



(Ninth Parliament - Fourth Session)

No. 100.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana, Speaker

Hon. Ajith Rajapakse, Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees

Hon. Angajan Ramanathan, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena, Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries

Hon. Tiran Alles, Minister of Public Security

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana, Minister of Transport and Highways and Minister of Mass Media

Hon. Jeevan Thondaman, Minister of Water Supply and Estate Infrastructure Development

Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Attorney at Law, Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation

Hon. Douglas Devananda, Minister of Fisheries

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara, Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment

Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana, Minister of Industries and Minister of Health

Hon. Nalin Fernando, Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security

Hon. Harin Fernando, Minister of Tourism and Lands and Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs

Hon. (Dr.) Susil Premajayantha, Attorney at Law, Minister of Education and Leader of the House of Parliament

Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga, Minister of Urban Development and Housing and Chief Government Whip

Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella, Minister of Environment

Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe, PC, Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms

Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, Attorney at Law, Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation and Minister of Irrigation

Hon. Vidura Wikramanayaka, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs

Hon. Kanchana Wijsekera, Minister of Power and Energy

Hon. M .U. M. Ali Sabry, PC, Minister of Foreign Affairs

Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament

Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Non Cabinet Minister of State Plantation Enterprises Reforms and State Minister of Finance

Hon. Dilum Amunugama, State Minister of Investment Promotion

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Seetha Arambepola, State Minister of Health

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, State Minister of Transport

Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmale Kumarasinghe, State Minister of Women and Child Affairs

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar, State Minister of Education

Hon. (Mrs.) Diana Gamage, State Minister of Tourism

Hon. Siripala Gamalath, State Minister of Highways

Hon. Sivaneshathurai Santhirakanthan, State Minister of Rural Road Development

Hon. D. V. Chanaka, State Minister of Power and Energy

Hon. Sisira Jayakody, Attorney at Law, State Minister of Indigenous Medicine

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, State Minister of Justice and Prison Affairs

Hon. Premalal Jayasekara, State Minister of Ports and Aviation

Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon, State Minister of Defence

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake, State Minister of Primary Industries

Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva, State Minister of Fisheries

Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva, Attorney at Law, State Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Rohana Dissanayaka, State Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs

Hon. Sanath Nishantha, State Minister of Water Supply

Hon. Anupa Pasqual, State Minister of Social Empowerment

Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara, State Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion

Hon. Arundika Fernando, State Minister of Urban Development and Housing

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha, State Minister of Home Affairs

Hon. Shantha Bandara, State Minister of Mass Media

Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya, State Minister of Foreign Affairs

Hon. Vijitha Berugoda, State Minister of Piriven Education
Hon. K. Kader Masthan, State Minister of Rural Economy
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera, State Minister of Small and Medium Enterprises
Development
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte, State Minister of Plantation Industries
Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan, State Minister of Higher Education
Hon. Shasheendra Rajapaksa, State Minister of Irrigation
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura, State Minister of Provincial Councils and Local
Government
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage, State Minister of Urban Development and Housing
Hon. S. Viyalanderan, State Minister of Trade
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe, State Minister of Finance
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath, State Minister of Power and Energy
Hon. Kanaka Herath, State Minister of Technology
Hon. D. B. Herath, State Minister of Livestock Development

Hon. Amirthanathan Adaikkalanathan
Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah
Hon. Kapila Athukorala
Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Athukorala, Attorney at Law
Hon. Sampath Athukorala
Hon. Tissa Attanayake
Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Rohitha Abegunawardhana
Hon. Wajira Abeywardana
Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe
Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Thisakutti Arachchi
Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura
Hon. M. Udayakumar
Hon. (Dr.) Major Pradeep Undugoda

Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna
Hon. Akila Ellawala
Hon. Lalith Ellawala
Hon. Selvarajah Kajendren
Hon. Govindan Karunakaram
Hon. Gayantha Karunatilleka
Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam, Attorney at Law
Hon. Faizal Cassim
Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Attorney at Law
Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda
Hon. Lalith Varna Kumara
Hon. Gevindu Cumaratunga
Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku
Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda
Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. Udaya Gammanpila
Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi
Hon. Udayakantha Gunathilaka
Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene
Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena
Hon. (Dr.) Nalaka Godahewa
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Milan Jayathilake
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Piyanara Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana
Hon. (Prof.) Channa Jayasumana
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Kulasingam Dhileeban
Hon. Janaka Bandara Thennakoon
Hon. Shan Vijayalal De Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Palani Thigambaram

