

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA – FIRST SESSION (2020)

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE PAPER NO. 15

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

Minister Answering: The Minister with responsibility for Finance

QUESTIONS

***NATIONAL PROCUREMENT BOARD**

1. The publication of the new appointees to the Public Procurement Board stated the following persons have been nominated and appointed to serve on the board:

- Mr. Tarachand Balgobin as Temporary Chairman
- Mr. Bernard Lord - Member
- Mr. Desmond Mohamed - Member
- Mr. Steve Ninvalle - Member
- Mr. Mark Conway - Member
- Ms. Gloria Beharry - Member

In accordance to Part 111 of the Procurement Act 2003, Section 16, clearly addresses the creation and membership of the National Procurement and Tender Administration Board, Section 16(2) states:

“The administration shall be managed by the National Board which shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the Minister from among persons of unquestionable integrity who have shown capacity in business, the professions, law, audit, finance and administration”.

Can the Honourable Minister state the following:

- (a) *Whether the names listed above were appointed in keeping with Section 16 (2) of the National Procurement act?
- (b) *The current construct is six (6), when will the additional person be appointed?

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2. Section 16(3) states:

*“the members of the National Board to be appointed by the Minister shall comprise:
(i) not more than five persons from the Public Service;
(ii) not more than three persons from the private sector after consultation with their representative organizations”.*

Can the Honourable Minister state the following:

(a) *State from the list of appointees, where the persons are employed?

(b) *State who are the representatives from the Private Sector?

3. Section 16(4) states:

“Two members of the National Board shall serve on a full-time basis and the remainder shall serve on a part-time basis. The Minister shall appoint as Chairman one of the full-time members”.

Can the Honourable Minister state the following:

(a) *Whether there is a conflict of interest in appointing Mr. Tarachand Balgobin as Temporary Chairman, since he is a full time Public Servant and the Act does not allow for this arrangement?

(b) *Is there consideration for the appointment of a substantive Chairperson of the Board?

(c) *If yes, is there a period for the appoint and when?

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