



Meet the new CABINET MEMBERS





Samuel Archibald Anthony Hinds

Prime Minister - Designate

Samuel Archibald Hinds born December 27, 1943 in Alexander Village, Greater Georgetown received his early education at the Novar Canadian Mission School and later at Queen's College.

In 1967 he graduated from the University of New Brunswick, Canada with a B.SC in Chemical Engineering. In 1994, he was awarded an honorary DSC from the same University.

Hinds worked for 25 years (1967-1992) with the Bauxite Company in Linden and held positions as process engineer, process superintendent, divisional superintendent - product quality, research and development.

He served in the capacity of honorary secretary of the McKenzie branch of the Guyana Association of Professional Engineers from 1967 1975.

He was a member of the American Institute of Metallurgical Engineers from 1983 - 1992 until which time he became Prime Minister of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

From March 6 to December 1997, Hinds served as President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana and from then on to August 2006, as Prime Minister and Minister responsible for Public Works, Energy and Mines.

He is married with four (4) children



Dr. Roger Luncheon

Head of the Presidential Secretariat

Head of the Presidential Secretariat and Cabinet Secretary, Dr. Luncheon is also Secretary of the Defence Board.

He served as a Consultant on Internal Medicine at the Ministry of Health in 1980 and Senior Consultant in 1983. In 1987, he became Head of the Internal Medicine Department.

In 1985, Dr. Luncheon became Associate Professor for the Medical Practitioners Programme at the University of Guyana.

Dr. Luncheon studied at the Howard University, Washington D.C where he obtained his Medical Doctor's Degree and became a specialist in internal Medicine in Nephrology.

Dr. Luncheon is also a Member of the Central Committee and Executive Committee of the PPP.



Carolyn Rodrigues

Minister of Amerindian Affairs

Carolyn Rodrigues was born on September 16, 1973 in Moruca, Region One. Her early education began at the Santa Rosa Primary School after which she moved to Georgetown where she

attended a private school before going to Canada to pursue her studies. She successfully completed a programme in Business Administration at the University of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada.

She returned to Guyana in 1993, and shortly after was granted employment with SIMAP Agency as Coordinator of the Amerindian Projects Programme. She served in this capacity until 2001 when she began pursuing a Degree in Social Work at the University of Guyana.

In the same year, Rodrigues was appointed Minister of Amerindian Affairs, a position she held until August 2006.

She is married and has two children.



Dr. Jennifer R. A. Westford

Minister of Public Service

Dr. Jennifer R A Westford was born in Georgetown. She attended Dolphin Primary and Charlestown Secondary Schools after which she followed up the medical profession in 1977 and graduated as a SRN in 1980. She worked with the Ministry of health until 1982 when she became a member of the Guyana Defence Force's Medical Corps. In 1984 she was awarded a Government of Guyana Scholarship to study in Cuba in the field of Medicine. She graduated as a medical doctor in 1990 and was attached to the Georgetown Hospital until 1995 when she was appointed Regional Health Officer of Regions 7 and 8. She served in this capacity until 2001 when she was appointed as Minister of Public Service. Westford graduated from

the University of Guyana with a Post Graduate Diploma in International Relations in 2004. She continued her studies and in July 2006 graduated with a Master's Degree in International Studies from the University of Canterbury, UK. She is currently embarking on studies to obtain a Master's Degree in International Conflict Resolution.

Dr Westford also attained formal training in Human Resource Management, Conflict Resolution and Disaster Management, both locally and overseas.



Dr. Ashni Kumar Singh

Minister of Finance

Dr. Ashni Singh functioned as Director of Budget in the Ministry of Finance, an appointment he held since November 2001. Prior to this, he held appointments in the Office of the Auditor General as Senior Deputy Auditor General from February 2001 and as Deputy Auditor General from November 1993.

Dr. Singh has also served in several other senior public sector capacities, including as a member of the Governing Board of the Guyana Revenue Authority and the Board of Directors of the Cheddi Jagan International Airport Corporation. His employment history also includes stints as a Postgraduate Tutor at the University of Lancaster in the United Kingdom, a part-time Senior Associate Lecturer and at the University of Guyana.