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayake
Hon. Sarathi Dushmantha
Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya
Hon. Isuru Dodangoda
Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law
Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
Hon. H. Nandasena
Hon. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. S. Noharathalingam
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Dhammika Perera
Hon. Niroshan Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi
Hon. Uddika Premarathne
Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. (Prof.) Ranjith Bandara
Hon. Sudath Manjula
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff, Attorney at Law

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Attorney at Law
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka
Hon. Nipuna Ranawaka
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara
Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Ali Sabri Raheem
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapakshe
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. M. Rameshwaran
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Waruna Liyanage
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Gamini Waleboda
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe
Hon. C.V. Wigneswaran
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana
Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Jayantha Weerasinghe, PC
Hon. D. Weerasingha
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera

Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Jagath Samarawickrama
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Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne
Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law
Hon. Abdul Haleem
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Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath
Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. Jayarathna Herath
Hon. Samanpriya Herath
Hon. Marjan Faleel
Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie
Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Chaminda Kularathne, Chief of Staff and Deputy Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Hansa Abeyrathne, Assistant Secretary-General

Parliament met pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker took the Chair.

1. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Speaker presented the —

- (i) Second Installment – Part LIV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2020;
- (ii) Second Installment – Part XLVII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2021; and
- (iii) Second Installment – Part XXXV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2022

in terms of Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Ordered that the, said Reports do lie upon the **Table** and be printed.

(2) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Report of the Lady Lochore Loan Fund for the year 2020 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Economic and Physical Plans.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the —

- (i) Annual Report of the National Transport Medical Institute for the year 2022; and
- (ii) Performance Report of the Sri Lanka Railway Department for the year 2022.

and moved that those Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy & Transport.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Report of the Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited for the year 2021 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy & Transport.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports under Standing Order 52(6) of the Parliament :

(1) The Minister of Tourism and Lands and Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs presented the Report under Standing Order 52(6) of the Parliament on the Bill titled “Saweera Foundation (Incorporation)”.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, January 09, 2024.

(2) The Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs presented the Report under Standing Order 52(6) of the Parliament on the Bill titled “Pavithra Wanniarachchi Sahurda Foundation (Incorporation)”.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, January 09, 2024.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) The Hon. Ajith Rajapakse, Deputy Speaker and the Chair of the Legislative Standing Committee presented the Report of the Legislative Standing Committee on the Bill titled, “Sri Lanka Baptist Sangamaya (Incorporation) (Amendment)” together with the Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered that, the said Report do lie upon the **Table** and be printed.

(2) The Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva, the Chair of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the said Committee on the —

- (i) Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235); and
- (ii) Orders under Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007

which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that, the said Report do lie upon the **Table**.

(3) The Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma, the Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Sustainable Development presented the Report of the said Committee on “Action plan to mitigate Human-Elephant conflict in Sri Lanka”.

Ordered that, the said Report do lie upon the **Table**.

(4) The Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi, the Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on An Open & Accountable Government presented the Report of the said Committee on “Recommendations for making the Pension Department a people-friendly government institute”.

Ordered that, the said Report do lie upon the **Table**.

(5) The Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda, the Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy & Transport presented the Report of the said Committee on —

(i) Annual Report of the Jaya Container Terminals Limited for the Year 2022; and

(ii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority for the Year 2022

which were referred to the Committee.

Ordered that, the said Report do lie upon the **Table**.

(6) The Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha, the Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Religious Affairs and Co-Existence presented the Report of the said Committee on —

(i) Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs for the year 2022; and

(ii) Annual Performance Report of the Department of Buddhist Affairs for the year 2022

which were referred to the Committee.

Ordered that, the said Report do lie upon the **Table**.

4. Presentation of Public Petitions :

(1) Hon. D.B. Herath presented a petition dated 25.09.2023 from Mrs. K.P Bandara Manike of No. 82, 7th Step, Uyandana, Kurunegala.

