



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday the 7th day of December, 2022, at 11.00 o'clock a.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 Most Honourable 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. 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 the Hon. L. E. Nurse, F.C.A., F.C.C.A.

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

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), M.B.A.

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

and

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds, Ph.D.

ABSENT

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. and Senator A. W. Mallalieu, C.P.A., F.R.I.C.S.

Prayers were led by Senator J. A. King.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Senators K. J. Boyce, Miss C. N. Drakes, Rev. Dr. J. A. Rogers and A. W. Mallalieu; and excuses for lateness from Senators the Most Honourable J. X. Walcott, G. P. B. Nicholls, Mr. C. A. Maynard, Ms. M. C. Taitt and Dr. K. G. Hinds.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

- Road Traffic (Amendment) (No.) Bill, 2022.
- Road Traffic (Learner's Permits and Driving Licences) (Validation) Bill, 2022.
- Resolution to approve in accordance with section 5 of the *Land Acquisition Act*, Cap. 228 the compulsory acquisition by the State of a parcel of land situate at Balls Plantation in the parish of Christ Church in this Island for a public purpose, namely the erection of a water storage tank by the Barbados Water Authority,

and on her motion the Bills were read a first time.

MINUTES

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, 2nd November, 2022 were taken as read and were approved.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, 23rd November, 2022 were deferred.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 2

BARBADOS BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN, 2020

On the Order being called Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight spoke on the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the Government of Barbados has been a Party, by ratification, to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity since 10th March, 1994 and is committed to ensuring that Barbados maintains compliance with its obligations under the Convention;

AND WHEREAS as part of such compliance, the first National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan was submitted to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity on 6th December, 2002 and laid in Parliament on 10th December, 2002 and five national reports have been submitted to date;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Barbados acknowledges that the document has served as the guiding policy for biodiversity conservation and management for the past two decades;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Barbados affirms its continuing commitment to the conservation, management and sustainable use of Barbados' biological, genetic and land resources to the betterment of society and its citizens;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Barbados undertook the project to revise its National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, taking into consideration its own national priorities, the United Nations Convention

on Biological Diversity's 10-Year Strategic Plan and the zero-draft Global Biodiversity Framework;

AND WHEREAS the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan was updated through a consultative process with relevant stakeholders, taking into account national capacity and existing programmes of work;

AND WHEREAS the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan developed twelve targets for continued, improved biodiversity conservation and management, along with strategic objectives and activities for the achievement of these targets;

AND WHEREAS successful implementation of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan will rely on an appropriate framework being established to competently and effectively undertake the activities under the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan;

AND WHEREAS the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2020 undertaken by the Biodiversity Conservation and Management Section of the Ministry of Environment and National Beautification, Green and Blue Economy and the United Nations Environment Programme, was formally completed in December 2020;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Parliament of Barbados:

1. Accepts the Barbados National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2020 as the guiding national policy document for the management and conservation of Biodiversity in Barbados, and the associated reports, namely
 - (a) Barbados National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2020 at Appendix I;
 - (b) the user friendly version of the Barbados National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2020 at Appendix II;
 - (c) Policy for National Biodiversity Management 2020 at Appendix III;
 - (d) Barbados National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan Communication Strategy 2020 at Appendix IV; and
 - (e) Barbados National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan Resource Mobilization Strategy 2020 at Appendix V;

2. Agrees that the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2020 be made available to the public of Barbados through the National Library Service and the online platform of the Government Information Service;
3. Lauds the efforts of the various stakeholders engaged in the production of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2020;
4. Reminds Barbadians of the importance of the conservation, management, and responsible and sustainable utilisation of Barbados' biological, genetic and land resources; and
5. Reaffirms its commitment to ensure that Barbados remains on a path of sustainable development through integrated natural resource management practices.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 15th day of November, 2022,

and moved that the Resolution be passed.

Senator Dr. the Hon. C. W. DaC. Brathwaite spoke.

