



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Tuesday, the 15th day of July, 2025, 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*)

Miss. C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P.

Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (*Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance*)

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Deputy Prime Minister*) (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Transport and Works*) (*Leader of Government Business*) (*Acting Prime Minister wef 5th-20th July, 2025*)

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Planning and Development in the Prime Minister's Office*)

Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B. (*Minister of Home Affairs and Information*) (*Acting Attorney General wef 13th-17th July, 2025*)

Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (*Minister of Training and Tertiary Education*)

Mr. R. A. Thorne, K.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology (*Leader of the Opposition*)

Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (*Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security*)

Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (*Minister of Environment and National Beautification, Green and Blue Economy*)

Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (*Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment*)

Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (*Chairman of Committees*)

Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Finance*)

Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc.

Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (*Minister of Economic Affairs and Investment*)

Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (*Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport and Works*)

Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness*)

Mr. C. A. Lane, J.P.

Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs

Hon. C. J. Blackman, J.P., LL.B., LL.M., ACI Arb. (*Minister of Educational Transformation*)

ABSENT

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B. (*Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs, Culture, National Security, Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions*), Hon. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs*) (*Senior Minister*), Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*), Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*), Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (*Minister of Labour, Social Security and Third Sector*), Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S., Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (*Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs*) and Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A.

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Canon Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on Monday, March 31st, 2025, Tuesday, April 22nd, 2025 and Thursday, April 24th, 2025 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, July 1st, 2025 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the following Bills were read a first time:-

- (1) Firearms (Amendment) Bill, 2025; and
- (2) Tourism Levy (Amendment) Bill, 2025.

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

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw sought and obtained leave to withdraw the Barbados Metrology Bill, 2022 - Order No.1, and the Copyright Bill, 2022 - Order No. 2.

The Bills were withdrawn.

ORDER NO. 12

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND AT WINDSOR AND LOWER GREYS IN ST. GEORGE AND CHRIST CHURCH

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Land Acquisition Act*, Cap. 228 approve the compulsory acquisition by the State of the parcels of land situate at Windsor and Lower Greys Junction in the parishes of Saint George and Christ Church in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedules* for the public purpose of the construction of a roundabout.

FIRST SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of Barbados Farms Ltd. situate at Windsor and Lower Greys Junction in the parishes of Saint George and Christ Church in this Island containing by admeasurement 3487.1 square metres or thereabouts abutting and bounding on other lands now or formerly of Barbados Farms Ltd. (Windsor Plantation) on three sides on a public road known as Highway 5 leading to Six

Cross Roads in one direction and on another public road known as Brighton Road leading to Brighton in one direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified by Brandford K. M. Howell, Land Surveyor, on the 3rd day of January, 2024 and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 12th day of January, 2024 as Plan No. 47/2024.

SECOND SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of Barbados Farms Ltd. situate at Windsor and Lower Greys Junction in the parishes of Saint George and Christ Church in this Island containing by admeasurement 4263.7 square metres or thereabouts abutting and bounding on a public road known as Highway 5 leading to Six Cross Roads in one direction on other lands now or formerly of Barbados Farms Ltd. (Windsor Plantation) on lands now or formerly of Four Square Estates Ltd. (Lower Greys Plantation) and on another public road known as Highway P leading to Yorkshire Road in one direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified by Brandford K. M. Howell, Land Surveyor, on the 3rd day of January, 2024 and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 12th day of January, 2024 as Plan No. 47/2024.

THIRD SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of Four Square Estates Ltd. situate at Windsor and Lower Greys Junction in the parishes of Saint George and Christ Church in this Island containing by admeasurement 534.8 square metres or thereabouts abutting and bounding on lands now or formerly of Barbados Farms Ltd. (Windsor Plantation) on other lands now or formerly of Four Square Estates Ltd. (Lower Greys Plantation) on two sides and on a public road known as Highway P leading to Yorkshire Road in one direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified by Brandford K. M. Howell, Land Surveyor, on the 3rd day of January, 2024 and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 12th day of January, 2024 as Plan No. 47/2024.

FOURTH SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of Four Square Estates Ltd. situate at Windsor and Lower Greys Junction in the parishes of Saint George and Christ Church in this Island containing by admeasurement 553.6 square metres or thereabouts abutting and bounding on other lands of Four Square Estates Ltd. (Lower Greys Plantation) on three sides and on a public road known as Highway P leading to Yorkshire Road in one direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified by Brandford K. M. Howell, Land Surveyor, on the 3rd day of January, 2024 and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 12th day of January, 2024 as Plan No. 47/2024.

FIFTH SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of Four Square Estates Ltd. situate at Windsor and Lower Greys Junction in the parishes of Saint George and Christ Church in this Island containing by admeasurement 989.9 square metres or thereabouts abutting and bounding on a public road known as Highway 5 leading

to Boarded Hall in one direction on another public road known as Highway P leading to Yorkshire Road in one direction and on other lands now or formerly of Four Square Estates Ltd. (Lower Greys Plantation) on two sides or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified by Brandford K. M. Howell, Land Surveyor, on the 3rd day of January, 2024 and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 12th day of January, 2024 as Plan No. 47/2024.

