NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**ORDER PAPER**

**FOR THE 18TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION**

**(2015) OF THE ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD**

**AT 2.00 P.M.**

**ON THURSDAY,17th DECEMBER, 2015,**

**IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS,**

**BRICKDAM, GEORGETOWN**

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**BUSINESS FOR SITTING**

## PRAYERS

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**MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT-**

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1. By the Speaker of the National Assembly:

Annual Report of the National Commission on Disability for the year 2014.

(To be Circulated)

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1. By the Minister of Finance:
2. Financial Paper No. 1/2015 – Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totaling $3,239,601,366 for the period 25th October, 2011 to 31st December, 2014.

(To be Circulated)

1. Financial Paper No. 2/2015 – Statement of Excess (Current and Capital) totaling $6,471,145,418 for the period 1st January, 2012 to 16th June, 2014.

(To be Circulated)

1. By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs:

The Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (Amendment) Regulations 2015 – No. 7 of 2015.

(To be Circulated)

1. By the Minister of Governance:

Environmental Protection (Expanded Polystyrene Ban) Regulations 2015 –No. 8 of 2015.

(To be Circulated)

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**For Written Replies**

**ACCOUNTABILITY IN AWARD OF FORENSIC AUDIT CONTRACTS**

**Member Asking**: **Bishop Juan Edghill, M.S., J.P., M.P.**

**Minister Answering**: **The Minister of Finance**

1. Can the Minister provide a detailed list of every entity at which a forensic audit is being conducted, or has been conducted, the identity of the Auditor contracted to conduct each

of the said audits, and indicate how much each auditor is being paid for the audits concerned?

1. Can the Minister say under what legal authority these audits are being performed?
2. Can the Minister provide the contracts and terms of reference of the said audits?
3. Can the Minister say who prepared the terms of reference of each audit and when it was prepared?
4. Can the Minister provide documentary evidence of the procurement procedures followed in awarding the contracts to perform these audits, including the public advertisements placed and full details of all tenders received?
5. Can the Minister state what steps were taken to ensure that each price paid for each audit is competitive?

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1. With respect to each Auditor contracted, can the Minister indicate what the academic, professional, and experiential qualifications of the Auditor concerned are, specifying whether the Auditor has a practice certificate issued by the Institute of Chartered

Accountants of Guyana, and what due diligence steps were taken to establish the capability and suitability of each auditor for each assignment?

1. Can the Minister provide a list of forensic audit known to have been previously performed by each of the Auditors contracted, including the entity audited and the nature of the assignment, prior to being awarded the current contracts?
2. Can the Minister say who is supervising and instructing the auditors concerned, including reviewing their work to ascertain that it is satisfactorily completed before any payment is made?
3. Provide details of the academic, professional and experiential qualifications of this (these) supervisor(s), including evidence of their demonstrated prior competence in performing, directing, supervising and reviewing forensic audits?

**(Notice Paper No. 15 (Q1 Opp. 1) published on 2015-09-16)**

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

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**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS-**

**Presentation and First Readings**

1. **CORONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2015 –Bill No. 11 of 2015**

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 Coroners Act.

2. **LAW REFORM COMMISSION BILL 2015 –Bill No. 12 of 2015**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the establishment of a Law Reform Commission for reforming the law and for matters connected therewith.

3. **ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING AND COUNTERING THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM (AMENDMENT) (No.2) BILL 2015 –Bill No. 15 of 2015**

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 Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Act.

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4.  **ANTI-TERRORISM AND TERRORIST RELATED ACTIVITIES BILL 2015 –Bill No. 16 of 2015**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to criminalize terrorism, and terrorist related activities and to provide for the detection, prevention, prosecution, conviction and punishment of terrorism and terrorist related activities.

5. **CREDIT REPORTING (AMENDMENT) BILL 2015 – Bill No. 13 of 2015**

The Minister of Finance, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Credit Reporting Act.

6. **MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCILS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES (ELECTIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2015 – Bill No. 14 of 2015**

The Minister of Communities, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Municipal and District Councils Act and the Local Authorities (Election) Act.

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**PUBLIC BUSINESS -**

1. **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**BILLS – Second Reading**

1. **FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2015 –Bill No. 10 of 2015 published on 2015-10-1**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Financial Institutions Act.

