



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## OF

# The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Monday the 17th day of February, 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*)

Her Honour Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (*Deputy Speaker*)

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| Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B. ( <i>Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs, Culture, Security, Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions</i> )                  | Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. ( <i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i> )                                                              |
| Hon. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. ( <i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i> ) ( <i>Senior Minister</i> )                                                              | Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. ( <i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification, Green and Blue Economy</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 Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i> )                                                                               | Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. ( <i>Chairman of Committees</i> )                                                                                             |
| Mr. E. G. Hinkson, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M.                                                                                                                                              | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill ( <i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</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, Social Security and 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 and Works</i> ) ( <i>Leader of Government Business</i> ) | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S.                                                                                                                             |
| Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. ( <i>Senior Minister</i> ) ( <i>Minister of Planning and Development 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, S.C., 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</i> )                                                                       |
| Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. ( <i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i> ) ( <i>with effect to 26th February, 2025</i> )     | Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology</i> ) ( <i>with effect to 26th February, 2025</i> ) |
| Mr. R. A. Thorne, K.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology ( <i>Leader of the Opposition</i> )                                                                                                           | Mr. N. G. H. Rowe, J.P.                                                                                                                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A.                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Hon. Miss K. S. McConney ( <i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i> ) ( <i>with effect to 26th February, 2025</i> )         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. ( <i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport and Works</i> )                                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</i> )                                                  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Hon. C. A. Lane, J.P. ( <i>Minister of State in the Office of the Attorney General</i> ) ( <i>with effect to 26th February, 2025</i> )                 |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs                                                                                                                                     |

**PRAYERS**

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 11th February, 2025 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

**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. 10**

**APPROPRIATION BILL, 2025**

**ANNUAL ESTIMATES 2025 – 2026**

On the Order being called, 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 30 – ATTORNEY GENERAL – \$158,336,959.00**

The Hon. D. D. Marshall and officials under the Ministry of the Attorney General took their places in the Well of the House.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke and moved seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that Head 30 stand part.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Hon. C. A. Lane spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Hon. C. A. Lane spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Hon. D. I. Ishmael spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

Mr. Richard Boyce (Commissioner of Police) spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

Hon. D. I. Ishmael spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

Mr. Richard Boyce spoke.

Hon. D. I. Ishmael spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

Hon. D. I. Ishmael spoke.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, Mr. Chairman reported progress to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair and asked leave to sit again.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the Sitting was suspended at 12.25 p.m. to 12.30 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The House reverted to Standing Finance Committee.

**HEAD 30 – ATTORNEY GENERAL (resumed)**

Her Honour Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

Mr. Richard Boyce spoke.

Her Honour Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

Mr. Richard Boyce spoke.

Her Honour Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. C. A. Lane spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Hon. C. A. Lane spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke on a point of order.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Hon. C. A. Lane spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

### **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 2.45 p.m.

### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The House reverted to Standing Finance Committee.

### **HEAD 30 – ATTORNEY GENERAL (resumed)**

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

Ms. Cheryl Corbin (Director, Forensic Sciences Centre) spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

Miss Shawn R. Belle (Chief Parliamentary Counsel) spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Hon. C. A. Lane spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

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Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Hon. C. A. Lane spoke.

Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.

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Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.

Hon. C. A. Lane spoke.

Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall began to speak and gave way.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.  
 Mr. R. A. Thorne began to speak.  
 Mr. Chairman spoke.  
 Mr. R. A. Thorne concluded his speech.  
 Mr. Chairman spoke.  
 Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.  
 Ms. Cheryl Corbin spoke.  
 Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.  
 Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.  
 Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.  
 Mr. Richard Boyce spoke.  
 Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.  
 Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Sitting was suspended at 4.53 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

#### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.  
 The House reverted to Standing Finance Committee.

#### **HEAD 30 – ATTORNEY GENERAL (resumed)**

Mr. Chairman spoke.  
 Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands spoke.  
 Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.  
 Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands spoke.  
 Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.  
 Hon. C. A. Lane spoke.  
 Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands spoke.  
 Mr. Richard Boyce spoke.  
 Mr. Chairman spoke.  
 Mr. T. A. Prescod spoke.  
 Hon. C. A. Lane spoke.  
 Ms. Cheryl Willoughby (Director, Criminal Justice and Research Planning Unit) spoke.  
 Mr. T. A. Prescod spoke.  
 Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.  
 Mr. T. A. Prescod spoke.  
 Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.  
 Mr. T. A. Prescod spoke.  
 Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.  
 Mr. T. A. Prescod spoke.  
 Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.  
 Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.  
 Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.  
 Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.  
 Mr. E. G. Hinkson began to speak and gave way.  
 Mr. Chairman spoke.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, the Chairman reported progress to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair, and asked leave to sit again.