Over the years, Dr. Singh has represented Guyana extensively in international and regional capacities including serving as a senior technical representative in Guyana's engagement

with the major international financial institutions and donor agencies such as the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the European Union, and in various Commonwealth and CARICOM activities. Dr. Singh is also currently a Director of the Caribbean Public Finance Association.

Dr. Singh received his higher education in the United Kingdom, and has been awarded a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Degree in Accounting and Finance by the University of Lancaster, a Master of Science (MSc) Degree in Financial Economics by the University of London, and a Master of Arts (MA) Degree in Accounting and Finance by the University of Lancaster. He is also a Chartered Accountant.



Dr. Desrey Fox

Minister in the Ministry of Education

Dr. Desrey Fox was born in Warmadong Village, Kamarang Upper Mazaruni District on January 2, 1955. She was educated at the Warmadong Primary School before moving to the city and attending the Campbellville Government School and later the Georgetown Seventh-Day Adventist Academy

She has a PhD in Linguistics from Rice University, Houston Texas, 2003, a Master's of Arts in Linguistics at the same University, a MA in Environmental Anthropology from the University of Kent at Canterbury, U.K. and a B.Sc. Sociology, University of Guyana

Dr. Fox has been an Associate

Researcher, University of Oregon. Locally, she served in the capacity as Co-coordinator of the Amerindian Research Unit, University of Guyana and Curator of the Walter Roth Museum of Anthropology and Lecturer in Linguistics and Amerindian Studies at the University of Guyana

She was the recipient of numerous scholarships and has written several scholarly essays.

Dr. Fox has three children.



S.R. Insanally

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Rudy Insanally was born on January 23, 1936 in Georgetown and educated at Queen's College and at the University College of the West Indies London University and at the Universities of Paris and Brussels. His main areas of study were Modern Languages and International Relations.

Prior to entering his country's diplomatic service in 1966, he taught French and Spanish at Kingston and Jamaica Colleges, Jamaica, at Queen's College, Guyana and at the University of Guyana.

From 1966 to 1969, he served as Counsellor at the Guyana Embassy in Washington, D.C. in 1970 and was appointed Chargé d'Affaires in Caracas, Venezuela. In 1972, he was transferred to Guyana's Permanent Mission to the United Nations as Deputy Permanent Representative.

He returned as Ambassador to Venezuela from 1972 to 1978 with concurrent accreditation to Colombia, Ecuador and

Peru. During that period, he participated in the work of various regional organizations such as the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the Organisation of American States (OAS) and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

His next posting was as Permanent Representative to the European Economic Community in Brussels where he also served as Ambassador to Belgium and on a non-resident basis to Austria, Norway and Sweden. He was elected Chairman of the Sugar Sub-Committee on several occasions and later Chairman of the Trade Sub-Committee for the negotiation of a Protocol to provide for the enlargement of the Community. He was also appointed Special Rapporteur for the Joint ACPEEC Assembly on the implementation of the Lomé Convention.

Mr. Insanally subsequently returned to Guyana as Head of the Political Division covering the Western Hemisphere. At the same time he served as roving High Commissioner to several Caribbean countries and as Ambassador to Colombia.

Since 1987, he became Permanent Representative to the United Nations and in this capacity; he has led his country's delegation to the General Assembly on several occasions. He was elected Vice President/Rapporteur for the Special Session of the General Assembly on International Economic Cooperation held in April 1990.

In 1993, he was elected President of 48th Session of the United Nations General Assembly and during that period served as Chairman of the Working Group on the Reform of the Security Council. Insanally served also in 1999 as Chairman of the Group of 77 and as Chairman of the Preparatory Committee for the South Summit.

From 1994 to 2001, he served as Chancellor of the University of Guyana and upon completion he assumed the position of Minister of Foreign Affairs.



Robert Montgomery Persaud

Minister of Agriculture

Robert Montgomery Persaud was born in Berbice on May 9, 1974. The third of four children, he received his early education at Redeemer Primary School and St. Joseph's High School.

