

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**OF** 

# The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a hybrid meeting of the House of Assembly at the Worthing Corporate Centre on Tuesday the 2nd day of November, 2021, at 10.00 a.m. 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)
- Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs)
- 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. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (Minister of Energy, Small Business and Entrepreneurship)
- Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) (Minister of Health and Wellness)
- Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment)
- Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training)
- Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, J.P., B.A., B.Sc., PgD. (Leader of the Opposition)
- Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance)
- Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (Minister of Home Affairs, Information and Public Affairs)

- Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade)
- Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (Minister of Agriculture and Food Security)
- Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. (Minister of Environment and National Beautification)
- Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (Minister in the Ministry of Water Resources)
- Hon. P. R. Phillips (Minister in the Ministry of Housing, Lands and Maintenance)
- Hon. J. A. King, BSS (Minister in the Prime Minister's Office)
- Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (Minister of Transport, Works and Water Resources)
- Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations and the Third Sector)
- Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (Chairman of Committees) Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy)
- Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (Minister in the Ministry of Finance)
- Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A.

### **ABSENT**

Mr. G. W. Payne, Q.C., Hon. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.) (Minister of International Business and Industry), Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, Q.C., LL.B. (Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment, Minister of National Security and the Civil Service), Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. and Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (Minister in the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment).

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 26th October, 2021 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde.

### **PAPERS**

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

- 1. Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of Needham's Point Development Inc. for the Financial Year ended March 31, 2020.
- 2. Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of Needham's Point Holdings Limited for the Financial Year ended March 31, 2020.

### **GOVERNMENT NOTICES**

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw gave notice of the following:

Resolution to approve, in accordance with section 5 of the *Land Acquisition Act*, Cap. 228, the compulsory acquisition by the Crown of parcels of land at Sargeants Village in the parish of Christ Church in this Island for the public purpose, namely housing development.

# ORDERS OF THE DAY SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

# **GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)**

Hon. D. D. Marshall gave notice of:-

The Whistleblower Protection Bill, 2021.

### FIRST READINGS OF BILLS (recommitted)

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw the Whistleblower Protection Bill, 2021 was read a first time.

# GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ORDER NO. 9

# **DEBT SETTLEMENT (ARREARS) BILL, 2021 (resumed)**

Hon. R. R. Straughn began to speak.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn resumed his speech and gave way.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn resumed his speech.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke on a point of order.

Hon. R. R. Straughn concluded his speech.

The Bill was read a second time.

### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. J. A. King the Sitting was suspended at 11.10 a.m. to 11.15 a.m.

### RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

# **ORDER NO. 9 (resumed)**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips the House went into Committee, Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

Clauses 1 and 2 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips.

Clause 3 (as amended) was called and passed on the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips.

Clause 4 was called and passed on the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips. Clause 5 (as amended) was called and passed on the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde.

Clause 6 and the Schedule were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips 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. P. R. Phillips the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

### **GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)**

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw gave notice of the following:

Resolution to grant the sum of NINETY-FIVE MILLION, NINE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIX THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS from the Consolidated Fund and to place it at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2021–2022 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 4, 2021–2022.

### **ORDER NO. 12**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips the House resolved itself into the Standing Finance Committee, Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

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

RESOLVED that the sum of NINETY-FIVE MILLION, NINE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIX THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS be granted from the Consolidated Fund and be placed at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2021–2022 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 4, 2021–2022 which form the Schedule to this Resolution.

SCHEDULE Supplementary Estimates 2021 – 2022 No. 4

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2021 – 2022 Other Expenditure	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1– 3 Other Expenditure	Supplementary Provision Required Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 12 - PARLIAMENT  Program 030: Parliament  Subprogram 0030: Management  Commission of Parliament  Account Code: 416 - Grants to  Public Institutions	120300030			2,800,000
HEAD 13 - PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE  Program 041: National Defence and Security Preparedness  Subprogram 0043: Barbados Defence Force  Account Code: 416 - Grants to Public Institutions	130410043			1,735,000
HEAD 30 - OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL Program 040: Direction and Policy Formulation Services Subprogram 0240: Forensic	200400240			
Services  Account Code: 211 – Maintenance of Property  Program 240: Legal Services  Subprogram 0246: Parliamentary Counsel Services	300400240	407,575		633,361
Account Code: 226 – Professional Services		467,721		500,000

