



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 25th day of June, 2024, 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*)
Her Honour Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (*Deputy Speaker*)
- Hon. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs*) (*Senior Minister*)
Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A.
Mr. E. G. Hinkson, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M.
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*)
Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B. (*Minister of Home Affairs and Information*)
Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (*Minister of State in the Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*)
Mr. R. A. Thorne, K.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology (*Leader of the Opposition*)
Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (*Minister of Environment and National Beautification and the Green and Blue Economy*)
- Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (*Chairman of Committees*)
Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (*Minister of Labour, Social Security and Third Sector*)
Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S.
Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Finance*)
Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology*)
Mr. N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. (**Online**)
Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A.
Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (*Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*)
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. D. L. Gibbs

ABSENT

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B. (*Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs, Culture, Security, Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions*), Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*), Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (*Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance*), 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. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (*Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security*), Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (*Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment*), Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*), Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (*Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs*) and Hon. C. A. Lane, J.P. (*Minister of State in the Office of the Attorney General*).

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 11th June, 2024 were deferred of the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker welcomed and recognised the presence of Class 4 students of the George Lamming Primary School who were accompanied by Mr. Marlon Wilson, Principal, Mr. Ryan Brewster, Year Head of Class 4 and Mr. Dwain Hackett and Ms. Jennady Haynes, Teachers.

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. 7**

Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke on the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION ON THE BARBADOS POPULATION
POLICY 2023**

WHEREAS the Government recognizes certain critical population trends over the last 40 years, inclusive of: consistent fertility rates below the replacement rate of 2.1 children per woman; growth in the proportion of the elderly population; declining percentage of persons of working age; and higher dependency ratios due to a reducing number of persons of working age and greater proportion of elderly persons;

AND WHEREAS the Government recognizes these current population trends can negatively affect economic growth and impede the capacity of the state to leverage the full productivity of the country's resources and meet the social care and security needs of its population;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Barbados established a National Population Commission to advise on population issues, and this Commission has engaged in extensive consultations with stakeholders, inclusive of representatives in the public sector, the private sector, the labour movement and the general public;

AND WHEREAS the Population Commission highlighted the need for a Barbados Population Policy to address the potential impediments and opportunities related to the projections in population structure and size;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Barbados has accepted that a Barbados Population Policy should be developed based around a set of population goals and targeted interventions and strategies to achieve the Government's medium and long-term economic and social objectives;

AND WHEREAS the Cabinet has approved the Barbados Population Policy 2023;

AND WHEREAS the Barbados Population Policy outlines three policy goals and related sub-goals; namely:

- i. Policy Goal 1: Ensure a Population size Sufficient to Grow and Sustain Adequate Levels of Social Care, Productivity, Labour Force Participation and Revenue for Inclusive Development.
 - a. Sub-Goal 1.1: Increase the Population of Persons of working age.
 - b. Sub-Goal 1.2: Enhance Family Wellbeing to Support Reproductive Decision Making.
- ii. Policy Goal 2: Provide Barbadians and Non-Nationals Now and in the Future with Opportunities for Personal Development.
 - a. Sub-Goal 2.1: Promote and Strengthen the Care Economy across the Lifecycle and for the Vulnerable Populations.
 - b. Sub-Goal 2.2: Expand Access to Quality Health Care and Wellness Service Interventions.
 - c. Sub-Goal 2.3: Improve Capacity and Proficiency of the Labour Force with Access to Expanded Opportunities.
- iii. Policy Goal 3: Promote Integrated, Settlement Development and Safeguard the Ecological Balance.
 - a. Sub-Goal 3.1: Reconcile Population Redistribution, Land Use and Settlement Patterns.
 - b. Sub-Goal 3.2: Ensure the Efficient Management of Natural Resources and the Environment.
 - c. Sub-Goal 3.3: Strengthen Collective Resilience to the Impacts of a Changing Climate.

BE IT RESOVLED that the Parliament of Barbados take note of the Barbados Population Policy 2023 and moved seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands that the Resolution be passed. Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.
On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams further consideration of the Resolution 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, 2nd July, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

At 1.02 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

BEVERLEY S. GIBBONS, J.P. (Ms.)
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of _____, 2024.

Speaker.

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