



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Tuesday, the 23rd day of June, 2026, at 10.00 o'clock a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

His Honour A. E. Holder, S.C., B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Speaker*)

His Honour N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. (*Deputy Speaker*)

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| Mr. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and the Third Sector</i>) |
| Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Deputy Prime Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Environment, National Beautification and Fisheries</i>) (<i>Leader of Government Business</i>) (<i>act Prime Minister wef from 17th June, 2026</i>) | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. |
| Dr. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Transport and Works</i>) |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B., L.E.C., (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Attorney General</i>) | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Finance</i>) |
| Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Technological and Vocational Training</i>) | Hon. Ms. M. K.-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Office – Economic Affairs and Planning</i>) |
| Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Public and Private Investment</i>) | Ms. T. N. S.-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A. |
| Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) | Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (<i>Minister of the Public Service and Talent Development</i>) |
| Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (<i>Minister of Sports and Community Empowerment</i>) | Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</i>) |
| Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, J.P. (<i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i>) | Hon. M. A. Lashley, LL.B. (Hons.), L. E. C. (<i>Minister of Legal Affairs and Criminal Justice</i>) |
| | Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., MCI Arb. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i>) |
| | Mr. R. R. Brathwaite, J.P., B.Sc. |
| | Ms. T. Trotman, LL.B., L.E.C. |

ABSENT

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B., (*Prime Minister; Minister of Economic Affairs and Development, Minister of National Security*), Hon. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A. (*Minister in the Prime Minister's Office – Pan African Affairs and Heritage*), Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Energy, Business Development and Commerce*), Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (*Chairman of Committees*), Dr. the Hon. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (*Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Works*), Hon. C. D. L. Gibbs (*Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance*), Hon. C. J. Blackman, J.P., LL.B., LL.M., ACI Arb. (*Minister of Education Transformation*) and Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Ph.D. (*Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security*).

EXCUSES

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B., (*Prime Minister; Minister of Economic Affairs and Development, Minister of National Security*), Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (*Chairman of Committees*) and Dr. the Hon. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (*Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Works*).

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Canon Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 16th June, 2026 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Protection of Depositors Bill, 2026 was read a first time.

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. 6

PROTECTION OF DESPOSITORS BILL, 2026

On the Order being called for Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to make provision for the protection of insured depositors, enhance public confidence in, and contribute to the stability of, the financial system and provide for other related purposes, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, that the Bill be read a second time.

Dr. W. F. Duguid spoke.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

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

Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House went into Committee Mr. D. G. Sutherland in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 54 were called in 7 parts and the Schedule and passed on the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams 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. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 30th June, 2026 at 10.00 a.m.

At 1.15 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

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

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of _____, 2026.

Speaker.

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