# SCHEDULE - Cont'd Supplementary Estimates 2021 - 2022 No. 4 - Cont'd

Code	Provision in Approved Estimates 2021 – 2022	Provision in Supplementary Esti- mates Nos. 1–3	Supplementary Provision Required
Number	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
	\$	\$	\$
302440255 302440256	2,561,646		1,591,028 352,500
	2,492,248		860,661
310430087	1,632,924		92,372
	1,332,000		984,508
332430252 332430254	1,651,319		670,940 1,735,891
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# SCHEDULE – Cont'd Supplementary Estimates 2021 – 2022 No. 4 – Cont'd

HEAD	Code	Provision in Approved Estimates 2021 – 2022	Provision in Supplementary Esti- mates Nos. 1–3	Supplementary Provision Required
	Number	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 34 - MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND INVESTMENT Program 040: Direction and Policy Formulation Services Subprogram 7010: General Management and Coordination Services	340407010			
Account Code: 226 - Professional Services	340407010	19,055,053		139,851
Program 113: Revenue Collection Subprogram 0185: Barbados Revenue Authority	341130185	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		-57,002
Account Code: 316 - Grants to Public Institutions Account Code: 416 - Grants to		31,292,700		3,507,721
Public Institutions  Program 116: Supplies & Purchasing Management Subprogram 0559: Modernisation of Public Procurement Systems Account Code: 755 - Computer Software	341160559	1,609,000		80,000 192,850
HEAD 81- MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, WORKS AND WATER RESOURCES Program 510: Road Networks Services Subprogram 0511: Highway Construction and Maintenance Services Account Code: 102 - Other Personal Emoluments Account Code: 103 - Employers Contributions Account Code: 785 - Assets Under Construction	815100511	1,174,425 1,683,000 7,742,344		229,534 28,118 16,354,091

# SCHEDULE – Cont'd Supplementary Estimates 2021 – 2022 No. 4 – Cont'd

HEAD	Code	Provision in Approved Estimates 2021 – 2022	Provision in Supplementary Esti- mates Nos. 1–3	Supplementary Provision Required
	Number	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 81- MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, WORKS AND WATER RESOURCES – Cont'd Subprogram 0544: Road and Bridge Rehabilitation Scotland District Account Code: 785 - Assets Under Construction	815100544			1,800,000
<b>Program 511: Drainage Services</b> Subprogram 0515: Maintenance of Drainage to Prevent Flooding <i>Account Code: 102 - Other</i>	815110515			
Personal Emoluments Account Code: 103 - Employers		81,021		236,299
Contributions		193,799		28,947
HEAD 82 - MINISTRY OF EN- VIRONMENT AND NATIONAL BEAUTIFICATION Program 650: Preservation and Conservation of the Terrestrial and Marine Environment Subprogram 0117: National Clean-up Program Account Code: 752 - Machinery and Equipment Account Code: 756 - Vehicles	826500117			2,610,500 1,110,000
HEAD 83 - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY Program 160: Measures to Stimulate Increased Crop Production Subprogram 0636: Barbados Agricultural Development and Marketing Corporation Account Code: 416 - Grants to	831600636			
Public Institutions				7,431,041

SCHEDULE – Cont'd
Supplementary Estimates 2021 – 2022 No. 4 – Cont'd

HEAD	Code	Provision in Approved Estimates 2021 – 2022	Provision in Supplementary Esti- mates Nos. 1–3	Supplementary Provision Required
	Number	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 83 - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY - Cont'd Program 164: General Support Services Subprogram 0178: Incentives and Other Subsidies Account Code: 314 - Grants to Individuals Program 165: Ancillary, Technical & Analytical Services	831640178	8,279,907	4,000,000	2,637,442
Subprogram 0180: Meteorology Department Services Account Code: 206 - Travel Account Code: 210 - Supplies and	831650180	65,000		40,000
Materials Account Code: 211 - Maintenance		37,500		30,000
of Property Account Code: 212 - Operating Expenses		162,000 69,000		50,000 25,000
Account Code: 226 - Professional Services		90,000		70,000
Account Code: 752 - Machinery and Equipment		20,000		150,000
HEAD 86 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS Program 366: National Crisis Management Subprogram 6200: Programme Management COVID-19 Account Code: 316 - Grants to Public Institutions Account Code: 416 - Grants to Public Institutions	863666200	15,988,536		8,000,000 15,192,400

