

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**ORDER PAPER**

**FOR THE 103<sup>RD</sup> SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION**

**(2020-2025) OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD**

**AT 2.00 P.M.**

**ON FRIDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2025,**

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

**LILIENDAAL, GREATER GEORGETOWN.**

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**BUSINESS FOR SITTING**

**PRAYERS**

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**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS-**

By the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance:

Audited Financial Statements of the Rights of the Child Commission for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2023.

(To be Circulated)

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES-**

**ORAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-**

**For Written Replies**

**1. MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF GRANTS ISSUED TO SMALL BUSINESSES**

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

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce

1. Could Honourable Minister indicate to the National Assembly, from 2020 to October 2024, how many small businesses that received grants still exist? If none, what are the pitfalls?
2. Can the Honourable Minister state what mechanisms are in place to ensure that these businesses remain viable?

**(Notice Paper No. 379 (Q287 Opp.287) published on 2025-01-23)**

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**2. LIST OF COMPANIES AWARDED CONTRACTS TO CONSTRUCT THE NEW HEADQUARTERS OF THE CENTRAL HOUSING AND PLANNING AUTHORITY AND THE GUYANA WATER INC.**

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

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

The National Assembly approved some \$1.3B for the construction of a new Headquarters to facilitate and accommodate staffers of Central Housing and Planning Authority and Guyana Water Inc. Minister Colin Croal and TEAM made a visit to the construction site on March 12, 2024. During his visit, he reported his satisfaction of the project and stated that the project will be completed by the end of 2024.

1. Can the Honourable Minister provide the National Assembly with a complete list of the contracting companies who were awarded contracts for building the headquarters for CHPA and GWI?
2. Could the Honourable Minister indicate to the National Assembly when the above-named companies at (1) above were formed, and contracts previously awarded to them?

**(Notice Paper No. 381 (Q289 Opp.289) published on 2025-01-23)**

**3. CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW HEADQUARTERS OF THE CENTRAL HOUSING AND PLANNING AUTHORITY AND THE GUYANA WATER INC.**

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1. Can Honourable Minister inform the National Assembly when were the contracts signed for the CHPA and GWI headquarters, respectively and when the commencement dates took effect?

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2. Can Honourable Minister inform the National Assembly of the completion date for the projects for construction of the CHPA and GWI Headquarters?
3. Can Honourable Minister layover to the National Assembly, copies of contracts for both CHPA and GWI projects?

(Notice Paper No. 382 (Q290 Opp.290) published on 2025-01-23)

**4. COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW HEADQUARTERS OF THE CENTRAL HOUSING AND PLANNING AUTHORITY AND THE GUYANA WATER INC.**

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

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

During his visit to the project site on March 12, 2024; Minister Colin Croal reported that the construction of the CHPA and GWI headquarters will be completed by the end of 2024.

1. Can the Honourable Minister inform the National Assembly what has caused the delay in completing the project by the end of 2024, as reported on March 12, 2024?
2. Could the Honourable Minister state whether there has been a review of the contract for the CHPA and GWI Headquarters? If yes, what is the new contract date for the completion of the project?

(Notice Paper No. 383 (Q291 Opp.291) published on 2025-01-23)

**5. BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CENTRAL HOUSING AND PLANNING AUTHORITY AND GUYANA WATER INC.**

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

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

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1. Could the Honourable Minister indicate what were the initial dates for the expiration of the Contract Bonds for the CHPA and GWI projects and what are the new bond dates for both projects?
2. Could the Honourable Minister layover to the house, copies of the Contract Bonds for the initial periods, and the new periods for both projects?

**(Notice Paper No. 384 (Q292 Opp.292) published on 2025-01-23)**

**For Oral Reply**

**6. \* ORGANISED VENEZUELAN GANGS**

**Member Asking:** Ms. Tabitha Sarabo-Halley, M.P.

**Minister Answering:** The Minister of Home Affairs

\*Can the Honourable Minister state whether the Ministry of Home Affairs and/or Joint Services observed any presence of organised Venezuelan gangs, in particular, the Tren de Gang anywhere within our borders?

**(Notice Paper No. 403 (Q311 Opp.311) published on 2025-01-23)**

**STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS, INCLUDING POLICY STATEMENTS-**

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**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-**

## **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS-**

### **PUBLIC BUSINESS**

#### **(i) GOVERNMENT'S BUSINESS**

#### **BILLS – Second Readings**

##### **1. OIL POLLUTION PREVENTION, PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE AND RESPONSIBILITY BILL 2025 – Bill No. 7/2025 published on 2025-04-25**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to make provision for preventative, restorative, and compensatory measures in relation to oil spill incidents in the national territory, particularly, the prevention of pollution from oil, oil spill preparedness, response, cooperation, and financial responsibility; the establishment of the Competent National Authority; and for related matters.

**(Read a first time on 2025-04-28)**

##### **2. ADVANCE PASSENGER INFORMATION AND PASSENGER NAME RECORD BILL 2025 – Bill No. 4/2025 published on 2025-02-11**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to make provision for the collection, transmission, sharing, storage and regulation of Advance Passenger Information and Passenger Name Record in respect of persons travelling to, departing from and transiting through Guyana and to operationalise the CARICOM Advance Passenger Information System and other related matters.

