

2021-03-05

**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

**WHEREAS** by Proclamation dated the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020 being S. I. 2020 No. 69 Parliament was empowered to meet from the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020 with some members present in the Chambers and others participating virtually for the purpose of complying with the physical distancing and related protocols made in consequence of the existence in Barbados of a state of public health emergency which renders it impracticable for all members of the House of Assembly and the Senate to meet physically;

**AND WHEREAS** in accordance with Standing Order 65(2) of the Standing Orders of the House of Assembly a Minister, from the Lower House or from the Other Place, for the purposes of being questioned by the Committee, is permitted to leave his place and sit with his Permanent Secretary in a place designated by the Chairman of Committees;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient that the designated place be the Committee Room of Parliament;

**AND WHEREAS** in accordance with Standing Order 28(21) of the Standing Orders of the House of Assembly a Member moving a motion or speaking in reply is required to be physically present in the Chamber;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient for the duration of the examination of the Estimates by the Standing Finance Committee for the member moving the particular Head and speaking in reply to make his presentation virtually;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House empowers the Chairman of Committees to designate the Committee Room of Parliament as the place where examination by the Standing Finance Committee of the Head of the relevant Ministry is to be conducted;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that for the purpose of the examination of the Estimates that the Member moving the particular Head and speaking in reply be allowed to make that presentation virtually from the said Committee Room.

Dated this                      day of March, Two Thousand and twenty-one.

**Speaker**