

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

# The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a hybrid meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Tuesday the 21st day of June, 2022, at 10 o'clock pursuant to the adjournment.

### PRESENT

His Honour A. E. Holder, B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (Speaker) His Honour N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. (Deputy Speaker)

Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P.

- Hon. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs)
- Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A.
- Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance)
- Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (Deputy Prime Minister) (Senior Minister) (Minister of Transport, Works and Water Resources)
- Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (Senior Minister in the Prime Minister's Office)
- Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (Minister of Home Affairs and Information)
- Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Business Development)
- Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology
- Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security)

- Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. (Minister of Environment and National Beautification)
- Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment)
- Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (Chairman of Committees)
- Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (Minister of Health and Wellness)
- Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (Minister of Labour and Social Security and the Third Sector)
- Dr. the Hon. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (*Minister of* State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness)
- Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs)
- Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (Minister in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs)
- Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Water Resources)
- Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology)Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs
- Mr. C. A. Lane, J.P. (Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs)

### ABSENT

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, Q.C., LL.B. (Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs, Culture, Security, Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions), Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (Senior Minister) (Minister of Energy and Business Development), Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M., Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc., Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A. and Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training).

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 14th June, 2022 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

### PAPERS

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

Report of the Judicial Council for the year 2019.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY

### SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

### ORDER NO. 7

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke on the following Resolution:

WHEREAS by virtue of section 2 of the *Special Loans Act*, Cap. 105 the Government is authorised from time to time to borrow from another government, any bank, corporation, company or other institution sums of money not exceeding in the aggregate BBD 2 500 000 000 on such terms as may be agreed upon between the Government and the lender of any such sum of money;

AND WHEREAS by section 3 of the said Act it is provided that any money borrowed under the authority of the Act shall be appropriated and applied to such purposes as Parliament may approve by resolution and that such money and any interest payable thereon is charged upon the general revenues and assets of Barbados;

AND WHEREAS the Government considers it necessary to borrow the sum of approximately BBD 256 600 000 from Export – Import Bank of China to finance the execution of the Scotland District Road Rehabilitation Project;

AND WHEREAS the said sum of approximately BBD 256 600 000 is borrowed on the terms and conditions contained in an Agreement, the main provisions of which are set out in the *Schedule*;

AND WHEREAS the said sum of approximately BBD 256 600 000 is within the authorised borrowing limit given to the Government under section 2 of the said Act;

BE IT RESOLVED therefore that Parliament approve the borrowing of the sum of approximately BBD 256 600 000 from Export – Import Bank of China to finance the execution of the Scotland District Road Rehabilitation Project on the terms and conditions contained in an Agreement, the main provisions of which are set out in the *Schedule*.

### SCHEDULE

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Borrower:	Government of Barbados.
Lender:	Export – Import Bank of China.
Amount:	Approximately BBD 256 600 000, Renminbi 815 500 000.
Loan currency:	Renminbi.
Purpose:	To finance the execution of the Scotland District Road Rehabilitation Project.
Term:	20 years.
Grace period:	60 months from the effective date of the Agreement.
Repayment:	31 equal semi-annual instalments.
Interest rate:	2% per annum.
Disbursement period:	48 months from the effective date of the Agreement.
Commitment fee:	0.25% per annum on the undisbursed balance paid semi-annually.
Management fee:	0.25% on the aggregate amount of approximately BBD 641 530 payable in one lump sum within 30 days after the effective date of the Agreement, but no later than the first disbursement date.

Governing Law: Laws of China and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Resolution be passed. Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke. Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke. Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the Sitting was suspended to 2.30 p.m.

At 1.19 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

### **ORDER NO. 7 (resumed)**

Dr. R. O. Springer began to speak.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Dr. R. O. Springer concluded his speech.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Mr. P. R. Phillips spoke.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke.

Mr. C. A. Lane spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

The Resolution was passed.

**MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT (recommitted)** Mr. Speaker read the following:



MESSAGE No. /2022

### HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING PRESIDENT TO THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

I wish to inform The Honourable The House of Assembly that, with the approval of The Honourable Prime Minister, it is proposed that in accordance with the provisions of Section 33 of the Constitution of Barbados, I will continue to perform the functions of the Office of the President from  $19^{th}$  June to  $27^{th}$  June, 2022.

I further wish to inform The Honourable The House of Assembly that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 33 of the Constitution, I will continue to perform the functions of the Office of President for the period 19<sup>th</sup> June to 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.

ACTING PRESIDENT

STATE HOUSE BARBADOS.

20 June, 2022

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw who spoke seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 28th June, 2022 at 1.30 p.m.

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

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the , 2022.

day of

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS BRIDGETOWN.

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