



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## OF

### The Honourable The Senate

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The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday the 25th day of June, 2025, at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

#### PRESENT

His Honour Senator the Most Honourable R. R. Farley, FB, J.P., B.Sc., C.P.A., C.M.A. (*President*)  
Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson, FB, LL.B., L.E.C., M.B.A. (Dist.), LL.M.  
(*Deputy President*)

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, B.Sc., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister of Energy and Business Development</i> ) ( <i>Leader of the Senate</i> )	Senator G. P. B. Nicholls, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., MCI Arb.
Senator the Hon. J. W. D. Reid, B.A. (Hons.), ( <i>Minister of Innovation, Industry, Science and Technology</i> )	Senator Rev. C. M. Morris, B.A. (Theology), B.A. (Hist. & Sociology), Dip. Ed., M.A.
Senator J. A. King, B.S.S., J.P.	Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard, M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S. (ENT)
Senator Miss P. E. Parris, J.P.	Senator K. J. Boyce, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.
Senator A. A. O. Boyce, B.Sc., M.Sc., LL.B.	Senator R. O. Walters, M.B.A.
	Senator A. R. Worrell, J.P., B.A. (Hons.)

#### ABSENT

Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott, FB, M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), J.P. (*Senior Minister*)  
(*Minister of Health and Wellness*), Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Ph.D. (*Minister in  
the Prime Minister's Office*), Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse, F.C.A., F.C.C.A., Senator Ms. M. C.  
Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), M.B.A., Senator Dr. C. N. Drakes, B.Sc. (Econ. & Mgmt), M.Phil. Econ.,  
Ph.D., Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers, B.Sc., B.A. (Hons.), M.Phil., Ph.D. and Senator A. W.  
Mallalieu, C.P.A., F.R.I.C.S.

#### PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Reverend Father Wayne Kirton.

#### OBITUARY

The Honourable The Senate observed a minute of silence as a mark of respect on the passing of Dean  
Emeritus Harold Edmund Crichlow, former Dean of Barbados and Deputy President of The Senate.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT  
MINUTES**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 11th June, 2025 were deferred.

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Senators Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, the Hon. L. E. Nurse, A. W. Mallalieu and Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers.

He also announced that he was in receipt of excuses for lateness from Senators The Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott, Dr. C. N. Drakes and Ms. M. C. Taitt.

**MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE SENATE**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins Standing Order 22(1) was suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins gave notice of:—

Resolution to approve in accordance with the provisions of the *External Loans Act*, Cap. 94D the borrowing by the Government of Barbados of the sum of up to \$500 million in the currency of the United States of America on the international capital market for the purpose of:

- (a) refinancing of Government's 6.5% 2029 bond and a portion of Government's debt to the International Monetary Fund for the External Fund Facility; and
- (b) establishing a sinking fund for the redemption of each issue of securities made under the said *Act* and for the moneys necessary to maintain and service that fund.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**ORDER NO. 10**

On the Order being called, Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke on the following Resolution:

WHEREAS by virtue of sections 3(1) of the *External Loan Act*, Cap. 94D, the Government of Barbados is authorised to borrow money outside of Barbados for such purposes and in such sums as are approved by resolution of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS by virtue of section 3(2) of the said Act, all borrowings thereunder shall be effected and secured by issue and sale of securities;

AND WHEREAS by virtue of section 5(2) of the said Act, the principal of and the interest on securities and any sinking fund payment required to be made under section 6(1) of the Act are charged on and payable out of the Consolidated Fund;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Barbados deems it necessary to borrow up to \$500 million in the currency of the United States of America on the international capital market the proceeds of which will be used to fund the liability management operation and to prepay a portion of Central Government's debt to the International Monetary Fund for the External Fund Facility, on the terms and conditions set out in the *Schedule* to this Resolution;

AND WHEREAS the borrowing is for the purpose of refinancing the Government's 6.5 per cent 2029 bond and the repayment of a portion of the Government's debt to the International Monetary Fund for the External Fund Facility;

BE IT RESOLVED therefore that Parliament approve

- (a) the borrowing of the said sums up to \$500 million in the currency of the United States of America on the international capital markets the proceeds of which will be used for the purpose herein mentioned; and
- (b) the establishment of a sinking fund for the redemption of each issue of securities made under the said Act and for the moneys necessary to maintain and service that fund.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 24th day of June, Two Thousand and Twenty-five.