**(Read a first time on 2015-10-22)**

**MOTION**

1. **UNEQUIVOCAL SUPPORT FOR THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA IN DEFENSE OF GUYANA’S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY**

The First Vice-President and Prime Minister to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly expresses its sincere thanks to His Excellency President David A. Granger, M.S.S., for Addressing the National Assembly on the controversy which has arisen as a result of the Venezuelan 1899 Arbitral Award being null and void, and for informing the Assembly of the state of relations between Guyana and Suriname; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly expresses its unequivocal support for the action taken by the Government of Guyana in defense of Guyana’s Territorial Integrity.

**(Notice Paper No. 22 (M17 Govt.15) published on 2015-11-16)**

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1. **PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS**

**MOTIONS**

1. **ANNULMENT OF ORDER NO. 16 OF 2015 WITH RESPECT TO SALARY INCREASES FOR MINISTERS, MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND SPECIAL OFFICES**

Bishop Juan Edghill, M.S., J.P., M.P., to move the following Motion:

WHEREAS The Constitutional Offices (Remuneration of Holders) Order No. 15 of 2015, published on September 18, 2015 in the Official Gazette (Extraordinary) #2027, made under The Constitutional Offices (Remuneration of Holders) Act, Cap. 27:11, amended the Schedule of the Act to increase “with effect from July 1, 2015 by five per cent (5%) the respective rates of the salaries as at August 31, 2015 specified therein”;

AND WHEREAS The Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Order No.16 of 2015, published on September 25, 2015 in the Official Gazette (Extraordinary) # 2097, made under the Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Act, Cap 1:07, increased salaries at rates beyond and in addition to the five per cent (5%) referred to in Order No. 15 of 2015 and brought these new rates into effect on July 1, 2015;

AND WHEREAS these Orders were laid at the 17th Sitting of the 11th Parliament on October 22, 2015;

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AND WHEREAS Section 8 (2) of the Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Act, Cap 1:07, provides for an annulment of such an order to amend the Schedule in the National Assembly;

AND WHEREAS Standing Orders 70 (1) and (2), in accordance with Section 22 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Act, Cap 2:01, also provides for a notice of motion to be moved on any subsidiary legislation subject to a negative resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED;

That the National Assembly debates this motion as provided for in Standing Order 70 (2).

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED;

That the National Assembly annul The Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Order No.16 of 2015 published on September 25, 2015 in the Official Gazette (Extraordinary) # 2097, made under the Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Act, Cap 1:07, as from the date hereof.

**Notice Paper No. 20 (M15 Opp.1) published on 2015-10-23)**

1. **FILING OF INCOME TAX RETURNS BY ALL MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT**

Bishop Juan Edghill, M.S., J.P., M.P., to move the following Motion:

WHEREAS all Members of Parliament are required to file annual income tax returns to the Guyana Revenue Authority in compliance with the Income Tax Act, Cap 81:01.

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BE IT RESOLVED:

That all Members of this National Assembly, in the interest of transparency and accountability in public office, make available to the public their tax returns to the Guyana Revenue Authority for the last 10 years on or before December 31, 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly urges the government to expeditiously table legislation to give effect to this motion.

**Notice Paper No. 21(M16 Opp.2) published on 2015-10-23**

1. **COMMITTEES BUSINESS**

**MOTION**

**OUTSTANDING WORK OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE OF THE TENTH PARLIAMENT**

Mr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, M.P., to move the following Motion:

WHEREAS, in accordance with Standing Order 104(1), every Committee shall before the end of the Session in which it was appointed, make a report to the Assembly upon matters referred to it;

AND WHEREAS, the Public Accounts Committee, a Standing Committee of the National Assembly of the First Session of the Tenth Parliament, was unable, owing to the prorogation and subsequent dissolution of Parliament on the 10th November , 2014 and 28th February , 2015, respectively, to conclude the work that was referred to it in that Session.

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BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Public Accounts Committee of the National Assembly for the first Session of the Eleventh Parliament take into account all outstanding work of the previous Committee.

**(Notice Paper No. 24 (M19 Committee.1) published on 2015- 11-25)**

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**S.E. ISAACS**

**Clerk of the National Assembly**

**PARLIAMENT OFFICE,**

**Public Buildings,**

**Brickdam,**

**Georgetown.**

**10th December, 2015.**