

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 61ST SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION

(2020-2023) OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 10.00 A.M.

ON WEDNESDAY, 1ST FEBRUARY, 2023,

IN THE DOME OF THE ARTHUR CHUNG CONFERENCE CENTRE,

LILIENDAAL, GREATER GEORGETOWN

BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PRAYERS

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MOVED BY A MINISTER-**

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS-

PUBLIC BUSINESS

(i) GOVERNMENT'S BUSINESS

MOTIONS

**1. BUDGET SPEECH 2023 - MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATES
OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2023**

Assembly to resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of
Expenditure for the financial year 2023.

**(Moved by the Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance
on 2023-01-16)**

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***2. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 4/2022 – 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. 4/2022 – Supplementary Estimates (Capital) – Advances made from the Contingency Fund totalling \$3,812,999,559 for the period 2022-11-30 to 2022-12-31.

(Notice Paper No. 233 (M 55 Govt.29) published on 2023-01-16)

(Paper presented on 2023-01-16)

BILLS – Second Readings

***3. INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL 2023- No. 3/2023 published on 2023-01-24**

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 Income Tax Act.

(Read a first time on 2023-01-24)

MOTION

***4. CONFIRMATION OF THE CUSTOMS (AMENDMENT OF FIRST SCHEDULE)
ORDER 2023 – NO. 9 OF 2023**

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

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

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BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with section 8 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01, confirms the Customs (Amendment of First Schedule) Order 2023 (No. 9 of 2023) which was made on the 16th day of January, 2023, under section 8 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01 and published in the Official Gazette dated 24th January, 2023.

(Notice Paper No. 234 (M 56 Govt.30) published on 2023-01-25)

BILLS – Second Readings

***5. CRIMINAL LAW (PROCEDURE) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2022 – No. 21 of 2022
published on 2022-11-01**

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 Criminal Law (Procedure) Act.

(Read a first time on 2022-11-07)

***6. COURT OF APPEAL (AMENDMENT) BILL 2022 – No. 22 of 2022 published on
2022-11-01**

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 Court of Appeal Act.

(Read a first time on 2022-11-07)

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

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***7. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SINGLE WINDOW SYSTEM BILL – Bill No. 26 of 2022 published on 2022-12-05**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the establishment of the Planning and Development Single Window System; to provide for the management and implementation of the Planning and Development Single Window System; to provide for the establishment of the Planning Oversight Committee; to define the functions of the Planning Oversight Committee; to centralize functions pertaining to land use planning and development and for matters connected thereto.

(Read a first time on 2022-12-05)

BILLS – Committee, Second and Third Readings

***8. 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:

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)

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

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***9. 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

***10. 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;

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

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AND WHEREAS EEPGL has routinely been engaged in flaring in direct contravention of the terms of the Liza 1 Permit issued and acknowledged, and as a result, has caused, and is causing substantial damage to the environment and the credibility of the Liza 1 Development Project;

AND WHEREAS calculations based upon reported EEPGL's production data shows that zero flaring, except for the small amount allowed for pilot flaring, may be achieved by reducing oil production by approximately 15,000 bopd;

AND WHEREAS according to Clause 13.1 in the Liza 1 and Liza 2 Permits, "The Environmental Protection Agency reserves the right to review and amend the conditions attached to this Permit",

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly expresses its dissatisfaction, that all reasonable measures have not been taken or are being taken to prevent the flaring of gas as currently exists, and which reported by EEPGL to be 16 million cubic feet, per day (mcf) at the designed maximum safe oil production limit of 120,000 barrels oil, per day (bopd).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly calls on the Government of Guyana:

1. To direct Esso Exploration and Production Guyana Limited to abide by the terms and conditions of the Liza 1 Permit issued on June 1, 2017;
2. To request that the Environmental Protection Agency takes all reasonable measures to ensure compliance including, EEPGL achieving zero flaring at the Liza 1 Project through reduction of oil production rates; and suspension of same Liza 1 Permit if zero flaring is not met, until it is satisfied that all reasonable and lawful efforts are being made to ensure that there is no flaring of gas as has occurred over the past several weeks; and

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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)

***11. 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;

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;

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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;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

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

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

(ii) **COMMITTEES BUSINESS**

MOTIONS

*12. **ADOPTION OF THE SIXTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
APPOINTMENTS AND APPROVAL OF THE LIST OF ENTITIES AND
CONSENSUAL MECHANISM TO NOMINATE MEMBERS OF THE RIGHTS
OF THE CHILD 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 Rights of the Child Commission;

AND WHEREAS, in accordance with Article 212 U(2) (a) and (b) of the Constitution, the Rights of the Child Commission shall consist of-

“(a) Not less than five nor more than fifteen members, with expertise in issues affecting children, nominated by entities, by a consensual mechanism determined by the National Assembly, after the entities which shall include the Ministry with responsibility for Children’s affairs, the Ministry of Education, and organizations representing the interest of youth, are determined by the votes not less than two-thirds of all elected members of the National Assembly; and

(b) 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, and Women and Gender Equality Commission and Indigenous People’s Commission.”