(2) Hon. Sampath Athukorala presented a petition dated 04.09.2023 from Mrs. S. A. M. Wimalalatha of Kurunda, Udugama, Galle.

The Petitions stood referred under Standing Order 30(10) of the Parliament, to the Committee on Public Petitions.

5. Business of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the proceedings on Item Nos. 1 to 10 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sittings from the provisions of the motion agreed to by Parliament on 20th November 2023 and Standing Order 8 of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Ministerial Consultative Committees : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 112(1) of Parliament and the decision taken on the 12th of December, 2023 by the Committee of Selection, Ministerial Consultative Committee on State Plantation Enterprises Reforms be appointed to be designated in addition to the twenty eight (28) Ministerial Consultative Committees approved by the Parliament on the 17th of November 2023.

Above Ministerial Consultative Committee shall consists of the Non-Cabinet Minister in charge of the relevant subject as the Chair, State Minister, Deputy Minister and five (5) other members of Parliament to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to discuss and report upon such matters as are referred to it.

The quorum of above Ministerial Consultative Committee shall be three (3) Members.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Sittings of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 09th, 2024.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Gamini Lokuge, seconded by Hon. S. B. Dissanayake moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Daham Sewane Singiththo Lama Sanwardana Padanama.”

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the first time and ordered to be printed.

The Bill stood referred under Standing Order 52(6) of the Parliament to the Minister of Education for report.

9. Appropriation Bill : (Twenty Sixth Allotted Day) : Considered further in the Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 102

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 11.38 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 12.47 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

(At 2.08 p.m. Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe took the Chair.)

(At 3.40 p.m. Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law took the Chair.)

(At 6.01 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies proposed an amendment to leave out lines 5 and 6 in page 11 and substitute the following:—

“Recurrent 409,398,310,000

Capital 689,423,185,000”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies proposed an amendment to leave out line 9 in page 11 and substitute the following:—

“Programme 01 Development Activities 206,350,909,000 261,450,000”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 23,338,000,000 for Head 102, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 237

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 133,331,000 for Head 237, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 4,248,680,000 for Head 237, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 238

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 106,560,000 for Head 238, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,400,000 for Head 238, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 239

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 443,995,000 for Head 239, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,541,700,000 for Head 239, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 240

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 285,250,000 for Head 240, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 345,000,000 for Head 240, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies proposed an amendment to leave out line 19 in page 11 and substitute the following:—

“Programme 02 Development Activities 138,900,000,000 81,390,000,000”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 241

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies proposed an amendment to leave out line 21 in page 11 and substitute the following:—

“Programme 01 Development Activities 878,230,000 519,108,955,000”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 242

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 120,990,000 for Head 242, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 4,100,000 for Head 242, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 243

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 25,905,030,000 for Head 243, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,100,000 for Head 243, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 44,182,800,000 for Head 243, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 244

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 92,605,000 for Head 244, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 204,000,000 for Head 244, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 245

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 96,000,000 for Head 245, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 426,850,000 for Head 245, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 246

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 4,597,930,000 for Head 246, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 4,798,200,000 for Head 246, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 247

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies proposed an amendment to leave out line 11 in page 12 and substitute the following:—

“Programme 01 Operational Activities 4,189,600,000 255,500,000”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 248

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,310,500,000 for Head 248, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,068,700,000 for Head 248, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 249

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 21,437,325,000 for Head 249, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 4,657,950,000 for Head 249, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 250

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 113,600,000 for Head 250, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 33,900,000 for Head 250, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 251

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 731,300,000 for Head 251, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 103,000,000 for Head 251, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 252

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,200,370,000 for Head 252, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,418,700,000 for Head 252, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 280

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 94,650,000 for Head 280, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 4,400,000 for Head 280, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 296

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 143,885,000 for Head 296, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 9,800,000 for Head 296, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 323

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 22,170,000 for Head 323, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,400,000 for Head 323, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 324

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 61,665,000 for Head 324, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,500,000 for Head 324, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 329

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,132,435,000 for Head 329, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 8,000,000 for Head 329, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 333

