

Be good: GG tells MPs

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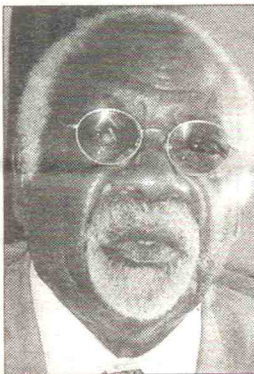
THE Parliament is not an ordinary work place and Members of Parliament are no ordinary workers, Governor-General Sir Paulias Matane said yesterday.

Sir Paulias said this when opening the 8th National Parliament Induction Programme in the Parliament Chambers.

For Members who have just been elected for the first time as parliamentarians, the induction was the first acquaintance with the Parliament and parliamentary practices and procedures.

The new MPs were given the rundown of all parliamentary services by the Clerk of Parliament Don Pandan and his senior management team.

Sir Paulias said that his



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presence signified his genuine concern and emphasis on proper conduct, effectiveness and efficiency by MPs in Parliament, utilising parliamentary services, procedures, processes and administrative facilities.

The Governor-General said a more deliberate and

professional support and advice must be provided in terms of the Member's future after he is no longer an MP.

"While proper budgeting was a matter probably best left to each Member, I believe financial management advice was an area that would be welcomed by most Members in relation to their benefits and privileges under the Salaries and Remuneration Commission, as well as how a Member could best maximise and utilise his retirement benefits under the scheme provided while being at Parliament."

He said an elected MP represented the highest and the most demanding and esteemed form of public service in public life.

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