He was awarded a Certificate through the United States Agency for International Development /Freedom Forum in Washington, DC, USA and a Diploma in News Agency Journalism from the Indian Institute of Mass Communications in New Delhi, India. Persaud is the holder of a Bachelor's of Arts Degree from the University of Guyana. He graduated from the University of the West Indies in 2005 with a Master of Business Administration (MBA).

Persaud is married and has a daughter.

At an early age his penchant for the media was exposed as he began pursuing a career in Journalism which he started at the Catholic Standard newspaper. He later became a Senior Reporter and then Editor of the Mirror newspaper when he was only 23 years old.

Until his recent appointment as Minister of Agriculture he held the prestigious positions of Information Liaison to the President of Guyana and Head of the Government Information Agency (GINA).

He also served as Director of the Guyana Broadcasting Corporation, Programme Director/Editor of Multi-Technology Vision Inc. and Chairman of the National Communications Network (NCN) overseeing the successful merger of GTV and GBC.

Persaud is also the Government of Guyana's Coordinator of the Information Communications Technology Strategy (ICT4D Strategy) which was recently completed and launched.

In the political sphere, his activism from an early age has seen him climbing the ladder from being the Chairman of the Progressive Youth Organisation (youth arm of the PPP), to an elected member of the Central Committee and at present, Executive Committee Member of the PPP. Persaud also serves as Public Relations Secretary of the Party.



Priya Devi Manickchand

Minister of Human Services and Social Security

Priya Devi Manichand, the youngest member of the Cabinet received her early education at Stella Maris Primary School before moving on to Queen's College.

She then began pursuing a law programme at the University of Guyana. Manickchand's next step was to complete the programme at the Hugh Wooding Law School which she did in 2000.

She was admitted to the Bar on October 10, 2000 and was an Associate Attorney at Khemraj Ramjattan & Associates' Chambers from September 2000-February, 2002.

She then began private practice up to the time of her appointment as Minister.

Manichand served as a Senior Supervising Attorney at the Georgetown Legal Aid Clinic from January 2004 to October 2005.

She has a wide range of experience in a number of areas having served as a member of several organisations including the Guyana Association of Women Lawyers, Guyana Medical Council, Omai Bauxite Mining Incorporated and the Guyana Rice Producers Association.



Harry Narine Nawbatt

Minister of Housing and Water

Harry Narine Nawbatt was born on December 19, 1946.

He received his secondary education at the Central High School in Georgetown and because of his liking for Accounts; he began pursuing studies in the field at the University of Guyana where he graduated in 1981 with a Diploma in Accountancy. He went further in the field and in 1991 graduated with a Bachelor of Social Science degree majoring in Accountancy. He also gained a Diploma in Transport Studies in 1995.

Nawbatt has served in several spheres of work, from being a teacher at the Annandale Primary School to a Public Servant and a Chief Accountant in the Accountant General's Department.

He also served in a number of other positions such as Principal Auditor at the Office of the Auditor General, Chief Accountant, Guyana Airways Corporation, Executive Director, Social Impact Amelioration Programme and Project Manager Poor Rural Communities Support Services Project (PRCSSP).

He served as the Minister of Transport and Hydraulics from 2005 to 2006.

He is married with three children



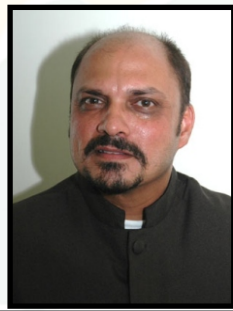
Jennifer Ingrid Marie Webster

Minister in the Ministry of Finance

Born on January 19, 1962 in Georgetown, Jennifer Webster was educated at St. Gabriel's Convent of the Good Shepherd School and Queen's College. She later pursued studies at the University of Guyana and the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus. She is the holder of a Bachelor's of Science Degree majoring in Accountancy.

She also graduated from the Queen's University of Canada with a degree in Economics and at present is pursuing the Executive MBA programme. She was appointed Permanent Secretary in the Office of the President in December 1999 and prior to that held several senior positions in the Public Service. Ms. Webster is a Professional Accountant.