Further consideration of Head 30 was postponed.

#### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (recommitted)**

#### **ORDERS OF THE DAY (recommitted)**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, Standing Order 67(3) was suspended with respect to Head 30 Attorney General of the Annual Estimates 2025 – 2026.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Sitting was suspended at 6.35 p.m. to Tuesday, 18th February, 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

**RESUMPTION (Tuesday, 18th February, 2025)**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The House reverted to Standing Finance Committee Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 10 (resumed)****HEAD 30 – ATTORNEY GENERAL (resumed)**

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

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Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Mr. Richard Boyce spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

Hon. I. A. Weir spoke.

Mr. Richard Boyce spoke.

Hon. I. A. Weir spoke.

Mr. Richard Boyce spoke.

Hon. I. A. Weir spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

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

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

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

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

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

Mr. Richard Boyce spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne began to speak.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke in reply.

Head 30 was passed without amendment.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the Chairman reported progress to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair, and asked leave to sit again.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the Sitting was suspended at 12.16 p.m. to 12.35 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The House reverted to Standard Finance Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

**HEAD 35 – MINISTRY OF PEOPLE EMPOWERMENT AND ELDER AFFAIRS**

– \$116,779,476.00

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey and officials of the Ministry took their places in the Well of the House.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke and moved seconded by Hon. C. McD. Griffith, that Head 35 stand part.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Mr. P. R. Phillips spoke.

Mrs. Nicole Daniel (Social Development Project Manager – One Family Programme) spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Mr. P. R. Phillips spoke.

Mrs. Nicole Daniel spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

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

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds Mr. Chairman reported progress to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair, and asked leave to sit again.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Sitting was suspended at 1.40 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.

#### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The House reverted to Standing Finance Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

#### **HEAD 35 – MINISTRY OF PEOPLE EMPOWERMENT AND ELDER AFFAIRS (resumed)**

Dr. S. E. Browne spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Ms. Roseanne Richards (Director of the Child Care Board) spoke.

Dr. S. E. Browne spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Mr. Jehu Wiltshire (Permanent Secretary) spoke.

Dr. S. E. Browne spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Mr. Jehu Wiltshire spoke.

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

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

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

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Mrs. Kim Bobb-Waithe (Chief Welfare Officer (Ag.), Welfare Department) spoke.

Mr. Jehu Wiltshire spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Mr. Wayne Nurse (Director (Ag.), National Disabilities Unit) spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Mrs. Kim Bobb-Waithe spoke.

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

Ms. Lynn Armstrong (Director (Ag.), National Wellbeing and HIV/AIDS Commission) spoke.

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

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

Ms. Terese Hamilton (Assistant Director, National Assistance Board) spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

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

Mr. Andrew Pollard (Coordinator of the Resilience and Reintegration Unit) spoke.

Mr. Jehu Wiltshire spoke.

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

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, the Chairman reported progress to Mr. Speaker, who resumed the Chair, and asked leave to sit again.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid the Sitting was suspended at 5.00 p.m. to 5.10 p.m.

#### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The House reverted to Standing Finance Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

#### **HEAD 35 – MINISTRY OF PEOPLE EMPOWERMENT AND ELDER AFFAIRS (resumed)**

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey began to speak.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey concluded his speech.

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

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne concluded his speech.

Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Mr. William Warner (Director (Ag.), Bureau of Gender Affairs) spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Mrs. Nicole Daniel spoke.

Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke.

Ms. Roseanne Richards spoke.

Ms. Terese Hamilton spoke.

Mr. Jehu Wiltshire spoke.

Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke.

Ms. Roseanne Richards spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.  
 Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael, the Chairman reported progress to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair, and asked leave to sit again.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid the Sitting was suspended to Wednesday, 19th February, 2025 at 11.00 a.m.

At 6.20 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

#### **RESUMPTION (Wednesday, 19th February, 2025)**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the Sitting was suspended at 11.20 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.

#### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The House reverted to Standing Finance Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

#### **ORDER NO. 10 (resumed)**

### **HEAD 35 – MINISTRY OF PEOPLE EMPOWERMENT AND ELDER AFFAIRS (resumed)**

Mr. T. A. Prescod spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.  
 Mr. T. A. Prescod spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.  
 Mr. Wayne Nurse spoke.  
 Mr. T. A. Prescod spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.  
 Mr. T. A. Prescod spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.  
 Hon. I. A. Weir spoke.  
 Mrs. Kim Bobb-Waithe spoke.  
 Hon. I. A. Weir spoke.  
 Mrs. Kim Bobb-Waithe spoke.  
 Hon. I. A. Weir spoke.  
 Mr. Jehu Wiltshire spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.  
 Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.  
 Ms. Roseanne Richards spoke.  
 Mrs. Nicole Daniel spoke.  
 Mrs. Kim Bobb-Waithe spoke.  
 Mr. Wayne Nurse spoke.  
 Ms. Colleen Walcott (Director, National Assistance Board) spoke.  
 Ms. Lynn Armstrong spoke.  
 Mr. William Warner spoke.  
 Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.  
 Ms. Colleen Walcott spoke.  
 Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.  
 Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.  
 Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.  
 Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.  
 Mr. Chairman spoke.

Mr. Chairman spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.  
 Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.  
 Mr. Chairman spoke.  
 Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey began to speak and gave way.  
 Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.  
 Mr. Chairman spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey concluded his speech.  
 Mr. Chairman spoke.  
 Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.  
 Mr. Chairman spoke.  
 Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.  
 Mr. Chairman spoke.  
 Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.  
 Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke.  
 Mr. Chairman spoke.  
 Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke.  
 Mr. Jehu Wiltshire spoke.  
 Mr. Dorian Best (Project Officer, One Family Programme) spoke.  
 Mr. Jehu Wiltshire spoke.  
 Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.  
 Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke.  
 Mr. Jehu Wiltshire spoke.  
 Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke.  
 Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
 Ms. Colleen Walcott spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
 Mr. Wayne Nurse spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke in reply.  
 Head 35 was passed.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, Mr. Chairman reported progress to Mr. Speaker, who resumed the Chair, and asked leave to sit again.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid the House was suspended to Monday, 24th February, 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

At 2.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

#### **RESUMPTION (Monday, 24th February, 2025)**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Speaker recognized the presence of and welcomed students of the Barbados Community College (Law and Paralegal Studies Division) and who were accompanied by their Tutor, Ms. Laticia Bourne.

The House reverted to Standing Finance Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

#### **ORDER NO. 10 (resumed)**

##### **HEAD 40 – MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND WORKS – \$111,466,450.00**

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw and officials of the Ministry took their places in the Well of the House.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke and moved seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, that Head 40 stand part.  
 Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.  
 Mr. Chairman spoke.  
 Hon. D. I. Ishmael spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
 Hon. D. I. Ishmael spoke.

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
 Mr. Dave Scantlebury (Chief Technical Officer (Ag.)) spoke.  
 Hon. D. I. Ishmael spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
 Mr. Andre Brice spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
 Mr. Dave Scantlebury spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
 Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
 Mr. Fabian Wharton (Chief Executive Officer, Transport Board) spoke.  
 Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
 Mr. Fabian Wharton spoke.  
 Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke.  
 Mr. Fabian Wharton spoke.  
 Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
 Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, Mr. Chairman reported progress to Mr. Speaker, who resumed the Chair, and asked leave to sit again.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, the Sitting was suspended at 12.13 p.m. to 12.23 p.m.

#### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.  
 The House reverted to Standing Finance Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

#### **HEAD 40 (resumed)**

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
 Mrs. Ruth Holder (Director, Transport Authority) spoke.  
 Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
 Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.  
 Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
 Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
 Ms. Lorian Graham (Deputy Chief Technical Officer (Ag.)) spoke.  
 Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
 Mr. Fabian Wharton spoke.  
 Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
 Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
 Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.  
 Mr. Andre Brice spoke.  
 Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
 Mr. R. A. Thorne began to speak and gave way.

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

Mr. R. A. Thorne concluded his speech.

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

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, Mr. Chairman reported progress to Mr. Speaker, who resumed the Chair, and asked leave to sit again.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Sitting was suspended at 1.43 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

#### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The House reverted to Standing Finance Committee.

