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Dear Honourable Senator

The Honourable the House of Assembly at its sitting on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2025 amended the Economic Diversification and Growth Fund Bill, 2025 in the following terms:

Long Title In the Long Title, after the word "employment", the words ", earnings of foreign exchange," were inserted.

Clause 4 This clause was deleted and the following substituted therefor:

## "Resources of Fund

- **4.** The resources of the Fund shall consist of
  - (a) initial capital in the sum of \$225 000 000 to be drawn from the Consolidated Fund over a three-year period in annual instalments of \$75 000 000; and
  - (b) such other sums as are
    - (i) approved by Parliament by Resolution;
    - (ii) made available to the Fund by way of gift, grant or otherwise.".
- Clause 6 In paragraph (b), the words "and diversification of business" were deleted and the words "or diversification of business, or both," substituted therfor.
- Clause 7 1. In subsection (1),
  - (a) after paragraph (a), the following was inserted:
    - "(b) earns or will earn foreign exchange in an amount that equals or exceeds or, will equal or exceed, such amount as the Minister may prescribe by Order;"; and
  - (b) the existing paragraphs (b) and (c), were renumbered as paragraphs (c) and (d).
  - **2.** In subsection (2), in the last line, after the word "have", the words "or will have" were inserted.

Clause 8 In subsection (1), after the word "may", the words ", after consultation with the Barbados National Growth Council," were inserted.

Senators are therefore reminded to treat the Bill before the Senate as the amended Bill.

Yours faithfully,

f// Pedro Eastmond

Clerk of Parliament.