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 49,980,000 for Head 333, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,100,000 for Head 333, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies proposed an amendment to leave out line 11 in page 34 and substitute the following:—

“Total	2,596,422,273,000	1,714,424,515,000”
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Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies moved,—That the First Schedule as amended stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Second Schedule ESTIMATE-2024

Expenditure of the Government, authorized by the Constitution and other Laws and
to be charged on the Consolidated Fund

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies proposed an amendment to leave out line 4 in page 37 and substitute the following:—

“249	Department of Treasury	(Section 2 paragraphs (a)	Programme 01-	2,634,104,400,000	4,263,744,700,000	6,897,849,100,000”
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Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies moved,—That the Second Schedule as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Third Schedule

ESTIMATE-2024

Limits of Advance Accounts Activities

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies proposed an amendment to leave out line 9 in page 40 and substitute the following:—

“31	Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries	11801	Advances to public Officers	133,000,000	55,800,000	398,200,000 -”
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Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies proposed another amendment to leave out the line 1 in page 41.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies proposed another amendment to insert the following immediately after line 4 in page 51 :—

“182	Non-Cabinet Minister of State Plantation Enterprises Reforms	50101	Advances to public Officers	2,000,000	200,000	1,800,000 -”
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Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies moved,—That the Third Schedule as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Postponed Clause 2

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies (Cabinet Approval having being signified) proposed, an amendment as follows:—

“The sub section (1) of Clause 2 of the Appropriation Bill for 2024 be amended by deleting the words “three thousand eight hundred sixty billion eight hundred forty six million seven hundred eighty eight thousand” in line 8 to 10 in page 01 and substituting the words “four thousand three hundred ten billion eight hundred forty six million seven hundred eighty eight thousand” therefor.”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies (Cabinet Approval having being signified) proposed, another amendment as follows:—

“ The sub section (1) (b) of Clause 2 of the Appropriation Bill for 2024 b amended by deleting the words “three thousand nine hundred billion” in line 8 to 9 in page 02 and substituting the words “seven thousand three hundred fifty billion” therefor.”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies (Cabinet Approval having being signified) proposed, another amendment as follows:—

“The sub section (2) of the Clause 2 of the Appropriation Bill for 2024 be amended by deleting the words “three thousand eight hundred sixty billion eight hundred forty six million seven hundred eighty eight thousand” in line 22 to 23 in page 02 and substituting the words “four thousand three hundred ten billion eight hundred forty six million seven hundred eighty eight thousand” therefor.”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies (Cabinet Approval having being signified) proposed, another amendment as follows:—

“The sub section (4) of the Clause 2 of the Appropriation Bill for 2024 be amended by deleting the words “three thousand nine hundred sixty five billion nine hundred ninety one million four hundred twelve thousand” in line 32 to 33 in page 02 and substituting the words “six thousand nine hundred sixty five billion nine hundred ninety one million four hundred twelve thousand” therefor.”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Question that the postponed Clauses 3 to 10 stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

Question that the Enacting Clause and Title stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.
Bill reported with Amendments.

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies moved,— That the Bill, as amended, be now read the third time.

Speaker made the following announcement with the leave of the House:—

As per the proviso outlined in 77(2) of the Standing Orders of the Parliament, Hon (Mrs.) Diana Gamage, Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera, and Hon. Rohana Bandara, who have been suspended from Parliamentary service for a period of one month as of the resolution passed by the Parliament on 02.12.2023, may be authorized by the Speaker to cast their votes only for the final vote of the Appropriation Bill during the period of such suspension.

Therefore, I hereby order the Sergeant-at-Arms to facilitate these Members of Parliament in casting their votes only for the final vote on the Appropriation Bill 2024, scheduled for today."

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament having divided as follows: Ayes: 123; Noes: 81; Abstain: 01.