#### **HEAD 40 (resumed)**

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

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

Mr. Richard Austin (Deputy Chief Technical Officer) spoke.

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

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

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

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

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

Mr. Chairman spoke.

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

Mr. Chairman spoke.

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

Mr. Richard Austin spoke.

Mr. N. G. H. Rowe spoke.

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

Mr. Andre Brice spoke.

Mr. N. G. H. Rowe spoke.

Mr. Andre Brice spoke.

Mr. N. G. H. Rowe spoke.

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

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

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

Mrs. Ruth Holder spoke.

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

Mr. Fabian Wharton spoke.

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

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

Mrs. Ruth Holder spoke.

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

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

Mr. Fabian Wharton spoke.

Her Honour Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.

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

Her Honour Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

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

Mr. R. A. Thorne began to speak.  
 Mr. Chairman spoke.  
 Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.  
 Mr. Chairman spoke.  
 Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.  
 Mr. Chairman spoke.  
 Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.  
 Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke on a point of order.  
 Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.  
 Mr. Chairman spoke.  
 Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.  
 Mr. Chairman spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
 Mr. R. A. Thorne began to speak.  
 Mr. Chairman spoke.  
 Mr. R. A. Thorne concluded his speech.  
 Mr. Chairman spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
 Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
 Mr. Chairman spoke.  
 Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
 Mr. Chairman spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.  
 Mr. Fabian Wharton spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.  
 Mr. Chairman spoke.  
 Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
 Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.  
 Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.  
 Mr. Dave Scantlebury spoke.  
 Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.  
 Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
 Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
 Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
 Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke.

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, Mr. Chairman reported progress to Mr. Speaker, who resumed the Chair, and asked leave to sit again.

#### **FIRST READINGS OF BILLS (recommitted)**

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Seaport Industry (Management, Operations and Development) Bill, 2025 was read a first time.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael further consideration of Government Business was postponed and the Sitting was suspended at 5.47 p.m. to 11.00 a.m., Tuesday, 25th February, 2025.

#### **RESUMPTION (Tuesday, 25th February, 2025)**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY (resumed)**  
**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael, Standing Order 67(3) was suspended with respect to Head 40 of the Annual Estimates 2024-2025.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**  
**ORDER NO. 10 (resumed)**

The House reverted to Standing Finance Committee Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

**HEAD 40 (resumed)**

Mr. Chairman spoke.  
Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs spoke.  
Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
Ms. Lorian Graham spoke.  
Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs spoke.  
Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
Mrs. Ruth Holder spoke.  
Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs spoke.  
Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
Mr. Andre Brice spoke.  
Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs spoke.  
Mr. Andre Brice spoke.  
Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands spoke.  
Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
Mr. Andre Brice spoke.  
Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands spoke.  
Mr. Dave Scantlebury spoke.  
Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands spoke.  
Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
Mr. T. A. Prescod spoke.  
Hon. S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
Mr. T. A. Prescod began to speak and gave way.  
Mr. Chairman spoke.  
Mr. T. A. Prescod resumed his speech.  
Mr. Chairman spoke.  
Mr. T. A. Prescod concluded his speech.  
Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
Mr. T. A. Prescod spoke.  
Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
Hon. Ms. K. S. McConney spoke.  
Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
Ms. Lynda Holder (Chief Operations Officer, Transport Board) spoke.  
Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke.  
Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
Mr. Andre Brice spoke.  
Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke.  
Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.  
Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.  
Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
Ms. Lynda Holder spoke.  
Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.  
Mr. Andre Brice spoke.  
Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.  
Mr. Andre Brice spoke.  
Mr. Chairman spoke

On the motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the Chairman reported progress to Mr. Speaker, who resumed the Chair, and asked leave to sit again.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds, the Sitting was suspended at 1.46 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The House reverted to Standing Finance Committee Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

**HEAD 40 (resumed)**

Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore spoke.

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

Mr. Fabian Wharton spoke.

Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore spoke.

Mr. Fabian Wharton spoke.

Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore spoke.

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

Mr. Dave Scantlebury spoke.

Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore spoke.

Ms. Lorian Graham spoke.

Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore spoke.

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

Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore spoke.

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

Mr. Dave Scantlebury spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

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

Mr. Dave Scantlebury spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

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

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

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

Mr. Richard Austin spoke.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

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

Head 40 was passed.