**(Read a first time on 2025-02-17)**

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3. **REGIONAL SECURITY SYSTEM BILL 2025 – Bill No. 5/2025 published on 2025-02-11**

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 implementation of the Treaty establishing the Regional Security System and for connected matters.

**(Read a first time on 2025-02-17)**

4. **CARICOM ARREST WARRANT BILL 2025 – Bill No.6/2025 published on 2025-02-12**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to give effect to the CARICOM Arrest Warrant Treaty and to provide for related matters.

**(Read a first time on 2025-02-17)**

5. **INTERNATIONAL MEASURES FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN (HAGUE CONVENTION) BILL 2024 – Bill No. 15/2024 published on 2024-11-21**

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

**8.**

A BILL intituled AN ACT to give effect to the Convention on Jurisdiction, Applicable Law, Recognition, Enforcement and Co-operation in respect of Parental Responsibility and Measures for the Protection of Children, and for other related matters.

**(Read a first time on 2024-11-25)**

**6. APOSTILLE BILL 2024 – Bill No. 19/2024 published on 2024-11-27**

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to implement the Convention Abolishing the requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents done at the Hague on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1961 and for connected matters.

**(Read a first time on 2024-11-27)**

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

**\*7. 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)**

**\*8. NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY AGENCY BILL 2023 – Bill No. 5/2023 published on 2023-04-17**

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

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



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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)**

**(Referred to a Special Select Committee on 2023-05-10)**

**(ii) PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

**MOTIONS**

**\*9. 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";

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

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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).

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)

\*10. **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 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;

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

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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;

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

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**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**

**MOTIONS**

**11. AUTHORITY OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE TO SUMMON WITNESSES**

Mr. Jermaine Figueira, M.P. (Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee)  
to move the following motion:

WHEREAS Article 2 of the Legislative Bodies (Evidence) Act, Chapter 2 of 2012 provides that “Committee” means a Committee referred to in the definition of “legislative body” and a “legislative body” means- (a) the Cabinet; or (b) any Special Select Committee of the National Assembly; or (c) any Committee of the National Assembly empowered by resolution of the Assembly to summon witnesses;

AND WHEREAS Article 223 (8)(a) of the Constitution of Guyana states that “the Public Accounts Committee” means the Public Accounts Committee established by Order 70(2) of the Standing Orders of the National Assembly; and (b) “the public accounts of Guyana” includes the accounts of – (i) all central and local government bodies and entities; (ii) all bodies and entities in which the state has a controlling interest; and (iii) all projects funded by way of loans or grants by any foreign State or organization;

AND WHEREAS Standing Order 82(1) of the Standing Orders of the National Assembly (with amendments to February 2015) states that, “There shall be a Standing Committee to be known as the Public Accounts Committee to consist of not less than six (6) or more than ten (10) Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection as soon as may be after the beginning of each National Assembly. It shall be the duty of the Committee to examine the accounts showing the appropriation of the sums granted by the Assembly to meet Public Expenditure and such other accounts laid before the Assembly as the Assembly may refer to the Committee together with the Auditor General’s report thereon”;

AND WHEREAS, the Committee for the purpose of examining the Accounts of entities, is required to invite persons to produce books, plans, or documents, to aid in the work of the Committee;

AND WHEREAS on occasions, some persons are reluctant to appear before the Committee, thus affecting the work of the Committee;

AND WHEREAS the Public Accounts Committee has observed that it is not deemed a legislative body as defined in the Legislative Bodies (Evidence) Act, Chapter 2 of 2012, and is not empowered to summon persons to appear before the Committee;

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AND WHEREAS the Public Accounts Committee is desirous of summoning persons to appear before the Committee to explain the use of Public Funds during their tenure,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Public Accounts Committee be deemed a legislative body, as defined in the Legislative Bodies (Evidence) Act, Chapter 2 of 2012, with the power to summon persons to appear before the Committee, to produce books, plans, or documents, to aid in the work of the Committee.

(Notice Paper No. 328 (M77 Committees 21) published on 2024-03-15)

12. **ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE  
ON ITS EXAMINATION OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF GUYANA FOR THE  
YEARS 2017 AND 2018**

Mr. Jermaine Figueira, M.P. (Chairman 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 years 2017 and 2018, be adopted and refer the Report to the Government for consideration.

(Notice Paper No. 331 (M80 Committees 22) published on 2024-05-10)

13. **ADOPTION OF THE SECOND SPECIAL 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:

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BE IT RESOLVED:

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

**(Notice Paper No. 332 (M81 Committees 23) published on 2024-05-10)**

**14. ADOPTION OF THE THIRD SPECIAL 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 Third Special Report of the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Social Services be adopted.

**(Notice Paper No. 368 (M87 Committees 24) published on 2024-12-19)**

**S. E. ISAACS,**

**Clerk of the National Assembly**

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Brickdam,  
Georgetown.**

**12<sup>th</sup> May, 2025.**