The following Two hundred (201) Members of Parliament voted by using the electronic voting system under the Standing Order 47(2)(b) of the Parliament, as follows:—

G 001. Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi	Yes
G 002. Nimal Siripala De Silva	Yes
G 004. Mahinda Rajapaksa	Yes
G 005. Prasanna Ranatunga	Yes
G 006. Susil Premajayantha	Yes
G 007. Dinesh Gunawardena	Yes
G 009. Douglas Devananda	Yes
G 010. Bandula Gunawardana	Yes
G 011. Keheliya Rambukwella	Yes
G 012. Mahinda Amaraweera	Yes
G 013. Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe	Yes
G 014. Harin Fernando	Yes
G 015. Ramesh Pathirana	Yes
G 016. M. U. M. Ali Sabry	Yes
G 017. Vidura Wickramanayaka	Yes
G 018. Kanchana Wijesekera	Yes
G 019. Manusha Nanayakkara	Yes
G 020. Tiran Alles	Yes
G 021. Ajith Rajapakse	Yes

G 022. Nalin Fernando	Yes
G 023. Jeewan Thondaman	Yes
G 024. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya	Yes
G 025. Jagath Pushpakumara	Yes
G 026. Dilum Amunugama	Yes
G 027. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva	Yes
G 028. Janaka Wakkumbura	Yes
G 029. Shehan Semasinghe	Yes
G 030. Kanaka Herath	Yes
G 031. Thenuka Vidanagamage	Yes
G 032. Pramitha Bandara Tennakoon	Yes
G 033. Lasantha Alagiyawanna	Yes
G 034. Rohana Dissanayaka	Yes
G 035. Premalal Jayasekara	Yes
G 036. Arundika Fernando	Yes
G 037. Vijitha Berugoda	Yes
G 038. Lohan Ratwaththe	Yes
G 039. Sanath Nishantha	Yes
G 040. Tharaka Balasuriya	Yes
G 041. Indika Anuruddha Herath	Yes
G 042. Siripala Gamalath	Yes
G 043. Anuradha Jayaratne	Yes
G 044. S. Viyalanderan	Yes
G 045. D.V. Chanaka	Yes
G 046. Sisira Jayakody	Yes
G 047. Piyal Nishantha De Silva	Yes
G 048. Prasanna Ranaweera	Yes
G 049. D. B. Herath	Yes
G 050. Shasheendra Rajapaksa	Yes
G 051. Seetha Arambepola	Yes
G 052. Shantha Bandara	Yes
G 053. K. Kadder Masthan	Yes
G 054. Asoka Priyantha	Yes
G 055. A. Aravindh Kumar	Yes
G 056. Geetha Samanmale Kumarasinghe	Yes
G 057. Suren Raghavan	Yes
G 058. Diana Gamage	Yes
G 059. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan	Yes
G 060. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake	Yes
G 061. Anupa Pasqual	Yes
G 062. Johnston Fernando	Yes
G 063. S. B. Dissanayake	Yes
G 064. Gamini Lokuge	Yes
G 065. Vajira Abeywardena	Yes

G 066. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon	Yes
G 067. C. B. Rathnayake	Yes
G 068. S. M. Chandrasena	Yes
G 069. Mahindananda Aluthgamage	Yes
G 070. Rohitha Abeygunawardana	Yes
G 072. Sarath Weerasekara	Yes
G 073. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka	Yes
G 074. Roshan Ranasinghe	No
G 075. Dhammika Perera	Yes
G 076. Kapila Athukorala	Yes
G 077. Gayashan Nawananda	Yes
G 078. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff	Yes
G 079. Jayantha Ketagoda	Yes
G 080. Sampath Athukorala	Yes
G 081. Thisakutti Arachchi	Yes
G 082. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura	Yes
G 083. Pradeep Undugoda	Yes
G 084. Sanjeeva Edirimanna	Yes
G 085. Akila Ellawala	Yes
G 086. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi	Yes
G 087. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku	Yes
G 088. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda	Yes
G 089. Udayakantha Gunathilaka	Yes
G 090. Kokila Gunawardene	Yes
G 091. Milan Jayathilake	Yes
G 092. Kulasingam Dhileeban	Yes
G 093. Sudarshana Denipitiya	Yes
G 094. Isuru Dodangoda	Yes
G 095. Premanath C. Dolawatte	Yes
G 096. H. Nandasena	Yes
G 097. Muditha Prishanthi	Yes
G 098. Sudath Manjula	Yes
G 099. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal	Yes
G 100. Nipuna Ranawaka	Yes
G 101. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka	Yes
G 102. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha	Yes
G 103. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha	Yes
G 104. M. Rameshwaran	Yes
G 105. Rajika Wickramasinghe	Yes
G 106. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana	Yes
G 107. Madhura Withanage	Yes
G 108. D. Weerasingha	Yes
G 109. Samanpriya Herath	Yes
G 110. Sagara Kariyawasam	Yes