On the motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Chairman reported progress to Mr. Speaker, who resumed the Chair, and asked leave to sit again.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Sitting was suspended at 4.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The House reverted to Standing Finance Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

**HEAD 32 – MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN TRADE – \$65,836,076.00**

Hon. K. D. Symmonds and officials of the Ministry took their places in the Well of the House.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke and moved seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, that Head 32 stand part.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.  
 Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.  
 Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.  
 Ms. Donna Forde (Director General) spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.  
 Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.  
 Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.  
 Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.  
 Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.  
 Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.  
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 Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.  
 Mr. Tyrone Brathwaite (Senior Foreign Service Officer) spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Chairman reported progress to Mr. Speaker, who resumed the Chair, and asked leave to sit again.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Sitting was suspended at 7.07 p.m. to Friday, 28th February, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

#### **RESUMPTION (Friday, 28th February, 2025)**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The House reverted to Standing Finance Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

#### **ORDER NO. 10 (resumed)**

#### **HEAD 32 (resumed)**

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.  
 Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.  
 Ms. Joy-Ann Skinner (Permanent Secretary (Ag.)) spoke.  
 Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.  
 Ms. Donna Forde spoke.  
 Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.  
 Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke.  
 Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.  
 Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.  
 Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.  
 Mr. Chairman spoke.  
 Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.  
 Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Mr. Tyronne Brathwaithe spoke.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

On the motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, seconded by Hon. A. R. Forde, the Chairman reported progress to Mr. Speaker, who resumed the Chair, and asked leave to sit again.

### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, seconded by Hon. A. R. Forde, the Sitting was suspended at 11.20 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The House reverted to Standing Finance Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

### **HEAD 32 (resumed)**

Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Ms. Donna Forde spoke.

Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Ms. Donna Forde spoke.

Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Ms. Joy-Ann Skinner spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Hon. D. I. Ishmael spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke in reply.

Head 32 was passed.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, Mr. Chairman reported progress to Mr. Speaker, who resumed the Chair, and asked leave to sit again.

### **PAPERS (recommitted)**

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw by command laid the following:

1. Barbados Revenue Authority Annual Report for the Financial Year ended March 31, 2022.
2. National Insurance and Social Security (Benefits) (Amendment) Regulations, 2025.

Further Government Business was deferred.

### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, the Sitting was adjourned to Monday, 3rd March, 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

At 1.10 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

### **RESUMPTION (Monday, 3rd March, 2025)**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

### **PAPERS (recommitted)**

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw by command laid:

- Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Barbados Aircraft and Aviation Services Company Ltd. for the year ended March 31, 2023.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**  
**ORDER NO. 10 (resumed)**

The House reverted to Standing Finance Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

**ANNUAL ESTIMATES 2025 – 2026 (resumed)**  
**HEAD 91 – MINISTRY OF YOUTH, SPORTS AND COMMUNITY**  
**EMPOWERMENT – \$80,641,600.00**

Hon. C. McD. Griffith and officials of the Ministry took their places in the Well of the House.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands that Head 91 stand part.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

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

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Mr. Stephen Rowe (Sports Development Officer) spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

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

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Mr. Stephen Rowe spoke.

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

Mr. Neil Murrell (Director of the National Sports Council) spoke.

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

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Mr. C. A. Lane spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Ms. Kaye Hinds (Deputy Chief Community Development Officer) spoke.

Mr. C. A. Lane spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Mr. Nicholas Matthias (Senior Superintendent of Works, National Sports Council) spoke.

Mr. C. A. Lane spoke.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Mr. Neil Murrell spoke.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

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

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Ms. E. Yolande Skeete (Chief Community Development Officer) spoke.

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

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

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

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Mr. Nicholas Matthias spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Ms. E. Yolande Skeete spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

On the motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael, the Chairman reported progress to Mr. Speaker, who resumed the Chair, and asked leave to sit again.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael, the Sitting was suspended at 11.54 a.m. to 12.04 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The House reverted to Standing Finance Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

**HEAD 91 (resumed)**

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Mr. Chairman spoke. (Ruling)

Hon. C. McD. Griffith began to speak.

Mr. Chairman spoke. (Ruling)

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Her Honour Miss C. Y. Forde spoke on a point of order.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Ms. E. Yolande Skeete spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Mr. Chairman spoke. (Ruling)

Hon. D. I. Ishmael began to speak.