Senator J. A. King spoke.

Senator L. R. Harewood spoke.

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended at 2.27 p.m. to 3.25 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 2 (resumed)

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse spoke.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke.

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

ORDER NO. 3

On the Order being called Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins sought and obtained leave to introduce

Orders 3 and 4 in a cognate debate.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke on the following Resolution:

WHEREAS a Resolution was passed by the Honourable House of Assembly on the 23rd day of June, 2015 and by the Honourable Senate on the 8th day of July, 2015, was assented to by His Excellency the Governor-General on the 28th day of July, 2015 and was published in the *Official Gazette* as Resolution No. 20/2015 on the 3rd day of August, 2015 approving the lease to the Rotary Club of Barbados South of a parcel of land the property of the Crown situate at Garfield Sobers Sports Complex, Upton, in the parish of Christ Church in this Island for the construction and development of a recreational facility for children with disabilities;

AND WHEREAS it has been determined that Resolution No. 20/2015 should be rescinded;

BE IT RESOLVED that Parliament approve the rescission of Resolution No. 20/2015.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 22nd day of November, Two thousand and twenty-two.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke and moved that the Resolution be approved.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

Senator A. A. O. Boyce spoke.

Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes spoke.

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke in reply.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

Mr. President spoke.

The Resolution was passed.

ORDER NO. 4

On the Order being called Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins moved that the following Resolution be passed:

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225 approve the lease to The Rotary Inclusive Play Trust, a charity registered as Charity No. 910 under the *Charities Act*, Cap. 243, of the parcel of land, the property of the State, situate at Garfield Sobers Sports Complex, Upton in the parish of Christ Church in this Island and more particularly described in the *First Schedule* on the terms and conditions set out in the *Second Schedule* for the construction and development of a recreational facility for children with disabilities.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 22nd day of November, Two thousand and twenty-two.

FIRST SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at Upton in the parish of Christ Church in this Island containing by admeasurement 2322.6 square metres or thereabouts (inclusive of 65.5 square metres in road reserve and 439.1 square metres in drainage reserve) abutting and bounding on lands of the Barbados Government (Garfield Sobers Complex), on lands now or late of Donald Marshall (Lot B), on lands now or late of Mary Jordan (Lot A), on other lands of the Barbados Government (Garfield Sobers Complex) and on a public road leading to Highway R in one direction and to the Aquatic Centre in the other direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 9th day of May, 2013 by Samuel N. Taylor, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 2nd day of September, 2013 as Plan No. 846/2013.

SECOND SCHEDULE

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The lease to The Rotary Inclusive Play Trust of the parcel of land, the property of the State, situate at Garfield Sobers Sports Complex, Upton in the

SECOND SCHEDULE – *Cont'd***TERMS AND CONDITIONS – *Cont'd***

parish of Christ Church in this Island and more particularly described in the *First Schedule* is on the following terms and conditions:

- (a) the lease shall be for a period of twenty-five years with an option to renew for a further term;
- (b) rent reviews are to take place at five (5) year intervals;
- (c) the lessee shall, in respect of any construction or development of the land which would be subject to the *Planning and Development Act, 2019* (Act 2019-5), comply with the requirements of the Director of Planning and Development and, where relevant, other statutory requirements;
- (d) the lessee shall be responsible for:
 - (i) the payment of insurance premiums, land tax, utilities and other outgoings arising out of the use of the site;
 - (ii) the cost of development of the site; and
 - (iii) repairs and maintenance of the buildings;
- (e) either party may bring the lease to an end after its tenth year by serving two years' prior notice in writing; and
- (f) at the end of the lease period or its sooner determination, all buildings, structures and other facilities and improvements made to the land, regardless of stage of construction, shall revert to the State for nil consideration.

The Resolution was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke.

Mr. President spoke.

The motion was passed.

At 5.22 p.m. Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

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

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the
, 2022.

day of

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS
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