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

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AND WHEREAS, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Appointments (COA) examined the list of entities to nominate members to the Rights of the Child Commission in accordance with article 212 U(2)(a) of the Constitution regarding to the number of members on the said Commission;

AND WHEREAS, the Committee having deliberated on identifying the entities to submit nominees for appointment to the Rights of the Child Commission, unanimously agrees and proposes that the Commission be comprised of nominations from the list of entities in the First Schedule in the following categories:

Services	2
Religion	3
Youth	2
Women	2
Statutory Bodies	2
Professional Bodies	1
Ministry of Education	1
Ministry of Health	1
Ministry of Human Services and Social Security	1

AND WHEREAS, the Committee also unanimously agreed on the consensual mechanism to guide the process for consulting and nominating of Members to the said Rights of the Child Commission herein at the Second Schedule;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the proposed representation of the above-mentioned categories from the list of entities;

12.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly adopts the Sixth Report of the Committee on Appointments in relation to the Appointment of Members to the Rights of the Child Commission;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the entities to nominate Members of the Rights of the Child Commission, in accordance with article 212 U(2)(a) of the Constitution, as set out in the First Schedule attached;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

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

(Notice Paper No. 216 (M 53 Committees 15) published on 2022-08-09)

FIRST SCHEDULE

Proposed entities to be consulted for the Nomination of Members of the Rights of the Child Commission

SERVICE- 2

Child Link

Community Based Rehabilitation Programme

Friends of the Needy

Generation Next

Guyana Legal Aid Clinic Inc.

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Guyana Relief Council
Help and Shelter
Kids First Fund
Phoenix Recovery Project
Radio's Needy Children's Fund
Salvation Army
The Guyana Red Cross Society
Young Women's Christian Association of Guyana (YWCA)

RELIGION - 3

Central Islamic Organisation of Guyana -1
Guyana Council of Churches - 1
Guyana Hindu Dharmic Sabha -1

YOUTH – 2

Central Baptist Youth Fellowship
Church of Christ Youth Group
Dharmic Naujawan (Dharmic Youth)
Empowering Queers Using Artistic Learning (EQUAL)
Full Gospel Youth Fellowship
Guyana Central Arya Samaj -Youth Organisation
Guyana Congregational Young People's Union
Guyana Girl Guides Association
Guyana Scouts Association
Guyana Youth and Student Movement (GYSM)
Guyana Youth Development Association

14.

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

President's Youth Award: Republic of Guyana, MS

Rotaract Clubs of Guyana

The Moravian Church in Guyana, Youth Fellowship

The Youth Ministries Department of the Guyana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

University of Guyana Student Society

Volunteer Youth Corps

Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA)

Youth Advocacy Movement (YAM)

Youth Challenge Guyana

Youth For Change - (YFC)

Youth Ministries Department of the Assemblies of God

WOMEN – 2

Assemblies of God Women's Ministry

Association of Women Entrepreneurs

Guyana Association of Women's Artists

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Guyana Association of Women's Lawyers
Guyana District Conference Women's Work Committee (Methodist)
Guyana Hindu Dharmic Sabha- Mahila Mandalee
Guyana Women Miners Organisation
Guyanese Women in Development (GUYWID)
National Committee of Sisters Affairs (NACOSA) (CIOG Women's Arm)
National Congress of Women
Lutheran Church Women
Mothers' Union Diocese of Guyana
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's Advisory Council (WAC)
Women Across Differences
Women's Chamber of Commerce & Industry Guyana (WCCIG)
Women for Change (AFC Women Arm)
Women's Home & Overseas Missionary Society
Women's Progressive Organisation
Young Women's Christian Association of Guyana (YWCA)

STATUTORY BODIES – 2

National Commission on Disabilities – 1
National Commission on the Family - 1

PROFESSIONAL BODIES -1

Association of Chartered Accountants

Guyana Association of Professional Social Workers (GAPSW)

Guyana Bar Association

Guyana Nurses Association

Guyana Medical Association

Guyana Pharmacists' Association

Medical Technologists Association of Guyana

Ministry of Education – 1

Ministry of Health – 1

Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security – 1

SECOND SCHEDULE

**Consensual Mechanism for the Nomination by Entities of Members of the Rights of the
Child Commission**

All the Entities in each Group, immediately on the passage of this motion, shall 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 Rights of the Child 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 person/s who are 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 recognised “*umbrella organization*” in the list of entities for that Group, the Clerk shall write to that organisation and copy his letter to each of the “*constituent entities*” within the Group.

***13. APPROVAL OF PERSONS FOR THE NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE ETHNIC RELATIONS COMMISSION**

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

WHEREAS the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Appointments acting in compliance with Resolution No 36 of 2022, which approved the list of entities to be consulted for nominations to the Ethnic Relations Commission held an open nomination and consultative process with the approved entities between the months of August 29, 2022 and October 20, 2022,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the following persons from the following categories as members of the Ethnic Relations Commission established under the Constitution, and signify to the President that:

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

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Christian Bodies

Rev. Rodwell F. Alphonso Porter

Hindu Bodies

Pandit Krishna Deo Sharma

Islamic Bodies

Mr. Moeenul Hack

Labour Movement Bodies

Mr. Norris Witter

Private Business Sector Bodies

Mr. Charles Ogle

Youth Bodies

Mr. Dwayne Adams

Women Bodies

Ms. Chandrowtie Saran

Cultural/Ethnic Bodies

Indigenous/Amerindian Bodies

Mr. Ashton Simon

Afro-Guyanese Bodies

Mr. Deon Dick aka Ras Khafra

Indo-Guyanese Bodies

Mr. Neaz Subhan

have been nominated in accordance with Resolution No. 17 of 2003, and Article 212 B (1) (a) of the Constitution to be appointed members of the Ethnic Relations Commission; and

19.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly adopts the Seventh Report of the Standing Committee on Appointments which addresses matters relating to the nomination and appointment of Members to the Ethnic Relations Commission.

(Notice Paper No. 235 (M 57 Committees 16) published on 2023-01-26)

***14. 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)

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

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

31st January, 2023.

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