



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

## The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Thursday the 28th day of March, 2024, at 3.00 o'clock p.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

### PRESENT

- His Honour A. E. Holder, S.C., B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Speaker*)  
Her Honour Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (*Deputy Speaker*)
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| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A.  | Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. ( <i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i> )                            |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. ( <i>Senior Minister</i> ) ( <i>Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i> )   | Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. ( <i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification and the Green and Blue Economy</i> ) |
| Mr. E. G. Hinkson, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M.  | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. ( <i>Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</i> )                          |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) ( <i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i> )  | Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. ( <i>Chairman of Committees</i> )   |
| Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. ( <i>Deputy Prime Minister</i> ) ( <i>Senior Minister</i> ) ( <i>Minister of Transport and Works</i> ) ( <i>Leader of Government Business</i> ) | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill ( <i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i> )                             |
| Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. ( <i>Senior Minister</i> ) ( <i>Minister of Planning and Development in the Prime Minister's Office</i> )                     | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and Third Sector</i> )                     |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B. ( <i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i> ) ( <i>Acting Attorney General wef 28th March to 31st March, 2024</i> )   | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S.   |
| Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. ( <i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i> )   | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. ( <i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i> )             |
| Mr. R. A. Thorne, K.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology ( <i>Leader of the Opposition</i> )   | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</i> )                                     |
|  | Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology</i> )             |
|  | Mr. N. G. H. Rowe, J.P.  |
|  | Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A.   |
|  | Hon. Miss K. S. McConney ( <i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i> )                     |
|  | Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. ( <i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport and Works</i> )            |
|  | Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</i> )                |
|  | Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs   |

**ABSENT**

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B. (*Prime Minister; Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs, Culture, Security, Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions*), Hon. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs*) (*Senior Minister*) and Hon. C. A. Lane, J.P. (*Minister of State in the Office of the Attorney General*).

**PRAYERS**

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 27th February, 2024 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER**

Mr. Speaker announced that he was in receipt of the Auditor General's Special Audit Report on the acquisition and construction of Steel-Framed Housing Units by the Ministry of Housing, Lands and Maintenance.

**PAPERS**

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw by command laid:

- The Annual Report of the Deighton Griffith Secondary School for the year September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022.
- Annual Reports and Audited Financial Statements of Needham's Point Development Inc. and Needham's Point Holdings Ltd. for the year ended March 31, 2022.
- Annual Reports and Audited Financial Statements of Hotels and Resorts Limited for the year ended March 31, 2022.
- Annual Reports and Audited Financial Statements of the Barbados Aircraft and Aviation Services Company Ltd. for the year ended March 31, 2022.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY****SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****ORDER NO. 9****NOTARIES PUBLIC BILL, 2024**

On the Order being called to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to revise the law relating to the appointment and regulation of Notaries Public in Barbados and provide for related matters, the Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw that the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clauses 1, 2, 3 (as amended); 4 (as amended) and 5 were called and passed on the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds.

Clauses 6 to 10 and the First to the Eighth Schedules were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds.

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

### SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds the Sitting was suspended at 5.53 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

### RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

#### GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw gave notice of:

- Resolution to grant the sum of NINETY-SEVEN MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-ONE DOLLARS from the Consolidated Fund and to place it at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2023-2024 as shown in Supplementary Estimates No. 4, 2023-2024.

#### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)

### ORDER NO. 10

#### SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES NO. 4 OF 2023-2024

On the Order being called, on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the House resolved itself into Standing Finance Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that the sum of NINETY-SEVEN MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-ONE DOLLARS be granted from the Consolidated Fund and be placed at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2023 – 2024 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 4, 2023 – 2024 which form the Schedule to this Resolution.

### SCHEDULE

#### Supplementary Estimates 2023 – 2024 No. 4

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2023 – 2024	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1–3	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 13 – PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE				
<b>Program 166: Rural Development</b>				
Subprogram 0181: Rural Development Commission	131660181			
<i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>		2,583,471		707,930
<i>Account Code: 416 – Capital Grants to Public Institutions</i>		2,500,000		1,888,361
<b>Program 332: Development of Tourism Potential</b>				
Subprogram 0347: Barbados Tourism Investment Inc.	133320347			
<i>Account Code: 416 – Capital Grants to Public Institutions</i>		32,000,000		33,500,000
<b>Program 276: Culture</b>				
Subprogram 0298: National Cultural Foundation	132760298			
<i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>		13,903,477		5,000,000

