



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## OF

# The Honourable the House of Assembly

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At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Tuesday, the 7th day of July, 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*)
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| Hon. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A. ( <i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Office – Pan African Affairs and Heritage</i> )                                                                                                                                       | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. ( <i>Senior Minister</i> ) ( <i>Minister of Transport and Works</i> )        |
| Mr. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.)                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister of Finance</i> )                                                          |
| Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. ( <i>Deputy Prime Minister</i> ) ( <i>Minister of Environment, National Beautification and Fisheries</i> ) ( <i>Leader of Government Business</i> ) ( <i>acting Prime Minister wef 5th July, 2026</i> ) | Hon. Ms. M. K.-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Office – Economic Affairs and Planning</i> )  |
| Dr. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min.                                                                                                                                                                                                | Ms. T. N. S.-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A.                                                                                       |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B., L.E.C., ( <i>Senior Minister</i> ) ( <i>Attorney General</i> )                                                                                                                                                           | Hon. Miss K. S. McConney ( <i>Minister of the Public Service and Talent Development</i> )                                 |
| Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. ( <i>Minister of Technological and Vocational Training</i> )                                                                                                                                               | Dr. the Hon. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. ( <i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Works</i> )              |
| Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. ( <i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i> )                                                                                                                                                                         | Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</i> )                     |
| Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. ( <i>Minister of Sports and Community Empowerment</i> )                                                                                                                                                                       | Hon. C. D. L. Gibbs ( <i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i> )                                                 |
| Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. ( <i>Chairman of Committees</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Hon. C. J. Blackman, J.P., LL.B., LL.M., ACI Arb. ( <i>Minister of Education Transformation</i> )                         |
| Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, J.P. ( <i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i> )                                                                                                                                                             | Hon. M. A. Lashley, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. ( <i>Minister of Legal Affairs and Criminal Justice</i> )                       |
| Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and the Third Sector</i> )                                                                                                                                                       | Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Ph.D. ( <i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i> )                  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., MCI Arb. ( <i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i> ) |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 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. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Energy, Business Development and Commerce*), Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (*Minister of Public and Private Investment*) and Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S.

**PRAYERS**

Prayers were taken by Rev. Canon Mark Harewood.

**OBITUARY**

The House observed a moment of silence as a mark of respect on the passing of Mr. Renold Kelman, former Clerk of Parliament.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 30th June, 2026 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

**FIRST READINGS OF BILLS**

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

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****ORDER NO. 6****PROTECTION OF WAGES BILL, 2026**

On the Order being called for Hon. C. E. Jordan to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for the protection of wages, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey who spoke that the Bill be read a second time.

Ms. T. N. S.-A. Moore spoke.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the Sitting was suspended until 3.00 p.m.

At 1.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 6 (resumed)**

Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.

Hon. C. J. Blackman spoke.

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

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls the Sitting was suspended at 5.29 p.m. to 5.40 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 6 (resumed)**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, further consideration of the Bill was postponed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 14th July, 2026 at 10.00 a.m.

At 5.49 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

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

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

Speaker.

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