# SCHEDULE – Cont'd Supplementary Estimates 2021 – 2022 No. 4 – Cont'd

Number		mates Nos. 1–3	Required
	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
	\$	\$	\$
870407100			
	327,144		136,000
872710277			
	5,778,054		1,891,065
	1,000,000		376,162
872710302			385,133
	190,000		7,005,000
s 872720307			
	25,000		150,000
872720650			
	20,000		24,365
	112,200		400,429
			1,947,213
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# SCHEDULE – Concl'd Supplementary Estimates 2021 – 2022 No. 4 – Concl'd

HEAD	Code	Provision in Approved Estimates 2021 – 2022	Provision in Supplementary Esti- mates Nos. 1–3	Supplementary Provision Required
	Number	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 87 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGI- CAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING - Cont'd Program 273: Tertiary Subprogram 0569: Higher Education Development Unit Department Account Code: 102 - Other Personal Emoluments Account Code: 226 - Professional Services Account Code: 785 - Assets Under Construction Program 275: Special Services Subprogram 0294: School Meals Department Account Code: 785 - Assets Under Construction	872730569 872750294	24,729 60,000		57,285 571,020 1,656,300
HEAD 91 - MINISTRY OF YOUTH, SPORTS AND COMMUNITY EMPOWER- MENT Program 277: Youth Affairs and Sports Subprogram 7110: General Management and Coordination				
Services Account Code: 212 – Other Operating Expenses Program 422: Community	912777110	1,604,574		4,970,284
Development Subprogram 0426: Community Development Department Account Code: 785 - Assets Under Construction Program 425: Promotion of	914220426	1,077,215		1,722,224
Sporting Achievement Subprogram 0432: National Sports Council Account Code: 416 - Grants to Public Institutions	914250432	1,135,000		2,660,000

and moved seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips that Head 11-Parliament in the sum of \$2,800,000 stand part.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke in reply.

Head 11 was passed.

### HEAD 13 - PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE - \$1,735,000.00

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic spoke and moved seconded by Hon. J. A. King that Head 13 stand part.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic spoke in reply.

Head 13 was passed.

# HEAD 30 - OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL - \$3,937,550.00

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke and moved seconded by Hon. J. A. King that Head 30 stand part.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Head 30 was passed.

# HEAD 31 – MINISTRY OF INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND SMART TECHNOLOGY – \$1,076,880.00

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke and moved seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that Head 31 stand part. Head 31 was passed.

# HEAD 33 – MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, INFORMATION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS – \$2,406,831.00

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke and moved seconded by Hon. J. A. King that Head 33 stand part.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley began to speak.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke on a point of order.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley concluded his speech.

Head 33 was passed.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. J. A. King, the Chairman reported progress to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair and asked leave to sit again.

# **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. J. A. King at 1.04 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting to 2.15 p.m.

### RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The House reverted to Standing Finance Committee, Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

# **ORDER NO. 12 (resumed)**

# HEAD 91 – MINISTRY OF YOUTH, SPORTS AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT – \$9,352,508.00

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that Head 91 stand part.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic began to speak.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke on a point of elucidation.

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic concluded his speech.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke in reply.

Head 91 was passed.

The Chairman spoke.

# HEAD 83 – MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY – \$10,433,483.00

Hon. I. A. Weir spoke and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that Head 83 stand part.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. I. A. Weir spoke in reply.

Head 83 was passed.

Madam Chairman spoke.

# HEAD 87 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING – \$14,713,972.00

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that Head 87 stand part.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw began to speak.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke when Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw gave way.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Head 87 was passed.

# HEAD 34 – MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND INVESTMENT – \$3,929,422.00

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. J. A. King Head 34 was passed.

# HEAD 81 – MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, WORKS AND WATER RESOURCES – \$18,676,989.00

On the motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill who spoke seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Head 81 was passed the House voting as follows:

Ayes: 19 Honourable Members voted aye.

Noes: Nil.

Abstentions: Nil.

### HEAD 86 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS - \$23,192,400.00

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Head 86 was passed the House voting as follows:

Ayes: 19 Honourable Members voted aye.

Noes: Nil.

Abstentions: Nil.

# HEAD 82 – MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATIONAL BEAUTIFICATION – \$3,720,500.00

On the motion of Hon. A. R. Forde seconded by Hon. J. A. King Head 82 was passed.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Chairman reported the passing of the Resolution in Standing Finance Committee to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair.

On the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Resolution was read a first and second time and agreed to.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the House be adjourned to Tuesday, 16th November, 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

At 4.26 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

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

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the , 2021.

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Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY WORTHING CORPORATE CENTRE WORTHING CHRIST CHURCH

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