

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA – FIRST SESSION (2020)

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE PAPER NO. 9

Member Asking: **Mr. Devin Sears, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Prime Minister**

QUESTION

INTERNET SERVICE IN GUYANA

- (a) *Given the present COVID-19 environment, can the Minister say why the Government has not operationalised Act No.18 of 2016 to liberalise the telecommunication sector to create competition in data services, especially the internet?

- (b) *Can the Minister inform this House how many DATA (internet) service providers operate in each of the ten regions in Guyana as at 30th September, 2020, and state which provide primary sourced data (direct access and fiber cable) and which provide secondary sourced data in these regions?

- (c) *Can the Minister further inform this House how many households have data (internet) via land lines and or wireless service for each of the ten regions in Guyana as at 30th September, 2020?

- (d) *Can the Minister further inform this House how many persons have data (internet) via mobile phone service for each of the ten regions in Guyana as at 30th September, 2020?

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(e) *Can the Minister further inform this House if he supports the need to reduce VAT on data given the necessity of online learning in this COVID-19 environment?

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