

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**ORDER PAPER**

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' SITTING**

**FOR THE 64<sup>TH</sup> 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, 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2023,**

**IN THE DOME OF THE ARTHUR CHUNG CONFERENCE CENTRE,**

**LILIENDAAL, GREATER GEORGETOWN**

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1. **CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR LAND PREPARATION AND  
INFRASTRUCTURAL WORKS BY CENTRAL HOUSING & PLANNING  
AUTHORITY**

**Member Asking:** Ms. Annette Ferguson, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Housing and Water

Can the Honourable Minister provide the list of contractors that were awarded Contracts in 2021 by the Central Housing and Planning Authority for land preparation and infrastructural works for lands identified for house lots and which must include the contract sum for each award, acreage, and location?

(Notice Paper No. 245 (Q184 Opp.184) published on 2023-03-06)

2. **PREQUALIFIED CONTRACTORS FOR INFRASTRUCTURAL WORKS**

**Member Asking:** Ms. Annette Ferguson, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Housing and Water

Could the Honourable Minister of Housing and Water provide this National Assembly with the following information:

A list detailing the names of firms, companies or individuals who have been prequalified for infrastructural works with the Ministry of Housing and Water from August 2, 2020 to January 31, 2023?

(Notice Paper No. 246 (Q185 Opp.185) published on 2023-03-06)

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3. **ASSESSMENT FOR THE DETERMINATION OF THE \$5B**

**Member Asking:** Ms. Annette Ferguson, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Senior Minister in the Office of the President with  
Responsibility for Finance

The National Budget of 2023 has a provision of \$5B for the alleviation of the High Cost of Living, (budget speech 2023, page 91).

Can the Honorable Minister with responsibility for Finance make available to the National Assembly, copy or copies of the assessment done, which led to the determination of the \$5B?

**(Notice Paper No. 249 (Q188 Opp.188) published on 2023-03-06)**

**For Oral Replies**

4. **\*REMUNERATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTORS OF THE BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATURAL RESOURCE FUND**

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

**Minister Answering:** The Senior Minister in the Office of the President with  
Responsibility for Finance

According to the Official Gazette of Guyana dated 30<sup>th</sup> August of 2022, a Chairman and four (4) Directors were appointed as Members of the Board of Directors of the Natural Resource Fund.

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Additionally, a Chairman and eight (8) committee members were appointed as members of the Public Accountability and Oversight Committee and a Chairman and six (6) members were appointed to the Natural Resource Fund Investment Committee.

\*In keeping with the Natural Resource Fund Act Section 5 (9) which states “the Directors shall be paid such remuneration in respect of their office as the Minister may determine from time to time”, can the Hon. Senior Minister within the Office of the President with Responsibilities for Finance provide to the National Assembly the total remuneration for the Chairman and Directors of the Board of Directors?

**(Notice Paper No. 250 (Q189 Opp.189) published on 2023-03-06)**

**5. \*REMUNERATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

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

**Minister Answering:**              **The Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance**

According to the Official Gazette of Guyana dated 30<sup>th</sup> August of 2022, a Chairman and four (4) Directors were appointed as Members of the Board of Directors of the Natural Resource Fund.

Additionally, a Chairman and eight (8) committee members were appointed as members of the Public Accountability and Oversight Committee and a Chairman and six (6) members were appointed to the Natural Resource Fund Investment Committee.

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\*In keeping with the Natural Resource Fund Act Section 6 (8) which states “the Members shall be paid such remuneration in respect of their office as the Minister may determine from time to time”, can the Hon. Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibilities for Finance provide to the National Assembly the total remuneration for the Chairman and Members of the Public Accountability and Oversight Committee?

**(Notice Paper No. 251 (Q190 Opp.190) published on 2023-03-06)**

**6. \*REMUNERATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

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

**Minister Answering:**              **The Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance**

According to the Official Gazette of Guyana dated 30<sup>th</sup> August of 2022, a Chairman and four (4) Directors were appointed as Members of the Board of Directors of the Natural Resource Fund.

Additionally, a Chairman and eight (8) committee members were appointed as members of the Public Accountability and Oversight Committee and a Chairman and six (6) members were appointed to the Natural Resource Fund Investment Committee.

\*In keeping with the Natural Resource Fund Act Section 8 (3) which states “the Members shall be paid such remuneration in respect of their office as the Minister may determine from time to time”, can the Hon. Senior Minister within the Office of the President with Responsibilities for Finance provide to the National Assembly the total remuneration for the Chairman and Members of the Investment Committee?

**(Notice Paper No. 252 (Q191 Opp.191) published on 2023-03-06)**

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**7. \*CONSTRUCTION OF THE HAAGS BOSCH MAIN ROAD**

**Member Asking:** Ms. Annette Ferguson, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Housing and Water

- (a) \*Can the Honourable Minister inform this National Assembly of the names of the contractors who have been awarded contracts, a disaggregation of the project sum to each contractor, and lots awarded to each contractor?
- (b) \*Can the Minister also state the duration of the contract and what is the full dimension, in terms of width and depth of the road on completion?
- (c) \*Can the Minister indicate to this Assembly what are the safety features along the project site?

