. Amanza Walton-Desir, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Can the Honourable Minister advise whether allowance for these employment costs were made in Budget 2022 and, if so, under which line item for persons employed/engaged on contract by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation at the Guyana Consulate in New York, United States of America?

(Notice Paper No. 190 (Q141 Opp.141) published on 2022-06-07)

2. POSITIONS FILLED AT THE GUYANA CONSULATE IN NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Member Asking: Mrs. Amanza Walton-Desir, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Can the Honourable Minister advise whether the positions filled at the Guyana Consulate in New York, United States of America since August 2, 2020 were publicly or internally advertised and if so, provide a copy of the advertisement.

(Notice Paper No. 191 (Q142 Opp.142) published on 2022-06-07)

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Presentation and First Readings

1. **CONSTITUTION REFORM COMMISSION BILL 2022 – Bill No. 18/2022**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to establish a Constitution Reform Commission and to provide for its membership, its terms of reference and for other connected purposes.

2. **MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 2022 – Bill No. 19/2022**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act.

3. **INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSING (AMENDMENT) BILL 2022 – Bill No. 20/2022**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Intoxicating Liquor Licensing Act.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

(i) GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

MOTIONS

1. **CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1/2022 - CURRENT AND CAPITAL ESTIMATES**

Assembly to resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance to signify the recommendation or consent of the Cabinet and to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

Financial Paper No. 1/2022 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$44,794,011,175 for the period ending 31st December, 2022.

(Notice Paper No. 214 (M 51 Govt.25) published on 2022-07-22)

(Paper presented on 2022-07-21)

2. **LOW CARBON DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2030**

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

WHEREAS His Excellency President Irfaan Ali launched a draft version of the Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS) 2030 on 28th October 2021, building from the original LCDS of 2009 and its update in 2013;

AND WHEREAS the Draft LCDS 2030 subsequently underwent more than seven months of national consultation, during which community-level consultations took place alongside engagement with national stakeholders to shape the main elements of LCDS 2030;

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AND WHEREAS the LCDS 2030 has been updated to include inputs received through the more than seven months of consultation;

AND WHEREAS the National Toshias Council, at their Conference in July 2022, have endorsed the LCDS 2030 and the mechanism for benefits sharing at the village and community level;

AND WHEREAS the Multi Stakeholder Steering Committee, the oversight body for the LCDS, at its Meeting on 18 July 2022, has approved the LCDS 2030 and recommended it for tabling at the National Assembly;

AND WHEREAS the LCDS 2030 was laid in the National Assembly on 21st July 2022;

AND WHEREAS the LCDS 2030 sets out a strategy for recognising Guyana's world-class ecosystem services, including those provided by its forests, biodiversity, fresh water and oceans;

AND WHEREAS the strategy prioritises the evolution of Guyana's sale of forest climate services in line with a three-phase plan which was first set out in 2009;

AND WHEREAS the first phase of the plan saw Guyana enter into a partnership with the Kingdom of Norway, under which Guyana received a total of over US\$220 million from the Kingdom of Norway as payments for forest climate services provided in the period from 2009 to 2015;

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AND WHEREAS revenues received from the Kingdom of Norway were, and are being, invested in clean energy, low carbon jobs, Amerindian land titling, the Amerindian Development Fund project, small and medium enterprise development, rehabilitation of the Cunha Canal and other climate resilience work, building a world-class forest carbon Monitoring Reporting and Verification System (MRVS), and other priorities set out in the original LCDS in 2009;

AND WHEREAS the LCDS 2030 sets out how Guyana can move to the second phase of the plan for forest climate services, where payments from the Kingdom of Norway can be replaced or augmented by payments from forest carbon markets;

AND WHEREAS the LCDS 2030 articulates how these new revenues can be invested in a new suite of social and economic investments across Guyana;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly welcomes the tabling of, and endorses, Guyana's Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS) 2030;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly supports the approach to investing revenues from forest carbon markets through two pathways:

- *National programmes* as outlined in the LCDS 2030, including investments in renewable energy, land titling, protection against climate change and other areas;
- *Community/Village-led programmes* for indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLCs) as set out in Village Sustainability Plans (VSPs) or equivalent, put together by communities themselves;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly supports the proposal to dedicate 15 percent of all revenues from forest carbon markets to Amerindian communities, which will be supplementary to the funds received by these communities from the national programmes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly, including through its Committees, will oversee the investment of all national revenues received from forest climate markets and managed via the Consolidated Fund through the budgetary process.

(Notice Paper No. 215 (M 52 Govt.26) published on 2022-07-29)

BILLS – Second Readings

3. **FISCAL ENACTMENTS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 2022 – Bill No. 16/2022 published on 2022-07-20**

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 Tax Act, the Income Tax Act and the Value-Added Tax Act.

(Read a first time on 2022-07-21)

4. **ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING AND COUNTERING THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM (AMENDMENT) BILL 2022 – No. 15/2022 published on 2022-07-18**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

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A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Act.

(Read a first time on 2022-07-21)

5. **INDUSTRIAL HEMP BILL 2022 – Bill No. 10/2022 published on 2022-05-17**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the cultivating and manufacturing of industrial hemp and hemp related products; to provide for the conducting of research on industrial hemp or any other activity concerning or related to industrial hemp; to establish the Guyana Industrial Hemp Regulatory Authority; and other related matters.

(Read a first time on 2022-05-17)

6. **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)

7. **SUICIDE PREVENTION BILL 2022 – No. 11/2022 published on 2022-06-27**

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

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A BILL intituled AN ACT to make provision for the prevention of suicide, for the establishment of a National Suicide Prevention Commission, the functions of which shall include the preparation of a National Suicide Prevention Plan consisting of policies and measures to be implemented for the prevention of suicide, for the provision of Suicide Prevention Centres to provide support services including counselling services to suicide survivors and persons contemplating suicide, and for related matters.

(Read a first time on 2022-07-21)

8. **MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2022 – No. 12/2022 published on 2022-06-27**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Medical Practitioners Act.

(Read a first time on 2022-07-21)

9. **RESTORATIVE JUSTICE BILL – Bill No. 13/2022 published on 2022-07-18**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the use of restorative justice in the criminal justice system for victims, offenders and the community, the establishment of the Advisory Council on Restorative Justice and for related matters.

(Read a first time on 2022-07-21)

10. **BAIL BILL 2022 – Bill NO. 14/2022 published on 2022-07-18**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the grant and refusal of bail in criminal proceedings and for related matters.

(Read a first time on 2022-07-21)

BILLS – Committee, Second and Third Readings

***11. 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)

***12. 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)

***13. 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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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)

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

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 Evidence Act.

(Read a first time on 2022-04-13 and referred to a Special Select Committee on 2022-05-17)

(ii) PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

MOTIONS

***15. 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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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).

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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)

- *16. **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 Hareesh 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;

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

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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.

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;

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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

**17. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE
ON ITS EXAMINATION OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF GUYANA FOR THE
YEAR 2016**

Mr. Jermaine Figueira, M.P. (Chairperson 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 2016, be adopted and refer the Report to the Government for consideration.

(Notice Paper No. 193 (M48 Committees 12) published on 2022-07-12)

**18. ADOPTION OF THE EIGHTH PERIODIC REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY
SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES**

The Minister of Human Services and Social Security (Chairperson of the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Social Services) to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Eighth Periodic Report of the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Social Services, for the period 28th December, 2020 to 20th May, 2022, be adopted.

(Notice Paper No. 194 (M49 Committees 13) published on 2022-07-12)

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29th July, 2022.