



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## OF

# The Honourable the House of Assembly

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At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Worthing Corporate Centre on Friday the 7th day of August, 2020, 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 G. A. Clarke, J.P., B.Sc., Dip. Ed. (*Deputy Speaker*)
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| Mr. G. W. Payne, Q.C.  | Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i> )                        |
| Hon. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of International Business and Industry</i> )                            | Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology  |
| Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. ( <i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i> )                            | Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. ( <i>Minister of Agriculture and Food Security</i> )  |
| Hon. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. ( <i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i> )                 | Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. ( <i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</i> )   |
| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A.  | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Water Resources</i> )   |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. ( <i>Minister of Energy, Small Business and Entrepreneurship</i> )                        | Hon. P. R. Phillips ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security</i> )  |
| Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M.  | Hon. J. A. King, BSS ( <i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Office with Responsibility for Culture and the National Development Commission</i> ) |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) ( <i>Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</i> )         | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill ( <i>Minister of Transport, Works and Water Resources</i> )   |
| Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. ( <i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i> ) | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. ( <i>Chairman of Committees</i> )  |
| Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, J.P., B.A., B.Sc., PgD. ( <i>Leader of the Opposition</i> )                                      | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. ( <i>Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy</i> )                                       |
| Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. ( <i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i> ) | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</i> )  |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. ( <i>Minister of Home Affairs, Information and Public Affairs</i> )                             | Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment</i> )                                    |
|  | Mr. N. G. H. Rowe, J. P.  |

**ABSENT**

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*), Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) (*Minister of Health and Wellness*) and Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (*Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations and the Third Sector*)

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meetings of Tuesday, 21st July, 2020 and Tuesday, 28th July, 2020 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. A. R. Forde.

**PAPERS**

Hon. D. D. Marshall by command laid:

Police (Special Constables) (Discipline) Regulations, 2020.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY****SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall 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 BUSINESS**

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. J. A. King the House resolved itself into the Standing Finance Committee, Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 5**

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that the sum of EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS be granted from the Consolidated Fund and be placed at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2020-2021 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 4, 2020-2021 which form the Schedule to this Resolution.

**SCHEDULE****Supplementary Estimates 2020 – 2021 No. 4**

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2020 – 2021	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1-3	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
HEAD 30 – OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL <b>Program 040: Direction &amp; Policy Formulation Services</b> Subprogram 7075: General Management & Coordination Services <i>Account Code: 226 – Professional Services</i>	300407075	\$  573,918	\$	\$  840,000

and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds that Head 30 stand part.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.  
 Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.  
 Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke in reply.  
 Head 30 was passed.

#### ORDER NO. 4

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

RESOLVED that the sum of THREE HUNDRED AND FOURTEEN THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE DOLLARS be granted from the Consolidated Fund and be placed at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2020–2021 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 3, 2020–2021 which form the Schedule to this Resolution.

#### SCHEDULE

##### Supplementary Estimates 2020 – 2021 No. 3

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2020 – 2021	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1–2	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
HEAD 34 – MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND INVESTMENT		\$	\$	\$
<b>Program 040: Direction &amp; Policy Formulation Services</b>				
Subprogram 7010: General Management & Coordination Services	340407010			
<i>Account Code: 226 – Professional Services</i>		23,422,548		314,285

and moved that Head 34 stand part.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley began to speak.  
 Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke on a point of order.  
 Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.  
 Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke on a point of order.  
 Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.  
 Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke on a point of order.  
 Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.  
 Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke on a point of order.  
 Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.  
 Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke on a point of order.  
 Madam Chair ruled no point of order.  
 Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.  
 Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke on a point of order.  
 Bishop J. J. S. Atherley concluded his speech.  
 Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands spoke.

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

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke in reply.

Head 34 was passed.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips Madam Chairman reported to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair the passing of the Resolutions in Standing Finance Committee.

On the separate motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips the Resolutions were read a first and second time and agreed to.

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

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

Resolution to grant the sum of FIFTY-TWO MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SEVEN DOLLARS from the Consolidated Fund and to place it at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2020–2021 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 5, 2020–2021.

### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. J. A. King the Sitting was suspended to 2.20 p.m.

At 1.20 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**

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

### **ORDER NO. 6**

Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that the sum of FIFTY-TWO MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SEVEN DOLLARS be granted from the Consolidated Fund and be placed at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2020–2021 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 5, 2020–2021 which form the Schedule to this Resolution.