G 111. Yadamini Gunawardena	Yes
G 112. Manjula Dissanayake	Yes
G 113. Ranjith Bandara	Yes
G 114. Jayantha Weerasinghe	Yes
G 115. Marjan Faleel	Yes
G 116. Lalith Varna Kumara	Yes
O 002. Rajitha Senarathne	No
O 003. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar	No
O 004. Tissa Attanayake	No
O 005. Rauff Hakeem	No
O 006. Gayantha Karunatileka	No
O 007. Lakshman Kiriella	No
O 008. Sajith Premadasa	No
O 009. Kumara Welgama	No
O 010. Patali Champika Ranawaka	No
O 011. Palany Thigambaram	No
O 012. Mano Ganesan	No
O 013. Maithreepala Sirisena	No
O 015. G.L. Peiris	No
O 017. A. L. M. Athaullah	Yes
O 018. G. G. Ponnambalam	No
O 019. C. V. Wigneswaran	Abstain
O 020. Athuraliye Rathana Thero	No
O 022. Kabir Hashim	No
O 023. Thalatha Athukorala	No
O 024. Abdul Haleem	No
O 025. Sarath Fonseka	No
O 026. Harsha De Silva	No
O 028. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara	No
O 029. Dilip Wedaarachchi	No
O 030. Niroshan Perera	No
O 031. Eran Wickramaratne	No
O 032. J. C. Alawathuwala	No
O 033. John Seneviratne	Yes
O 034. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa	Yes
O 036. Dullas Alahapperuma	No
O 037. Vijitha Herath	No
O 038. Selvarajah Kajendren	No
O 040. Ali Sabri Raheem	Yes
O 042. Vadivel Suresh	Yes
O 043. Faizal Cassim	No
O 044. Ashok Abeysinghe	No
O 046. Ali Zahir Moulana Seyad	No
O 047. Ajith Mannapperuma	No

O 048. Buddhika Pathirana	No
O 049. M. S. Thowfeek	No
O 051. Hector Appuhamy	No
O 052. Thushara Indunil Amarasena	No
O 053. Dilan Perera	No
O 054. Wimal Weerawansa	No
O 055. Piyankara Jayaratne	Yes
O 057. Harini Amarasuriya	No
O 061. Velu Kumar	No
O 062. Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana	No
O 063. Mayantha Dissanayake	No
O 064. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera	No
O 065. S. M. Marikkar	No
O 066. Imran Maharoof	No
O 067. Ishak Rahuman	No
O 068. Harshana Rajakaruna	No
O 069. Rohini Kumari Wijerathna	No
O 070. Chaminda Wijesiri	No
O 071. Waruna Liyanage	No
O 072. Heshu Withanage	No
O 073. Jayarathna Herath	No
O 074. Duminda Dissanayake	Yes
O 076. Dayasiri Jayasekara	No
O 077. Sivagnanam Shritharan	No
O 078. M. A. Sumanthiran	No
O 080. S. Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam	No
O 081. M. Udayakumar	No
O 082. W. H. M. Dharmasena	No
O 083. Kins Nelson	No
O 084. Rohana Bandara	No
O 085. Udaya Gammanpila	No
O 086. Nalaka Godahewa	No
O 087. Channa Jayasumana	No
O 089. Nimal Lanza	Yes
O 090. Jayantha Samaraweera	No
O 091. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara	No
O 092. Sarathie Dushmantha	No
O 093. Mohamed Musammil	No
O 094. Lalith Ellawala	No
O 095. Udayana Kirindigoda	No
O 096. K. P. S. Kumarasiri	No
O 097. Upul Galappaththi	No
O 098. Shan Vijayalal De Silva	No
O 101. S. Jagath Samarawickrama	Yes

O 107. Wasantha Yapabandara	No
O 108. Thilak Rajapakshe	No
O 109. Gamini Waleboda	No
O 110. Weerasumana Weerasinghe	No
O 111. Gevindu Cumaratunga	No
O 112. Charitha Herath	No

The following Three Members (03) of Parliament cast their votes having being asked the name by the Secretary-General of Parliament under the Standing Order 47(2) (c) of the Parliament as follows:—

A. H. M. Fowzie	Yes
Nalin Bandara Jayamaha	No
V. Radhakrishnan	No

Bill, as amended, accordingly read the third time and passed.

