



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## OF

### The Honourable the House of Assembly

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At a hybrid meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Monday the 14th day of March, 2022, at 10 o'clock pursuant to the adjournment.

#### PRESENT

- His Honour A. E. Holder, 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. Miss M. A. Mottley, Q.C., LL.B. ( <i>Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs, Culture, Security, Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions</i> ) | Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology   |
| Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P.  | Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. ( <i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional 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 Environment and National Beautification</i> )                                      |
| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A.   | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. ( <i>Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</i> )                                |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. ( <i>Senior Minister</i> ) ( <i>Minister of Energy and Business Development</i> )  | Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. ( <i>Chairman of Committees</i> )   |
| Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M.   | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill ( <i>Minister of Health and Wellness</i> )   |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) ( <i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i> )   | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Labour and Social Security and the Third Sector</i> )                    |
| Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. ( <i>Deputy Prime Minister</i> ) ( <i>Senior Minister</i> ) ( <i>Minister of Transport, Works and Water Resources</i> )        | Dr. the Hon. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. ( <i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</i> )                    |
| Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. ( <i>Senior Minister in the Prime Minister's Office</i> )  | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. ( <i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i> )                   |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. ( <i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i> )  | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs</i> )                      |
| Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. ( <i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Business Development</i> )  | Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc.  |
|   | Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A.   |
|   | Hon. Miss K. S. McConney ( <i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i> )                           |
|   | Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. ( <i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Water Resources</i> ) |
|   | Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology</i> )                      |
|   | Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs   |
|   | Mr. C. A. Lane, J.P. ( <i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i> )            |

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

**MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT**

Mr. Speaker read the following:



S. MASON  
President

By Her Excellency the Most Honourable  
Dame Sandra Prunella Mason, Freedom of  
Barbados, Dame Grand Cross of the Most  
Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and  
Saint George, Dame of Saint Andrew,  
Queen's Counsel, Doctor of Laws, President  
of Barbados.

**A PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS it is provided by section 60(1) of the *Constitution* that each session of Parliament shall be held at such place and commence at such time as the President may appoint:

AND WHEREAS by Proclamation dated the 3rd day of February, 2022 the President appointed the Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Centre, Two Mile Hill, Saint Michael as the place at which the session of Parliament commenced on the 4th day of February, 2022:

AND WHEREAS by Proclamation dated the 8th day of February, 2022 the President appointed the Worthing Corporate Centre, Worthing, Christ Church as the place that the session of Parliament shall commence:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to further continue the session of Parliament at the Parliament Buildings, Trafalgar Street, Bridgetown with effect from Monday the 14th day of March, 2022:

NOW THEREFORE by virtue and in exercise of the power and authority vested in me, I, The Most Honourable Dame Sandra Prunella Mason, Freedom of Barbados, Dame Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Dame of Saint Andrew, Queen's Counsel, Doctor of Laws, President of Barbados, DO HEREBY APPOINT the Parliament Buildings, Trafalgar Street, Bridgetown as the place at which the session of Parliament shall be held, and 10:00 hours in the morning as the time at which the said continued session shall commence.

Given under my hand and the  
Public Seal of Barbados this 11th day of  
March, 2022.



MESSAGE No.     /2022

**HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT**

**TO**

**THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

*Her Excellency the President hereby informs The Honourable The House of Assembly of the following:*

*“Section 60(1) of the Constitution provides that each session of Parliament shall be held at such place and commence at such time as the President may appoint”.*

*Her Excellency hereby informs The Honourable The House of Assembly that by proclamation dated 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022, that Her Excellency has appointed the Worthing Corporate Centre, Worthing, Christ Church as the place at which that the session of Parliament shall continue and by proclamation has appointed the Parliament Buildings, Trafalgar Street, Bridgetown as the place at which a session of Parliament shall be held and 10:00 in the morning on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022, as the time at which the continued session shall commence.*

  
**PRESIDENT**

**STATE HOUSE  
BARBADOS.**

11<sup>th</sup> March, 2022

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

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

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds the Sitting was suspended at 10.10 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER (recommitted)**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Miss C. Y. Forde the following minutes were confirmed:

- Friday, 4th February, 2022;
- Tuesday, 8th February, 2022;
- Tuesday, 15th February, 2022; and
- Monday, 21st February, 2022.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**ORDER NO. 4**

**APPROPRIATION BILL, 2022**

On the Order being called for Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to grant a sum of money out of the Consolidated Fund and to appropriate the same for the service of Barbados for the Year ending 31st March, 2023, the Hon. Member delivered the Annual Budget 2022 and moved, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the Bill be read a second time.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Sitting was suspended to Tuesday, 15th March, 2022 at 3.00 p.m.