## SCHEDULE - Cont'd

## Supplementary Estimates 2023 – 2024 No. 4 - Cont'd

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		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 27 – MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT <b>Program 332: Development of Tourism Potential</b> Subprogram 0353: Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc. <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	273320353			7,000,000
<b>Program 333: International Transport</b> Subprogram 7065: General Management and Coordination Services <i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	273337065			5,100,000
HEAD 32 – MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN TRADE <b>Program 330: Direction Formulation and Implementation of Foreign Policy</b> Subprogram 7080: General Management Coordination Services and Overseas Missions <i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i>	323307080	2,652,240		600,000
HEAD 33 – MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION <b>Program 040: Direction and Policy Formulation</b> Subprogram 7156: General Management and Coordination Services <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i> <i>Account Code: 318 – Retiring Benefits</i>	330407156		5,151,174	1,000,000 1,500,000
HEAD 34 – MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND INVESTMENT <b>Program 002: Financial Control &amp; Treasury Management</b> Subprogram 0131: Accountant General's Office <i>Account Code: 207 – Utilities</i>	340020131	267,276		2,000,000
HEAD 81 – MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, WORKS AND WATER RESOURCES <b>Program 517: Transport</b> Subprogram 0543: United Commercial Autoworks Ltd (UCAL) <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	815170543			4,000,000

SCHEDULE - *Concl'd*Supplementary Estimates 2023 – 2024 No. 4 - *Concl'd*

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		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 81 – MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, WORKS AND WATER RESOURCES - <i>Cont'd</i> <b>Program 518: Barbados Water Authority</b> Subprogram 0542: Barbados Water Authority <i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	815180542	20,000,000	4,024,161	13,000,000
HEAD 82 – MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATIONAL BEAUTIFICATION <b>Program 650: Preservation &amp; Conservation of the Terrestrial &amp; Marine Environment</b> Subprogram 0386: National Conservation Commission <i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	826500386	2,763,857		3,500,000
HEAD 83 – MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND NUTRITIONAL SECURITY <b>Program 160: Measures to Stimulate Increased Crop Production</b> Subprogram 0636: Barbados Agricultural Development Marketing Corporation <i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	831600636			4,600,000
HEAD 86 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS <b>Program 361: Hospital Services</b> Subprogram 0375: Queen Elizabeth Hospital <i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	863610375			5,581,041
HEAD 93 – MINISTRY OF HOUSING, LANDS AND MAINTENANCE <b>Program 520: Housing Program</b> Subprogram 0533: National Housing Corporation <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i> <i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	935200533	6,090,000 3,500,000	5,882,608	6,551,952 2,062,287

**HEAD 13 – PRIME MINISTER’S OFFICE – \$41,096,291.00**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, Head 13 was passed.

**HEAD 24 – MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT  
– \$12,100,000.00**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke, seconded by Hon. A. R. Forde, Head 24 was passed.

**HEAD 32 – MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN TRADE  
– \$600,000.00**

On the motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds who spoke, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, Head 32 was passed.

**HEAD 33 – MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION  
– \$2,500,000.00**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Head 33 was passed.

**HEAD 34 – MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND INVESTMENT  
– \$2,000,000.00**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, Head 34 was passed.

**HEAD 81 – MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, WORKS AND WATER RESOURCES  
– \$17,000,000.00**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds, Head 81 was passed.

**HEAD 82 – MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATIONAL BEAUTIFICATION  
– \$3,500,000.00**

On the motion of Hon. A. R. Forde who spoke, seconded by Hon. I. A. Weir, Head 82 was passed.

**HEAD 83 – MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND NUTRITIONAL SECURITY  
– \$4,600,000.00**

On the motion of Hon. I. A. Weir who spoke, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, Head 83 was passed.

**HEAD 86 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS – \$5,581,641.00**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, Head 86 was passed.

**HEAD 93 – MINISTRY OF HOUSING, LANDS AND MAINTENANCE  
– \$8,614,239.00**

On the motion of Hon. D. G. Sutherland who spoke, seconded by Hon. A. R. Forde, Head 93 was passed.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the Chairman reported to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair, the passing of the Resolution in the Standing Finance Committee.

On the separate motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by the Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Resolution was read a first and second time and agreed to.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw who spoke, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 23rd April, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

At 7.22 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, Q.C.  
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS  
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**FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027**

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**MINUTES**

Thursday, 28th March, 2024.

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