



# 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 20th day of March, 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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| Hon. G. W. Payne, Q.C. ( <i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Rural Development</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 Transport, Works and Maintenance</i> ) |
| Hon. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of International Business and Industry</i> )  | Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i> )     |
| Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, Q.C., LL.B., ( <i>Prime Minister; Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment, Minister of National Security and the Civil Service</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 Youth and Community Empowerment</i> )  |
| Hon. T. A. Prescod, B.A. ( <i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</i> )  | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Housing, Lands and Rural Development</i> )                     |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B. A., LL.B. ( <i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i> )   | Hon. P. R. Phillips ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Maintenance</i> )                                  |
| Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Health and Wellness</i> )   | Hon. J. A. King, BSS ( <i>Minister of Creative Economy, Culture and Sports</i> )   |
| Hon. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. ( <i>Minister of Home Affairs</i> )   | Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill   |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) ( <i>Minister of Small Business, Entrepreneurship and Commerce</i> )   | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations</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> )                    |
|  | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</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 ( <i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i> )                 |

**ABSENT**

Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (*Minister of Energy and Water Resources*).

Mr. Speaker took the Chair at 10.15 a.m.

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

**PAPERS**

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

- (1) Audited Financial Statements of the Board of Management of the Alexandra School for the Financial Years Ended March 31, 2009 to March 31, 2012.
- (2) Audited Financial Statements of the Board of Management of the St. Michael School for the Financial Years Ended March 31, 2008 to March 31, 2012.
- (3) Audited Financial Statements and Annual Reports on the Activities of the Board of Management of the Lodge School for the Financial Years Ended March 31, 2014 to March 31, 2015.

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

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

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****ORDER NO. 12****APPROPRIATION BILL, 2020 (resumed)**

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

Hon. I. A. Weir spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Hon. Miss C. S. V. Husbands spoke.

Hon. P. R. Phillips spoke.

Hon. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

Dr. S. E. Browne spoke.

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended to 5.30 p.m.

At 2.25 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)**

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

The Remediation Agreements (Deferred Prosecutions) Bill, 2020.

**FIRST READINGS OF BILLS**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Remediation Agreements (Deferred Prosecutions) Bill, 2020 was read a first time.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)****ORDER NO. 12 (resumed)**

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde, Mr. G. P. I. Gooding Edghill was appointed temporary Chairman of Committees.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Bill was recommitted to the Standing Finance Committee Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill in the Chair.

**HEAD 13 (recommitted) – PRIME MINISTER’S OFFICE – \$98,130,450.00 (as amended)**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde Head 13 (as amended) was passed.

**HEAD 34 (recommitted) – MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS  
AND INVESTMENT – \$181,573,800.00 (as amended)**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. J. A. King Head 34 (as amended) was passed.

**HEAD 87 (recommitted) – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGICAL  
AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING – \$320,425,740.00 (as amended)**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. J. A. King Head 87 (as amended) was passed.

Clause 2 (as amended) and the Schedule (as amended) were passed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic.

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 Bill in Committee with amendments.

On the separate motion of Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley seconded by Hon. J. A. King 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 ONE HUNDRED AND THREE MILLION, SIX HUNDRED AND THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-TWO DOLLARS from the Consolidated Fund and to place it at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2019-2020 as shown in Supplementary Estimates No. 16 2019-2020.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)****ORDER NO. 15**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. J. A. King the House resolved itself into the Standing Finance Committee, Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill in the Chair on the following Resolution:

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

RESOLVED that the sum of ONE HUNDRED AND THREE MILLION, SIX HUNDRED AND THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-TWO DOLLARS be granted from the Consolidated Fund and be placed at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2019 – 2020 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 16, 2019 – 2020 which form the Schedule to this Resolution.

### SCHEDULE

#### Supplementary Estimates 2019 – 2020 No. 16

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2019 – 2020	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1 – 15	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 12 – PARLIAMENT <b>Program 030: Parliament</b> Subprogram 0030: Management Commission of Parliament <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	120300030	9,974,340		2,311,970
HEAD 36 – MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND WATER RESOURCES <b>Program 518: Barbados Water Authority</b> Subprogram 0542: Barbados Water Authority <i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	365180542			20,300,000
HEAD 80 – MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, WORKS AND MAINTENANCE <b>Program 517: Transport</b> Subprogram 0527: Transport Board (Subsidy) <i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	805170527			6,700,000
HEAD 86 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS <b>Program 040: Direction and Policy Formulation Services</b> Subprogram 7045: General Management and Coordination Services <i>Account Code: 752 – Machinery and Equipment</i> <i>Account Code: 210 – Supplies and Materials</i>	860407045	171,264		2,821,689
Subprogram 0361: Technical Management Services <i>Account Code: 785 – Assets under Construction</i>	860400361	1,173,378		454,705
		400,000		18,600,000

SCHEDULE – *Cont'd*Supplementary Estimates 2019 – 2020 No. 16 – *Cont'd*

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2019 – 2020	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1 – 15	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
HEAD 86 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS – <i>Cont'd</i>		\$	\$	\$
<b>Program 360: Primary Health Care Services</b>				
Subprogram 0363: Laboratory Services <i>Account Code: 210 – Supplies and Materials</i>	863600363	2,937,400	4,740,000	750,000
<b>Program 363: Pharmaceutical Program</b>				
Subprogram 0383: Drug Service <i>Account Code: 210 – Supplies and Materials</i>	863630383	12,589,589	3,311,500	13,136,000
<b>Program 361: Hospital Services</b>				
Subprogram 0375: Queen Elizabeth Hospital <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i> <i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	863610375	129,500,000	800,000	15,000,000 20,813,742
HEAD 89 – MINISTRY OF SMALL BUSINESS, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND COMMERCE				
<b>Program 128: Micro-Enterprise Development</b>				
Subprogram 0157: Barbados Agency for Micro-Enterprise Development (FUNDACCESS) <i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	891280157		400,000	2,500,000
<b>Program 461: Product Standards</b>				
Subprogram 0463: Barbados National Standards Institute <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	894610463	1,652,583		251,636

and moved seconded by Hon. J. A. King that Head 12 stand part.

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

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke on a point of order.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke on a point of order.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke on a point of order.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke on a point of order.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke on a point of order.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley withdrew certain remarks and resumed his speech.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke on a point of order.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

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

Hon. R. R. Straughn began to speak.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.

Head 12 was passed.

**HEAD 36 – MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND WATER RESOURCES – \$20,300,000.00**

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke and moved seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde that Head 36 stand part.

The motion was passed.

**HEAD 80 – MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT WORKS AND MAINTENANCE – \$6,700,000.00**

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that Head 80 stand part.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Head 80 was passed.

**HEAD 86 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS – \$71,576,136.00**

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke and on his motion seconded by Hon. J. A. King Head 86 was passed.

**HEAD 89 – MINISTRY OF SMALL BUSINESS, ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
AND COMMERCE – \$2,751,636.00**

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke and on his motion seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde Head 89 was passed.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey 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. J. A. King 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 to Friday, 27th March, 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

At 10.45 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.

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