



STATE HOUSE  
BARBADOS

Ref. No. PB: 2/S. 1A

1<sup>st</sup> May, 2025

Dear Mr. Speaker,

*I shall be away from the island on duty leave during the period 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2025.*

*In accordance with the provisions of Section 33 of the Constitution, the Very Reverend Dr. Jeffrey Douglas Gibson, will perform the functions of the Office of the President during my absence.*

*As The Honourable The House of Assembly will not be meeting prior to my departure, it will not be possible for the usual formal Message to be sent to your Chamber. Will you, therefore, please bring my absence formally to the attention of The Honourable The House of Assembly when next it meets.*

*Yours faithfully,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Douglas Gibson'.

**PRESIDENT**

**His Honour  
The Speaker of The House of Assembly  
Parliament Buildings  
BRIDGETOWN**