**(Notice Paper No. 247 (Q186 Opp.186) published on 2023-03-06)**

**8. \*PROVISION OF \$5B FOR THE ALLEVIATION OF THE HIGH COST OF LIVING**

**Member Asking:** Ms. Annette Ferguson, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance

The National Budget of 2023 has a provision of \$5B for the alleviation of the High Cost of Living (budget speech 2023, page 91).

- 1. \*Could the Honourable Minister with responsibility for Finance state what established criterion was set out for the distribution of the monies and how can persons access the forms?

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2. \*Can the Minister inform the National Assembly of what assessment was used to arrive at \$5B to address the high cost of living?
3. \*Can the Minister state whether there is a capped sum from the \$5B across regions? If yes, kindly provide a disaggregation per region?
4. \*Can the Minister inform this Assembly when the \$5B is expected to be rolled out across the regions?
5. \*Can the Minister inform the National Assembly what mechanisms are in place to ensure timely announcements are made?

**(Notice Paper No. 248 (Q187 Opp.187) published on 2023-03-06)**

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**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

(ii) **GOVERNMENT'S BUSINESS**

**MOTIONS**

**1. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1/2023 – 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. 1/2023 - Supplementary Estimates (Capital) – Advances made from the Contingency Fund totalling \$4,743,000,000 for the period 2023-03-01 to 2023-04-20.

**(Notice Paper No. 258 (M62 Govt. 31) published on 2023-04-24)**

**(Paper presented on 2023-04-24)**

**2. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 2/2023 – 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:



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BE IT RESOLVED:

Financial Paper No. 2/2023 - Supplementary Estimates (Capital) totalling \$26,532,000,000 for the period ending 2023-12-31

**(Notice Paper No. 259 (M63 Govt. 32) published on 2023-04-24)**

**(Paper presented on 2023-04-24)**

**(i) PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

**MOTIONS**

**3. AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS NOS. 20(2), (3) AND 27(2)**

Mr. Ganesh Mahipaul, M.P., to move the following motion:

WHEREAS questions and motions submitted by Members of the National Assembly require approval from the Speaker of the National Assembly before the Clerk of the National Assembly prepares and circulate to Members, a Notice Paper,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Standing Order No. 20(2) be removed and replaced with, "Questions and Motions submitted to the Clerk of the National Assembly must be submitted to the Speaker of the National Assembly within four (4) days of receipt, who shall consider the Questions and Motions.";

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That Standing Order No. 20(3) be inserted and now reads, "If the Speaker is of the opinion that any question of which a member has given notice to the Clerk or which a

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member has sought permission to ask without notice, is an abuse of the right of questioning or infringes any of the provisions of this or any other Standing Order, he or she may within four (4) days directs:

- (a) That it be printed or asked with such alterations as he or she may direct; or
- (b) That the Member concerned be informed that the question is inadmissible.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That Standing Order No. 27(2) be amended to now read, “If the Speaker is of the opinion that any notice of motion which has been received by the Clerk of the National Assembly infringes the provisions of any Standing Order or is in any other way out of order, he or she may, within four (4) days, direct:

- (a) That the Member concerned be informed that the notice of motion is out of order; or
- (b) That the notice of motion be entered in the Order Book with such alterations as he or she may direct.

**(Notice Paper No. 236 (M 58 Opp 10) published on 2023-02-13)**

**\*4. 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**

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)**

- \*5. **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**

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)**

**(ii) GOVERNMENT'S BUSINESS**

**BILLS – Second Readings**

**6. MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 2023 –  
Bill No. 7/2023 published on 2023-04-24**

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

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

**(Read a first time on 2023-04-24)**

7. **THE COMBATING OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS BILL 2023 – Bill No. 6 of 2023 published on 2023-04-18**

The Minister of Human Services and Social Security to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide comprehensive measures to combat trafficking in persons and for connected matters.

**(Read a first time on 2023-04-24)**

8. **FOREIGN JUDGMENTS (RECIPROCAL ENFORCEMENT) BILL 2023 – Bill No. 4/2023 published on 2023-04-17**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to repeal the Foreign Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act, and to make new provision for the enforcement of foreign judgments given in countries outside of Guyana which accord reciprocal treatment to judgments given in Guyana and for related matters.

**(Read a first time on 2023-04-24)**

9. **NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY AGENCY BILL 2023 – Bill No. 5/2023 published on 2023-04-17**

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 establish the body known as the National Intelligence and Security Agency as the Agency to further enhance the State's defence and security policy stated in article 197A of the Constitution, to provide for the Agency to be responsible for the coordination of the State's defence and law enforcement activities relating to national intelligence and security, and to provide national intelligence and security advice to the President, Cabinet and entities in the security sector, and for connected matters.

**(Read a first time on 2023-04-24)**

**BILLS – Committee, Second and Third Readings**

**\*10. 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)**

**\*11. 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)**

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



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**BILL – Committee, Report and Third Reading**

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

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 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)**

**(Read a second time and referred to a Special Select Committee on 2023-04-24)**

**(iii) COMMITTEES BUSINESS**

**MOTIONS**

**13. 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 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 to 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2022, be adopted.

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

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

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14. **ADOPTION OF THE FIRST SPECIAL REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY  
SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES**

Dr. Karen Cummings, M.P. (Chairperson of the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Social Services), to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the First Special Report of the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Social Services be adopted.

(Notice Paper No. 257 (M 61 Committees 19) published on 2023-04- 13)

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

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

**26<sup>th</sup> April, 2023.**