At 6.55 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

**RESUMPTION (Tuesday, 15th March, 2022)**

The absence of Mr. Speaker was announced.

His Honour N. G. H. Rowe, Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**

**ORDER NO. 4 (resumed)**

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.

Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore spoke. **(Online)**

Hon. I. A. Weir spoke.

Hon. D. I. Ishmael spoke.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Sitting was suspended at 5.15 p.m. to 5.25 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. P. R. Phillips spoke.

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds at 6.34 p.m. the Sitting was suspended to 7.35 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 4 (resumed)**

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

### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended at 8.23 p.m. to Wednesday, 16th March, 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

### **RESUMPTION (Wednesday, 16th March, 2022)**

On resumption Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

### **ORDER NO. 4 (resumed)**

### **APPROPRIATION BILL, 2022**

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

Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended at 11.00 a.m. to 11.20 a.m.

### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

### **ORDER NO. 4 (resumed)**

Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke.

### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Sitting was suspended at 1.28 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

### **ORDER NO. 4 (resumed)**

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

Dr. the Hon. S. E. Browne spoke.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Mr. T. A. Prescod spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Mr. C. A. Lane spoke.

### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Sitting was suspended at 7.00 p.m. to 7.45 p.m.

### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

### **ORDER NO. 4 (resumed)**

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

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House resolved itself into Standing Finance Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

### **HEAD 10 (recommitted) – OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT (as amended) – \$1,690,424.00**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Head 10 was passed.

**HEAD 12 (recommitted) – PARLIAMENT (as amended) – \$11,588,724.00**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Head 12 was passed.

**HEAD 13 (recommitted) – PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (as amended) – \$150,090,816.00**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Head 13 was passed.

**HEAD 15 (recommitted) – CABINET OFFICE (as amended) – \$17,719,302.00**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Head 15 was passed.

**HEAD 34 (recommitted) – MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS  
AND INVESTMENT (as amended) – \$138,483,130.00**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Head 34 was passed.

**HEAD 35 (recommitted) – MINISTRY OF PEOPLE EMPOWERMENT AND  
ELDER AFFAIRS (as amended) – \$98,295,217.00**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Head 35 was passed.

**HEAD 81 (recommitted) – MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, WORKS AND WATER  
RESOURCES (as amended) – \$129,822,989.00**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Head 81 was passed.

**HEAD 82 (recommitted) – MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATIONAL  
BEAUTIFICATION (as amended) – \$53,684,885.00**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Head 82 was passed.

Clause 2 (as amended) and the Schedule (as amended) were recommitted, called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill (as amended) in Committee to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams 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 SIXTY-ONE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND AND SEVENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS from the Consolidated Fund and to place it at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2021–2022 as shown in Supplementary Estimates No. 8, 2021–2022.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**

**ORDER NO. 5**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House resolved itself into Standing Finance Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair on the following:



**(a) Supplementary Estimates No. 8, 2021 – 2022 – \$61,584,077.00**

RESOLVED that the sum of SIXTY-ONE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND AND SEVENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS be granted from the Consolidated Fund and be placed at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2021–2022 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 8, 2021–2022 which form the Schedule to this Resolution.