SIXTH SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of Four Square Estates Ltd. situate at Windsor and Lower Greys Junction in the parishes of Saint George and Christ Church in this Island containing by admeasurement 666.8 square metres or thereabouts abutting and bounding on a public road known as Highway 5 leading to Boarded Hall in one direction and on other lands now or formerly of Four Square Estates Ltd. (Lower Greys Plantation) on two sides or however else the same abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified by Brandford K. M. Howell, Land Surveyor, on the 3rd day of January, 2024 and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 12th day of January, 2024 as Plan No. 47/2024.

SEVENTH SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of Barbados Farms Ltd. situate at Windsor and Lower Greys Junction in the parishes of Saint George and Christ Church in this Island containing by admeasurement 9758.6 square metres or thereabouts abutting and bounding on a public road known as Brighton Road leading to Brighton in one direction on another public road known as Highway 5 leading to Boarded Hall in one direction and on other lands of Barbados Farms Ltd. (Windsor Plantation) on three sides or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified by Brandford K. M. Howell, Land Surveyor, on the 3rd day of January, 2024 and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 12th day of January, 2024 as Plan No. 47/2024,

and moved seconded Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the Resolution be approved.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith began to speak and gave way.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith concluded his speech.

Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke.

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

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

Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

Mr. P. R. Phillips spoke.

Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.

Hon. C. J. Blackman spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Sitting was suspended until 3.00 p.m.

At 1.38 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**ORDER NO. 11**

Hon. R. R. Straughn sought and obtained leave to introduce Orders Nos. 11 and 10 in a cognate debate.
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 authorised from time to time to borrow from another government, any bank, corporation, company or other institutions 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 section 3 of the Act provides 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 BBD68.4 million from the Saudi Fund for Development, the proceeds of which will be used to finance the Urban Renewal Project in the Water, Housing and Infrastructure Sectors (Phase I);

AND WHEREAS the sum of approximately BBD68.4 million is to be borrowed on the terms and conditions contained in the Loan Agreement, the main provisions of which are set out in the *Schedule*;

AND WHEREAS the sum of approximately BBD68.4 million to be borrowed from the Saudi Fund for Development is within the authorised borrowing limit given to the Government under section 2 of the Act;

BE IT RESOLVED therefore that Parliament approve the borrowing of the sum of approximately BBD68.4 million from the Saudi Fund for Development on the terms and conditions contained in the Loan Agreement, the main provisions of which are set out in the *Schedule*, and the proceeds of which will be used to finance the Urban Renewal Project in the Water, Housing and Infrastructure Sectors (Phase I).

SCHEDULE**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Borrower:	Government of Barbados
Lender:	Saudi Fund for Development
Executing Agency:	Prime Minister's Office
Currency:	Saudi Riyals
Amount:	SAR128 250 000 (approximately BBD68.4 million)
Term:	20 years
Grace Period:	5 years
Interest Rate:	3.5% per annum, payable semi-annually
Natural Disaster Clause:	Yes

and moved seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands that the Resolution be passed.

Mr. R. A. Thorne began to speak and gave way.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne concluded his speech.

Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

Hon. D. I. Ishamel spoke.

Mr. C. A. Lane spoke.

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

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

ORDER NO. 10

Hon. R. R. Straughn moved seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the following Resolution be passed:

WHEREAS by virtue of section 2 of the *Special Loans Act*, Cap. 105, the Government is authorised from time to time to borrow from another government, any bank, corporation, company or other institutions 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 section 3 of the Act provides 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 BBD117 million from the Saudi Fund for Development, the proceeds of which will be used to finance the Polyclinic Upgrade and Refurbishment of Primary Health Care System Project (Phase I);

AND WHEREAS the sum of approximately BBD117 million is to be borrowed on the terms and conditions contained in the Loan Agreement, the main provisions of which are set out in the *Schedule*;

AND WHEREAS the sum of approximately BBD117 million to be borrowed from the Saudi Fund for Development is within the authorised borrowing limit given to the Government under section 2 of the Act;

BE IT RESOLVED therefore that Parliament approve the borrowing of the sum of approximately BBD117 million from the Saudi Fund for Development on the terms and conditions contained in the Loan Agreement, the main provisions of which are set out in the *Schedule*, and the proceeds of which will be used to finance the Polyclinic Upgrade and Refurbishment of Primary Health Care System Project (Phase I).

SCHEDULE

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Borrower:	Government of Barbados
Lender:	Saudi Fund for Development
Executing Agency:	Ministry of Health and Wellness
Currency:	Saudi Riyals
Amount:	SAR219 375 000 (approximately BBD117 million)
Term:	20 years
Grace Period:	5 years
Interest Rate:	3.5% per annum, payable semi-annually
Natural Disaster Clause:	Yes

The Resolution was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 29th July, 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

At 7.35 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

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

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the
, 2025.

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Speaker.

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