



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Friday, the 29th day of May, 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*)

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| Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B., (<i>Prime Minister, Minister of Economic Affairs and Development, Minister of National Security</i>) | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and the Third Sector</i>) |
| Hon. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A. (<i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Office – Pan African Affairs and Heritage</i>) | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. |
| Mr. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Transport and Works</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>) | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Finance</i>) |
| 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. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Public and Private Investment</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.) (<i>Minister of Legal Affairs and Criminal Justice</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

His Honour N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. (*Deputy Speaker*), Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Senior Minister*)(*Minister of Energy, Business Development and Commerce*), Dr. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min., Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (*Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs*), Hon. Ms. M. K.-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Prime Minister's Office – Economic Affairs and Planning*) and Ms. T. N. S.-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A.

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Canon Mark Harewood.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker recognized the presence of First Year Law students of the Barbados Community College accompanied by their teacher Ms. Laticia Bourne.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 31st March, 2026; Tuesday, 21st April, 2026; Wednesday, 29th April, 2026; and Friday, 8th May, 2026 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss K. S. McConney seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 19th May, 2026 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss K. S. McConney, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Hon. W. A. Abrahams gave notice of the Criminal Gangs (Prevention and Control) Bill, 2026.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Criminal Gangs (Prevention and Control) Bill, 2026 was read a first time.

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

On the motion of Hon. Miss K. S. McConney, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, Standing Orders Nos. 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**ORDER NO. 5****CRIMINAL GANGS (PREVENTION AND CONTROL) BILL, 2026**

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Hon. Miss K. S. McConney, the Bill was withdrawn.

ORDER NO. 7**CRIMINAL GANGS (PREVENTION AND CONTROL) BILL, 2026**

On the Order being called for Hon. M. A. Lashley to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for the prevention and control of criminal gangs and gang-related activities, 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.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Sitting was suspended at 1.22 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 7 (resumed)

Ms. T. Trotman spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.

Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands spoke.

Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke.

Hon. D. I. Ishmael spoke.

Hon. C. J. Blackman spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the Sitting was suspended at 7.15 p.m. to 7.25 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 7 (resumed)

Hon. M. A. Lashley spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

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

Part 1 (Clauses 1 to 4); Part 2 (Clauses 5 to 17); Part 3 (Clause 18); Part 4 (Clauses 19 to 27); the First, Second and Third Schedules were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. M. A. Lashley, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

On the motion of Hon. M. A. Lashley, 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. M. A. Lashley, 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

On the Order being called Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke on the following Resolution:

WHEREAS by virtue of section 2 of the Special Loans Act, Cap 105, the Government is authorized from time to time to borrow from another government, any bank, corporation, company, or other institution, sums of money not exceeding in the aggregate BBD2 500 000 000 on such terms as may be agreed upon between the Government and the lender of any such sum of money;

AND WHEREAS by section 3 of the said Act it is provided that any money borrowed under the authority of the Act shall be appropriated and applied to such purposes as Parliament may approve by resolution and that such money and any interest payable thereon is charged upon the general revenues and assets of Barbados;

AND WHEREAS the Government considers it necessary to borrow the sum of approximately BBD194.5 million from Banco Santander, S.A. to fund the acquisition of equipment for security purposes;

AND WHEREAS the sum of approximately BBD194.5 million is borrowed by way of two export finance credits of approximately BBD54.2 million and BBD140.3 million respectively, from Banco Santander, S.A., on terms and conditions contained in an Agreement, the main provisions of which are set out in the Schedule;

AND WHEREAS the sum of approximately BBD194.5 million borrowed from Banco Santander, S.A. is within the authorized borrowing limit given to the Government under section 2 of the said Act;

BE IT RESOLVED therefore that Parliament approves the borrowing of the sum of approximately BBD194.5 million by way of two export finance credits of approximately BBD54.2 million BBD140.3 million respectively, from Banco Santander, S.A. for the purpose of funding the acquisition of equipment for security purposes on the terms and conditions contained in an Agreement, the main provisions of which are set out in the *Schedule*.

SCHEDULE**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

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| Borrower: | Government of Barbados |
| Lender: | Banco Santander, S.A. |
| Facility: | BPIAE backed Export Finance Credit Facility |
| Currency: | Euro (EUR) |
| Amount: | EUR 23,553,213 (approximately BBD54.2 million) |
| Term: | 8 years |
| Repayment: | 16 semi-annual instalments |
| Interest: | Commercial Interest Reference Rate (CIRR) plus 0.3%. Indicative rate (3.55%) (CIRR to be locked in at signing). |
| ECA Insurance Premium: | Up to 9.85% |
| Commitment rate: | 0.09% (30% of the Margin) per annum. |
| Structuring Fee: | 0.95% |
| Indicative All-in-Cost: | 5.61% per annum |
| Natural Disaster Clause: | Yes |

LOAN 2**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

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| Borrower: | Government of Barbados |
| Lender: | Banco Santander, S.A. |
| Facility: | BPIAE backed Export Finance Credit Facility |
| Currency: | Euro (EUR) |
| Amount: | EUR 61,001,406 (approximately BBD140.3 million) |
| Term: | 10 years |
| Repayment: | 20 semi-annual instalments |
| Interest: | Commercial Interest Reference Rate (CIRR plus 0.4% per annum Indicative rate(3.75%)(CIRR to be locked in at signing). |
| ECA Insurance Premium: | Up to 11.96% |
| Commitment rate: | 0.09% (30% of the Margin) per annum. |
| Structuring Fee: | 0.95% |
| Indicative All-in-Cost: | 5.67% per annum |
| Natural Disaster Clause: | Yes |

and moved seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, that the Resolution be passed.

The Resolution was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 9th June, 2026 at 10.00 a.m.

At 7.53 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, K.C.

Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the
, 2026.

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Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF 2026 – 2031

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