### **SCHEDULE**

#### **Supplementary Estimates 2020 – 2021 No. 5**

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2020 – 2021	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1–4	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
HEAD 15 – CABINET OFFICE		\$	\$	\$
<b>Program 071: Constitutional and Statutory Authorities</b>				
Subprogram 0073: Electoral and Boundaries Commission	150710073			
<i>Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments</i>		1,911,229		644,128
<i>Account Code: 103 – Employers Contribution</i>		312,018		69,376
<i>Account Code: 752 – Machinery and Equipment</i>		257,080		180,000
<i>Account Code: 755 – Computer Software</i>		490,000		273,000

**SCHEDULE *Cont'd***  
**Supplementary Estimates 2020 – 2021 No. 5**

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2020 – 2021	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1–4	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
HEAD 31 – MINISTRY OF INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND SMART TECHNOLOGY <b>Program 040: Direction &amp; Policy Formulation Services</b> Subprogram 7157: General Management & Coordination Services <i>Account Code 210: Supplies and Materials</i> <i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i> <i>Account Code: 226 – Professional Services</i> <i>Account Code: 752 – Machinery and Equipment</i> <i>Account Code: 755 – Computer Software</i>	310407157	\$  28,000 275,000 0 110,198 200,000	\$	\$  2,037,802 184,990 4,985,575 1,452,864 578,782
HEAD 34 – MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND INVESTMENT <b>Program 113: Revenue Collection</b> Subprogram 0133: Customs <i>Account Code: 226 – Professional Services</i>	341130133	84,528		1,275,750
HEAD 75 – MINISTRY OF HOUSING, LANDS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT <b>Program 522: Land and Property Acquisition &amp; Management Programme</b> Subprogram 0539: Property Management <i>Account Code: 751 – Property and Plant</i>	755220539	0		15,000,000

**SCHEDULE *Cont'd***  
**Supplementary Estimates 2020 – 2021 No. 5**

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2020 – 2021	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1–4	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
HEAD 80 – MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, WORKS AND MAINTENANCE		\$	\$	\$
<b>Program 510: Road Networks Services</b>				
Subprogram 0511: Highway Construction and Maintenance Services	805100511			
<i>Account Code: 226 – Professional Services</i>		500,000		85,000
<b>Program 511: Drainage</b>				
Subprogram 0515: Maintenance of Drainage To Prevent Flooding	805110515			
<i>Account Code: 785 – Assets Under Construction</i>		1,510,240		3,884,000
HEAD 87 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING				
<b>Program 271: Basic Educational Development</b>				
Subprogram 0277: Primary Education Domestic Program	872710277			
<i>Account Code: 211 – Maintenance of Property</i>		3,871,000		1,250,000
<i>Account Code: 226 – Professional Services</i>		665,000		700,000
<i>Account Code: 751 – Property &amp; Plant</i>		565,000		6,055,162
<i>Account Code: 752 – Machinery &amp; Equipment</i>		268,000		796,838
Subprogram 0302: Education Sector Enhancement Program	872710302			
<i>Account Code: 752 – Machinery and Equipment</i>		5,651,000		10,000,000
<b>Program 275: Special Services</b>				
Subprogram 0294: School Meals Department	872750294			
<i>Account Code: 785 – Assets Under Construction</i>		0		3,000,000

and moved seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde that Head 80 stand part.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.  
 Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke in reply.  
 Head 80 was passed.

**HEAD 15 – CABINET OFFICE – \$1,166,505.00**

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke and moved seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that Head 15 stand part.  
 Head 15 was past.

**HEAD 31 – MINISTRY OF INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND  
 SMART TECHNOLOGY – \$9,240,113.00**

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

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.  
 Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.  
 Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.  
 Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke in reply.  
 Head 31 was passed.

**HEAD 34 – MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS  
 AND INVESTMENT – \$1,275,750.00**

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke and moved seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that Head 34 stand part.

The motion was passed.

**HEAD 75 – MINISTRY OF HOUSING, LANDS AND  
 RURAL DEVELOPMENT – \$15,000,000.00**

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke and moved seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde that Head 75 stand part.

The motion was passed.

**HEAD 87 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGICAL AND  
 VOCATIONAL TRAINING – \$21,802,000.00**

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke and moved seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde that Head 87 stand part.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the Chairman reported to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair, the passing of the Resolution in Standing Finance Committee.

On the separate motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams 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. Miss C. Y. Forde that the House be adjourned *sine die*.

The motion was passed.

At 4.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

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

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
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### **MINUTES**

Tuesday, 7th August, 2020.

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