She served on the Board of Directors of the National Communications Network (NCN) and the Central Bank, and up to the time of her appointment as Minister in the Ministry of Finance is the Government's representative responsible for the Reform Strategies in the Public Service being implemented under the Public Management Modernisation Programme.



Dr. Bheri S. Ramsaran MD

Minister in the Ministry of Health

Dr. Bheri Sygmond Ramsaran was born on March 16, 1959. He graduated from the Medical Faculty of the People's Friendship University, Moscow, in 1987 and then proceeded on further post graduate training at the same University focusing on surgical skills.

Dr. Ramsaran began working at the Georgetown Public Hospital in 1987 as a Government Medical Officer and a year later, was posted at the New Amsterdam Hospital. He also served at the Skeldon and Port Mourant hospitals. He continued working in Berbice as a medical practitioner until mid 1996 when he returned to the Department of Surgery at the Georgetown Hospital where he attained the level of Medical Registrar. He also worked for several years at the hospital's Accident & Emergency Department.

He was elected to the Central Committee of the PPP and the Executive Committee and has served as the Party's Secretary for Education while being a member of the Executive Committee.

He became a member of the National Assembly in 1998. He also functioned as a member of the Public Accounts Committee and the Sectoral Committee on the Social Sector.

Dr. Ramsaran was appointed Director of Regional Health Services of the Ministry of Health in 2003.



Dr Henry Jeffrey

Minister of Foreign Trade and International Co-operation

Henry Benfield Jeffrey received his early education at the Beterverwagting Government School and Tutorial High School. He completed his undergraduate and postgraduate studies in the United Kingdom. Dr. Jeffrey graduated with his BA (Hon) Politics from the University of Warwick, while he did his Master's of Science at the University of Loughborough where he specialized in Development Studies. He graduated from University College, Cardiff and Wales with his PHD in Management Philosophy.

Dr. Jeffrey began his career in the academic sphere where he served as a Lecturer and Principal of Kuru Kuru College in Guyana from 1975 - 1978. During 1984 - 1986 he performed the duties of Temporary Lecturer at the University College, Cardiff Wales. He was a Senior Lecturer and Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Guyana from 1988-1992. In 1992, he became the Director of the Graduate School of Social Science.

Dr. Jeffrey was Minister of Labour, Housing, Human Services and Social Security from 1992 -1997. From 1997 - 2001 he served as Minister of Health & Labour. He assumed the post of Minister of Education in 2001.

Dr. Jeffrey has written several publications, which includes, inter-alia, Guyana: Politics, Economics & Society and Sustainable Development in the Guianas.



Shaik Baksh

Minister of Education

Shaik Kamrul Baksh has a Bachelor of Social Science (B.Soc Sc.) Degree in Economics and Management from the University of Guyana and a Master of Science (M. Sc) in Management from the University of London.

He worked his way up from a clerk in **the** Ministry of Education to Personnel Officer of the University of Guyana before venturing out as a Lecturer of the University.

He later became Head of the Department of Management at the University.

Baksh served in several capacities mainly in the area of management.

He was the Chief Executive Officer of Guyana Stores Limited, Managing Director of the Guyana Oil Company Limited, Chairman of the Guyana National Engineering Corporation, President of Caribbean Management Development Association and a Member of Parliament in 1992 .

He became the Minister of Housing and Water in 1998 and served in that position until August 2006.



Manzoor Nadir

Minister of Labour

Born on November 14, 1955, Nadir first served as in the 2001 -2006 Cabinet as the Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce.

He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business from the University of Alberta, Canada and a Master's Degree in Economics from the University of Manchester, UK.

He first became involved in politics when he contested the 1980 elections on the United Force ticket. He became the Party's leader in 1991.

Nadir served as a member of the University of Guyana Council from 1981 to 1986. He was marketing executive of the Guyana Pharmaceutical Corporation from 1980 to 1984. Nadir served as Secretary General of the eighteen countries of the Caribbean Youth Institute from 1985 to 1995.