## SCHEDULE

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Issuer:	Government of Barbados
Instrument:	Fixed Rate Notes
Issue Amount:	USD 500,000,000
Maturity:	26th June, 2035
Coupon:	8.000 per cent per annum
Issue Price:	100.000
Principal Payments:	The principal amount of the Notes will be payable in semi-annual installments during the last 5 years of the Notes commencing on 26th December, 2030 and ending on 26th June, 2035.
Interest Payment Dates:	Interest on the Notes will be paid semi-annually in arrears on 26th June and 26th December of each year commencing on 26th December, 2025.
Yield to Maturity:	8.000 per cent
Natural Disaster and Pandemic Clause:	Following the occurrence of certain events under Barbados' insurance contract with CCRIF SPC or a pandemic event, Barbados may elect to defer payments on the Notes. Holders of at least 50 per cent in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding may direct the Trustee to block such deferral. These provisions are described in " <i>Condition 8 - Natural Disaster and Pandemic Clause</i> " included in the Offering Memorandum.
Joint Bookrunners:	J.P. Morgan Securities LLC  Standard Chartered Bank

and moved that the Resolution be passed.

Senator R. O. Walters began to speak and gave way.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke on a point of order.

Senator R. O. Walters resumed and concluded his speech.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Senator A. R. Worrell spoke.

Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins began to speak in reply and gave way.

Senator A. R. Worrell spoke on a point of order.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins resumed her speech.

Senator A. R. Worrell spoke on a point of order.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins resumed her speech.

Senator A. R. Worrell spoke on a point of order.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins resumed her speech.

Senator A. R. Worrell spoke on a point of order.

Mr. President ruled that there was no point of order.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins resumed and concluded her speech in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended until 3.45 p.m.

At 2.35 p.m. Mr. President suspended the Sitting.

#### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

#### **ORDER NO. 6**

On the Order being called, Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke on the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the Public Finance Management Act requires the Ministry of Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment to prepare a Fiscal Framework 2024-2025 to 2026-2027 and 2025-2026 to 2027-2028;

AND WHEREAS the Fiscal Framework 2024-2025 to 2026-2027 and 2025-2026 to 2027-2028: review the performance of the previous financial year against the fiscal objectives; present a macro-economic outlook and; sets out the fiscal objectives and policies for the medium term;

AND WHEREAS the Fiscal Framework 2024-2025 to 2026-2027 and 2025-2026 to 2027-2028 includes the information and statements set out in the Third Schedule of the Public Finance Management Act;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Barbados Fiscal Framework 2024-2025 to 2026-2027 and 2025-2026 to 2027-2028 be debated in Parliament;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any recommendations made in respect of the Fiscal Framework 2024-2025 to 2026-2027 and 2025-2026 to 2027-2028 be considered by the Cabinet.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly this 17th day of December, Two Thousand and Twenty-four.

and moved that the Resolution be passed.

The Resolution was passed.

**ORDER NO. 8**

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins sought and obtained leave to introduce Orders No. 8 and 9 together as a cognate debate.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225, approve the vesting in the National Housing Corporation of a parcel of land the property of the State situate at Coverley in the parish of Christ Church in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedule* hereto for housing development.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 10th day of June, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

**SCHEDULE**

ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at Coverley in the parish of Christ Church in this Island being Lot CGA containing by admeasurement 19,598.4 square metres or thereabouts (inclusive of 319.9 square metres in right of way, 746.9 square metres in road and 290.1 square metres in road reserve) abutting and bounding on lands of the Barbados Government adjoining the Tom Adams Highway leading to Newton in one direction and to the Grantley Adams International Airport in the other direction on lands now or late of Brenda Parris (Lot 66) on lands now or late of Von Callender (Lot 67) on lands now or late of Charles Ward (Lot 68) on lands now or late of Cheryl Rose (Lot 17) on lands now or late of Michael Broome (Lot 18) on Lot CGB on lands now or late of Ellwyn Bryant (Lot 23) on lands now or late of Anthony Phillips ET ux (Lots 24-26) on a public road leading to Highway 7 in one direction and on a road reserve or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 19th day of December, 2023 by Ricardo Philips, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 18th day of March, 2024 as Plan No. 444/2024.

and moved that the Resolution be passed.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

Senator Rev. C. M. Morris spoke.

Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

**ORDER NO. 9**

On the Order being called,

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225, approve the lease to the Barbados Association for Cancer Advocacy (BACA) of property situate at Coverley in the parish of Christ Church in this Island and more particularly described in the *First Schedule* hereto to facilitate the establishment of a hospice and palliative care facility for the terminally ill under the terms and conditions stated in the *Second Schedule*.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 10th day of June, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

## FIRST SCHEDULE

FIRSTLY ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at Coverley in the parish of Christ Church in this Island being (Lot CGB) containing by admeasurement 8075.8 square metres or thereabouts (inclusive of 125.8 square metres in road reserve and 436.1 square metres in right of way) abutting and bounding on (Lot CGA) on three sides on a road reserve 4.88 square metres wide on lands now or late of Michael Broome (Lot 18) on other lands now or formerly of the Barbados Government (Lots 19 and 20) on lands now or late of Charles Belle (Lots 21 and 22) and on lands now or late of Ellwyn Bryant (Lot 23) or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 19th day of December, 2023 by Ricardo Phillips, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 18th day of March, 2024 as Plan No. 444/2024;

SECONDLY ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at Coverley in the parish of Christ Church in this Island being (Lot 19) containing by admeasurement 894.1 square metres or thereabouts (inclusive of 108.5 square metres in road reserve) abutting and bounding on lands now or formerly of the Barbados Government on two sides on lands now or late of Micheal Broome (Lot 18) and on a road reserve 7.93 metres wide with carriage way 4.88 metres wide which leads to Highway 7 in one direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 6th day of July, 2017 by Camille Belgrave, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 6th day of July, 2017 as Plan No. 627/2017; and

THIRDLY ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at Coverley in the parish of Christ Church in this Island being (Lot 20) containing by admeasurement 840.9 square metres or thereabouts (inclusive of 96.7 square metres in road reserve) abutting and bounding on lands now or late of Charles Belle (Lot 21) on lands now or formerly of the Barbados Government on two sides and on a road reserve 7.93 metres wide with carriage way 4.88 metres wide which leads to Highway 7 in one direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 6th day of July, 2017 by Camille Belgrave, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 6th day of July, 2017 as Plan No. 626/2017.

## SECOND SCHEDULE

The lease to the Barbados Association for Cancer Advocacy of three (3) parcels of adjoining lands, the property of the State, being the site of the Coverley Plantation House, (Lot 19) and (Lot 20) situate at Coverley in the parish of Christ Church in this Island and more particularly described in the *First Schedule* is subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (a) the lessee to develop, design, build and occupy the demised premises for the specified residential purpose;
- (b) the lease to be for a term of 25 years with an option to renew for a further term of 25 years;
- (c) the initial rent shall be at a concessionary rate of \$1,000 per annum;
- (d) the rent shall be subject to review every 5 years;

## SECOND SCHEDULE – (Cont'd)

- (e) at the end of the lease or its earlier determination the demised premises shall revert to the lessor for nil consideration;
- (f) the lessee shall be entitled, subject to the necessary planning and development permission, to develop the demised premises;
- (g) the demised premises shall be used as a hospice facility and ancillary accommodation;
- (h) the lessee shall be responsible for the cost of development and for putting and keeping the demised premises in repair throughout the term;
- (i) the lessor shall be entitled to inspect the demised premises at least 2 times per year with 48 hours prior written notice;
- (j) the lessee shall indemnify the lessor from all actions arising from its use of the demised premises;
- (k) the lessee shall not assign, mortgage, demise, underlet or otherwise part with possession of any part of the demised premises without the written consent of the lessor, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld;
- (l) the lessee shall be responsible for all outgoings, inclusive of land taxes and water rates, arising from its use of the demised premises; and
- (m) the demised premises shall be insured annually against the usual perils at its reinstatement value in the joint names of the lessor and the lessee.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins moved that the Resolution be passed.

The motion was passed.

#### **ORDER NO. 7**

#### **HEALTH SERVICES (MEDICAL REPORTS) (FEES) (VALIDATION) BILL, 2024**

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to validate the payment and collection of fees for medical reports prepared by medical practitioners and paramedical practitioners for patients at polyclinics and other health services institutions operated by the State,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved that the Bill be read a second time.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Her Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 and 2 were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Chairman of Committees reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to the President who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

### ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Senate was adjourned *sine die*.

BEVERLEY S. GIBBONS, J.P.  
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the  
, 2025.

day of

President.

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**FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027**

**MINUTES**

Wednesday, 25th June, 2025.

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