



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 6th day of October, 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*)

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.),
L.E.C. (*Deputy Prime Minister*) (*Minister of Environment, National Beautification and Fisheries*) (*Leader of Government Business*)

Dr. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S.,
F.D.R.C.S., M. Min.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B., L.E.C.,
(*Senior Minister*)(*Attorney General*)

Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.),
M.Sc. (*Minister of Technological and Vocational Training*)

Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (*Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs*)

Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (*Minister of Sports and Community Empowerment*)

Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (*Chairman of Committees*)

Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (*Minister of Labour, Social Security and the Third Sector*)

Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S.

Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister of Finance*)

Ms. T. N. S.-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A.

Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (*Minister of the Public Service and Talent Development*)

Dr. the Hon. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (*Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Works*)

Dr. the Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc., D.B.A.
(*Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness*)

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*)

Hon. M. A. Lashley, LL.B. (Hons.), L. E. C. (*Minister of Legal Affairs and Criminal Justice*)

Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.B. (Hons.),
LL.M., MCI Arb. (*Minister of Home Affairs and Information*)

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. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.), Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (*Minister of Public and Private Investment*), Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, J.P. (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*), Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Transport and Works*), Hon. Ms. M. K.-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Prime Minister's Office – Economic Affairs and Planning*) and Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Ph.D. (*Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security*).

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Canon Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 15th September, 2026 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls.

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 29th September, 2026 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

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

Virtual Asset Service Providers Bill, 2026.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls the Virtual Asset Service Providers 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. G. P. B. Nicholls, Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**ORDER NO. 7****VIRTUAL ASSET SERVICE PROVIDERS BILL, 2026**

On the Order being called for Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for the regulation of persons carrying on the business of providing virtual asset services in, or to persons in, Barbados, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the Bill be read a second time.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Dr. W. F. Duguid spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House went into Committee Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Part 1 (Clauses 1 to 3); Part 2 (Clauses 4 to 5); Part 3 (Clauses 6 to 17); Part 4 (Clauses 18 to 23); Part 5 (Clauses 24 to 28) and the Schedule were called 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.

ORDER NO. 6
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SALE OF LAND AT
GOODLAND, ST. MICHAEL TO COLLIS CROOKENDALE

Hon. C. D. L. Gibbs spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the following Resolution be passed.

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225, approve the sale to Collis Crookendale of a parcel of land, the property of the State, situate at 3rd Avenue, Goodland in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedule* for continual residential purposes.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at 3rd Avenue, Goodland in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island being Lot 2 containing by admeasurement 35.42 square metres (including 1.66 square metres in road) or thereabouts abutting and bounding on a public road known as 3rd Avenue, Goodland which leads to Lower Richmond in one direction and to Alkins Tenantry in the other direction on two sides of lands now or formerly of the Barbados Government (St. Leonard's Boys School) and on Lot 1 or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a Plan certified on the 17th day of July, 2025 by Kevin R. Belgrave, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 21st day of July, 2025 as Plan No. 1200/2025.

The Resolution was passed.

PAPERS (recommitted)

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

The Customs Regulations 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 20th October, 2026 at 10.00 a.m.

At 12.54 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

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

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the
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Speaker.

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 PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
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