He was first elected to Parliament in 1992 and Nadir is now completing his 14th year and beginning his fourth term as a Member of Parliament. He is married to Maria and they have three children



Clement Rohee

Minister of Home Affairs

Clement James Rohee was born on March 16, 1950. He was educated at the Lady of

Fatima School, the National Evening College, the Accabre College of Social Sciences and the Institute of Social Sciences of Moscow.

His political career began in the Progressive Youth Organization - Youth Arm of the People's Progressive Party and later he became a member of the Education Committee of the Party. He is a Member of the Central and Executive Committees of the PPP.

He served as the Secretary of the Central Committee responsible for International Affairs and Executive Secretary and Convenor Race Relations Committee, PPP. Rohee served on the Editorial Board of "Thunder", the PPP Journal.

Rohee represented his party at various Conferences, Seminars and Round table discussions held in Latin America, Asia, Europe, The Middle East and the USA.

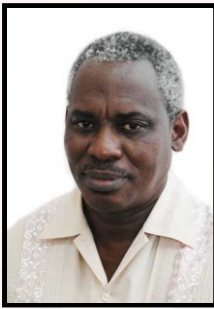
He was a Member of the Guyana Elections Commission and a newspaper columnist contributing to several International Journals and Magazines.

He also held a number of other positions such as on the Board of Governors of the University of Guyana, Director, Guyana Import Export Limited and further afield in Prague, Czechoslovakia as Permanent Representative on the Editorial Board Problems of Peace and Socialism. He was an Executive Member of the Union of Guyanese Journalists (MGJ).

In 1992, Rohee became the Minister of Foreign Affairs and served in this position until 2001 when he was appointed Minister of Foreign Trade and International Cooperation. He has also functioned as CARICOM's Ministerial Spokesperson to superintend negotiations at the World Trade Organization from 2002 to 2006. From 2004-2006 he was CARICOM'S Lead Ministerial Spokesperson on matters relating to Sugar.

He also served as Facilitator for Development Issues at the 6th WTO Ministerial Meeting in Hong Kong December 13-18, 2005.

He was also a Lecturer at Accabre College of Social Sciences. Rohee has co-authored "Guyana a Bed of Thorns".



Brindley H. Robeson Benn

Minister of Transport and Hydraulics

Brindley Robeson Benn was born on January 7, 1953 in Georgetown.

He received his schooling at Graham's Hall, Cummings Lodge and Queen's College. He furthered his studies at the Universities of Bergakademie in Freiberg, Germany and at New Brunswick, Canada.

Benn has a Bachelor's of Social Science Degree in Geology, specializing in Igneous Petrology. He worked in the Geological Surveys Department as a Field Assistant before moving on to the Guyana Geology and Mines Commission. There he served as Senior Field Assistant and was a Geologist in the petroleum unit of the Mineral Resources Agency. Benn also served as Special Geologist at the Guyana Mining Enterprise and held various posts in the Linden Mining Enterprise such as Chief Geologist, General Manager, Mines and Production and Chief Operations Officer.

He held positions on several government boards such as Chairman-Guyana Geology and Mines Commission, Director Guyana Gold Board and Director-Guyana Lands and Surveys Commission. Prior to his appointment as Minister, he was the Commissioner of the Guyana Geology and Mines Commission. He is married to Dina Sheridan Benn and has Two children.



Dr. Leslie Ramsammy

Minister of Health

Dr. Ramsammy is a Post Doctoral Fellow, Neurochemistry, NY Institute Developmental Disabilities and has a Ph.D in Biochemistry and a M.Sc in Biology from the St. John's University, N.Y. He is also the holder of a B.Sc., Microbiology from Pace University, N.Y.

He has held several posts prior to his appointment. These include: Senior Lecturer Chemical Pathology, University of Guyana, President, Executive Council, PAHO Chairman, Board of Directors, Head, Health Sector Reform Unit, and Director, Environmental Protection Agency.

He was a Member of the Parliamentary Oversight and Accounts Committee and has been serving as Minister of Health since 2001.

