



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

## The Honourable The Senate

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The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Friday the 31st day of March, 2023, at 2.00 o'clock p.m.

### PRESENT

His Honour Senator R. R. Farley, J.P., B.Sc., C.P.A., C.M.A. (*President*)

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson, LL.B. (*Deputy President*)

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, B.Sc.,  
M.Sc. (*Minister of Energy and Business  
Development*) (*Leader of the Senate*)

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Ph.D.  
(*Minister of State in the Prime Minister's  
Office*)

Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, M.B.B.S.

Senator J. A. King, B.S.S.

Senator Miss P. E. Parris, J. P.

Senator L. R. Harewood, J.P., BSM, B.Sc., M.Sc.,  
M.B.A.

Senator Mrs. S. C. S. Roberts-Odle, B.Sc., M.Sc.

Senator A. A. O. Boyce, B.Sc., M.Sc., LL.B.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.B.  
(Hons.), LL.M., MCI Arb.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard, M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S.  
(ENT)

Senator Dr. the Hon. C. W. DaC. Brathwaite,  
CHB, Ph.D.

### ABSENT

Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott, FB, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), J.P. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Health and Wellness*), Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse, F.C.A., F.C.C.A., Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), M.B.A., Senator K. J. Boyce, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., Senator Miss C. N. Drakes, B.Sc. (Econ. & Mgmt), M.Phil Econ., Senator Rev. Dr. J. A. Rogers, B.Sc., B.A. (Hons.), M.Phil., Ph.D., Senator A. W. Mallalieu, C.P.A., F.R.I.C.S. and Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds, Ph.D.

**PRAYERS**

Prayers were led by Senator G. P. B. Nicholls.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, 29th March, 2023 were deferred on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT**

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Senators A. W. Mallalieu, Ms. M. C. Taitt, Miss C. N. Drakes and Dr. K. G. Hinds.

**PAPERS**

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins laid the following:

1. Supreme Court (Master of the High Court) (Salary) Order, 2023.
2. Ombudsman (Salary) Order, 2023.
3. Parliament (Administration) (Salary) Order, 2023.
4. Judges (Remuneration and Pensions) (Salaries) Order, 2023.
5. Fiscal Risk Statement 2023.

**MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE SENATE**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, Standing Order 22(1) was suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins gave notice of:

1. Resolution to approve the payment of an increased Cost of Living Allowance to Government Pensioners.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS****ORDER NO. 3****RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF AN INCREASED COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE TO GOVERNMENT PENSIONERS**

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight spoke and on her motion the following Resolution was passed:

RESOLVED that Parliament approve the payment of an increased Cost of Living Allowance at the rate of 2% per annum to government pensioners with effect from 1st April, 2023 subject to the conditions set out in the *Schedule* hereto.

RESOLVED that an additional Cost of Living Allowance of \$5.00 per month be granted to those pensioners who retired prior to 1st April, 1976.

RESOLVED that Her Excellency the President be asked to assent and take the necessary steps to give effect to this Resolution.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 31st day of March, 2023.

**SCHEDULE***Terms and Conditions for Grant of Cost of Living Allowance*

An increase of 2% per annum of the cumulative sum of pension and Cost of Living Allowance as at 31st March, 2023 or \$20 per month whichever is greater, is payable as a Cost of Living Allowance to all government pensioners.

Effective 1st April, 2023 an additional sum of \$5.00 per month is payable to each government pensioner who retired prior to 1st April, 1976.

The increased Cost of Living Allowance, which takes effect from 1st April, 2023 does not apply to a person whose pension is computed on

the revised salaries or wages that take effect from 1st April, 2023, unless the computation of pension on the revised salary or wage, results in an increase of less than \$20.00 a month, in which case, the amount by which the increase is less than \$20.00 shall be payable as a Cost of Living Allowance.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke and moved the adjournment of the Senate *sine die*.

Mr. President spoke.

The motion was passed.

At 2.21 p.m. Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

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

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the  
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day of

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS  
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS  
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**SENATE**

**FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027**

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Friday, 31st March, 2023.

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