**SCHEDULE****Supplementary Estimates 2021 – 2022 No. 8**

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2021 – 2022	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1– 7	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
HEAD 11 – MINISTRY OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE <b>Program 082: Implementation of Personnel Condition of Service</b> Subprogram 0086: People Resourcing and Compliance <i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i>	110820086	\$  372,000	\$	\$  50,000
HEAD 86 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS <b>Program 040: Direction &amp; Policy Formulation Services</b> Subprogram 7045: General Management and Coordination Services <i>Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments</i>	860407045	2,427,898		1,907,147
<i>Account Code: 103 – Employers Contributions</i>		895,227		120,548
<i>Account Code: 226 – Professional Services</i>		1,093,859		611,435
<i>Account Code: 315 – Grants to Non-profit Organizations</i>		401,752		420,065
Subprogram 0361: Technical Management <i>Account Code: 785 – Assets under Construction</i>	860400361	1,630,000		600,000
<b>Program 360: Primary Health Care Services</b> Subprogram 0363: Laboratory Services <i>Account Code: 210 – Supplies and Materials</i>	863600363	2,349,200		3,000,000
Subprogram 0366: David Thompson Polyclinic <i>Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments</i>	863600366	307,440		71,258

**SCHEDULE – Cont'd****Supplementary Estimates 2021 – 2022 No. 8 – Cont'd**

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2021 – 2022	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1–7	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 – Cont'd</b>				
Subprogram 0407: Eunice Gibson Polyclinic	863600407			
Account Code: 207 – Utilities		185,702		144,644
Subprogram 0413: St. Philip Polyclinic	863600413			
Account Code: 211 – Maintenance of Property		48,000		25,735
Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses		28,464		28,464
Subprogram 0414: Branford Taitt Polyclinic	863600414			
Account Code: 211 – Maintenance of Property		306,865		81,977
Account Code: 223 – Structures		12,629		16,360
Subprogram 0416: Glebe Polyclinic	863600416			
Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments		182,715		200,000
Account Code: 103 – Employers Contributions		144,906		12,000
<b>Program 361: Hospital Services</b>				
Subprogram 0375: Queen Elizabeth Hospital	863610375			
Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions		120,035,339	5,250,000	14,228,775
Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions				1,100,000
Subprogram 0377: Psychiatric Hospital	863610377			
Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments		2,575,588		749,864
Account Code: 207 – Utilities		1,400,000		2,808,566
Account Code: 210 – Supplies and Materials		3,250,549		1,103,302
Account Code: 211 – Maintenance of Property		468,025		241,347
Account Code: 226 – Professional Services		178,000		400,000
Account Code: 785 – Assets under Construction		1,555,000		70,000



**SCHEDULE – Concl'd****Supplementary Estimates 2021 – 2022 No. 8 – Concl'd**

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2021 – 2022	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1– 7	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
HEAD 86 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS – Concl'd		\$	\$	\$
<b>Program 364: Care of the Elderly</b>				
Subprogram 0446: Geriatric District Hospital	863640446			
Account Code: 210 – Supplies and Materials		2,602,786		687,640
Account Code: 211 – Maintenance of Property		337,542		422,040
Account Code: 752 – Machinery and Equipment		257,531		171,582
Subprogram 0448: Gordon Cummins District Hospital	863640448			
Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments		399,503		190,603
Account Code: 207 – Utilities		80,890		59,500
Subprogram 0449: St. Lucy District Hospital	863640449			
Account Code: 752 – Machinery and Equipment		45,482		90,000
<b>Program 365: HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Project</b>				
Subprogram 0397: Treatment	863650397			
Account Code: 210 – Supplies and Materials		2,949,713		300,000
<b>Program 366: National Crisis Management</b>				
Subprogram 6200: Programme Management – COVID-19	863666200			
Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions		15,988,536		30,771,225
Subprogram 6201: Programme Management – COVID-19	863666201			
Account Code: 210 – Supplies and Materials		9,112,010	32,352,300	900,000

**HEAD 11 – MINISTRY OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE – \$50,000.00**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Head 11 was passed.

**HEAD 86 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS – \$61,534,077.00**

On the motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill who spoke seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Head 86 was passed.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn 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. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Resolution was read a first and second time and agreed to.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw who spoke seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House was adjourned to Friday, 25th March, 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

At 11.50 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS  
BRIDGETOWN.



# **HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

## **FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027**

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### **MINUTES**

Monday, 14th March, 2022.

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