10. Resolution under the Customs Ordinance: The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 29.11.2023, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2347/06 of 29th August 2023).

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1): The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Sections 2 and 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2343/11 of 01st August 2023, which was presented on 29.11.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

12. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2): The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2345/64 of 17th August 2023, which was presented on 29.11.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

13. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.3): The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,—That the Order made by the Acting Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Sections 2 and 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2346/16 of 21st August 2023, which was presented on 29.11.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

14. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.4): The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,—That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2348/44 of 08th September 2023, which was presented on 29.11.2023, be approved

Question put, and agreed to.

15. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.5): The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,—That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Sections 2 and 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2353/77 of 14th October 2023, which was presented on 29.11.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

16. Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act: The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1), 6 and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2353/16 of 09th October 2023, which were presented on 07.11.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

17. Determination of the remunerations of the Chairman, the members and the Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption: The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— Whereas the remunerations of the Chairman, the members, and the Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption, who are appointed in terms of the provisions of the Anti-Corruption Act, No. 9 of 2023, shall be determined by Parliament in terms of Sections 9 and 24 of the said Act, and shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund;

And whereas three persons shall be appointed as members of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption, and such persons shall relinquish all remunerated offices before being appointed as a member of the Commission, and shall not carry on any business or pursue any profession while being a member of the Commission in terms of Section 4 of the said Act;

And whereas in terms of Section 19 of the Act, unless the person appointed as the Director General is not appointed from the Government Service on secondment, such person shall relinquish all remunerated offices before assuming office as the Director-General;

And whereas the role of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption has expanded with the enactment of this Act, the tasks of the Chairman, the members, and the Director General of the said Commission have also expanded;

And whereas the persons appointed to the said offices should relinquish all remunerated offices and shall not carry on any business or pursue any profession, and considering the significant task to be discharged by them, approval has been granted by the Cabinet Decision dated 23 October 2023 and bearing No. 23/2004/601/056 for the payment of remunerations as follows to the Chairman, the members and the Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption:—

- (i) Payment of a monthly remuneration of Rs. 500,000.00 to the Chairman, Rs.450,000.00 to a member, and Rs. 400,000.00 to the Director General.
- (ii) In case a public officer is appointed on secondment as the Director General, such person shall be eligible to be paid the remuneration of Rs. 400,000.00 or a remuneration equal to the sum of the last drawn salary and allowances (except transport and communication allowances), whichever is the greatest.
- (iii) Payment of communication allowance of Rs. 10,000.00 for the Chairman, Rs.7,500.00 for a member, and Rs. 7,500.00 for the Director General.

Payment of transport allowance as follows:—

	Fuel Allowance	Transport Allowance**	Driver's Allowance**
Chairman	225 L	Rs. 50,000.00	Rs. 25,000.00
Member	200 L	Rs. 50,000.00	Rs. 25,000.00
Director General	200 L	Rs. 50,000.00	Rs. 25,000.00

** The Transport Allowance and Driver's Allowance are entitled only in instances where an official vehicle with a driver cannot be provided by the government.

Accordingly, that this Parliament determines to pay remunerations and allowances as above to the Chairman, the members and the Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption, in terms of Sections 9 and 24 of the Anti-Corruption Act, No. 9 of 2023.

Question put, and agreed to.

18. Penal Code (Amendment) Bill: Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Education moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time and referred by the Speaker to the Legislative Standing Committee under Standing Order 53(3) of the Parliament

19. Adjournment: And it being past 6.00 p.m. Parliament was at 7.01 p.m. adjourned by the Speaker without Question put, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 09, 2024, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.