Dr. Ramsammy has more than 70 scientific publications to his name.



Kellawan Lall

Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

Born in March 1953, at Rosehall, Canje, Kellawan Lall attended the

Patrice Lumumba University in Moscow. He graduated with a Diploma in Journalism from the international School of Journalism in Hungary. He worked as a journalist at the New Guyana Company, as Editor of the International Review Magazine, Czechoslovakia and Political Advisor to former Presidents Dr. Cheddi Jagan, Samuel Hinds, Janet Jagan and His Excellency Bharrat Jagdeo.

Mr. Lal is the father of two. He joined the People's Progressive Party in 1970 and is a member of the Central and Executive Committee of the party.



Dr. Frank C. S. Anthony

Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport

Dr. Frank Anthony is the holder of a Master's Degree in Public Health from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel and Medical Degree from the Russian Friendship University, Moscow, Russia.

He served as the Executive Director of the Health Sector Development Unit, in the Ministry of Health. He had the responsibility to supervise a number of major health programmes.

Dr Anthony previously served as the national focal point person for the Essential Public Health Functions, and Chronic Non Communicable Disease, and Health of the Elderly within the Ministry of Health. He also served as epidemiologist within the Ministry of Health and Government Medical Officer on the East

Coast of Demerara and at the Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation. He has tremendous expertise in HIV/AIDS, and is the secretary of the Presidential Commission on HIV/AIDS. He was session chair at the recently concluded international HIV/AIDS Conference in Toronto, Canada.

Dr. Frank Anthony participated in numerous youth programmes and conferences both nationally and internationally. He was Guyana's representative in the United Nations, World Youth Leadership Training Summit, UN Headquarters, Commonwealth Youth Exchange Programme and the Caribbean Youth Assembly in Trinidad and Tobago. His involvement in politics started since 1979, in the Progressive Organization of Pioneers, before moving on to the Progressive Youth Organization and the PPP.

Among his most notable contributions was the period when he served on the Constitutional reform commission in 1998/1999.

He is married to Dr. Shanti Singh, and has two Children.



Doodnauth Singh S.C., M.P.

Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

Born on June 16, 1933, Doodnauth Singh pursued a career in the legal field. He was admitted to the Practice in January 1959.

There began a distinguished career

that would see him climbing the ladder. He started Private Practice in January 1961, and then joined the Attorney General's Chambers. He served as Legal Draftsman in the Attorney General's Chambers Legal Council to Income Tax and Customs and Litigation Officer.

Singh was Police Legal Adviser and Member of the DPP's Chambers after which he returned to Private Practice in 1969. He has practiced in several countries including Guyana, Trinidad & Tobago, Grenada, Antigua and Dominica.

His astuteness as a legal luminary saw him being chosen as Special Prosecutor against Patrick John, former Prime Minister of Dominica and Members of the Dominican Defence Force in a Treason and Murder litigation.

Singh was also Special Prosecutor in Grenada against Bernard Court and others for the murder of Maurice Bishop, former Grenadian Prime Minister and others.

Appointed Senior Counsel in 1985, he continued in private Practice until June 2001 when he was appointed Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs.



Manniram Prashad

Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce

Manniram Prashad received his early education at Cummings Lodge Secondary School. A former school teacher at the East La Penitence Government School, he joined the Insurance sector at an early age. He obtained the LUTC Insurance, a Canadian Examination written through the Caribbean Association of Life Underwriters.

An established businessman, Prasad has held several posts. He served in managerial capacity at GTM and Hand in Hand Insurance companies. Later he set up an insurance brokerage for both local and overseas clients.

Prashad also served as President of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Chairman of the Private Sector Commission, Director of the Pegasus Hotel and the Guyana Airways Corporation. He was also a member of the University of Guyana Council.

Additionally, Prashad served as Presidential Adviser on Investment & Trade at the Office of the President, Chairman of the Cheddi Jagan Int'l Airport, Guyana National Shipping Corporation and Property Holdings (Guyana) Limited. He also was the Vice Chairman of the Guyana Office for Investment and Caribbean Export Development Agency (Barbados).



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