Mr. Chairman spoke. (Ruling)

Hon. D. I. Ishmael concluded his speech.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Ms. Andrea Titus (Principal Youth Development Officer) spoke.

Hon. D. I. Ishmael began to speak.

Mr. Chairman spoke. (Ruling)

Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Mr. Cleviston Hunte (Director of Youth Affairs) spoke.

Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Mr. Marcus Stephen (Coordinator, Block Transformation Unit) spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

Mr. N. G. H. Rowe spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Mr. Cleviston Hunte spoke.

Mr. N. G. H. Rowe spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Mr. N. G. H. Rowe spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Mr. Nicholas Matthias spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, Mr. Chairman reported progress to Mr. Speaker, who resumed the Chair, and asked leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker spoke recognizing the presence of and welcomed the students from the Barbados Community College who were accompanied by their Tutor, Ms. Latrica Bourne.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, at 1.13 p.m. the Sitting was suspended to 2.30 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The House reverted to Standing Finance Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

**HEAD 91 (resumed)**

Her Honour Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.  
 Ms. E. Yolande Skeete spoke.  
 Mr. Nicholas Matthias spoke.  
 Her Honour Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.  
 Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.  
 Her Honour Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.  
 Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.  
 Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.  
 Mr. Emerson Bascombe (Deputy Director, the National Sports Council) spoke.  
 Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.  
 Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.  
 Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.  
 Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.  
 Mr. Marcus Stephen spoke.  
 Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.  
 Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.  
 Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.  
 Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.  
 Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.  
 Mr. Marcus Stephen spoke.  
 Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.  
 Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.  
 Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.  
 Mr. Hally Haynes (Director of the Barbados Youth Advance Corp) spoke.  
 Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.  
 Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.  
 Mr. Neil Murrell spoke.  
 Ms. E. Yolande Skeete spoke.  
 Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.  
 Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.  
 Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.  
 Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.  
 Mr. Nicholas Matthias spoke.  
 Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.  
 Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.  
 Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.  
 Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.  
 Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.  
 Mr. T. A. Prescod spoke.  
 Hon. C. McD. Griffith began to speak and gave way.  
 Mr. T. A. Prescod spoke.  
 Mr. Chairman spoke. (Ruling)  
 Hon. C. McD. Griffith concluded his speech.  
 Mr. T. A. Prescod spoke.  
 Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.  
 Mr. T. A. Prescod spoke.  
 Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.  
 Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.  
 Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.  
 Mr. Stephen Rowe spoke.  
 Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.  
 Mr. Stephen Rowe spoke.  
 Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.  
 Mr. Stephen Rowe spoke.  
 Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.  
 Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

On the motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Chairman reported progress to Mr. Speaker, who resumed the Chair, and asked leave to sit again.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Sitting was suspended at 4.15 p.m. to 4.25 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The House reverted to Standing Finance Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

**HEAD 91 (resumed)**

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Ms. Kaye Hinds spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

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

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

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

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

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

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

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

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Head 91 was passed.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. A. R. Forde, the Chairman reported progress to Mr. Speaker, who resumed the Chair, and asked leave to sit again.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, the Sitting was suspended to Tuesday, 4th March 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

At 5.24 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

**RESUMPTION (Tuesday, 4th March, 2025)**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**

**ORDER NO. 10 (resumed)**

The House reverted to Standing Finance Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

**HEAD 93 – MINISTRY OF HOUSING, LANDS AND**

**MAINTENANCE – \$97,310,945.00**

Hon. D. G. Sutherland and officials of the Ministry took their places in the Well of the House.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that Head 93 stand part.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Mr. N. G. H. Rowe spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

Mr. N. G. H. Rowe spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Mr. Roger Ward (Deputy General Manager (Ag.), National Housing Corporation) spoke.  
 Mr. N. G. H. Rowe spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Mr. N. G. H. Rowe spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Mrs. Henrietta Bourne-Forde (Chief Legal Officer, NHC) spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Mr. H. Niki Smith (Permanent Secretary) spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
 Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Mr. Roger Ward spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Mr. H. Niki Smith spoke.  
 Ms. T. N. S-A Moore spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Mrs. Henrietta Bourne-Forde spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Ms. T. N. S-A Moore spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the Chairman reported progress to Mr. Speaker, who resumed the Chair, and asked leave to sit again.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Sitting was suspended at 12.47 p.m. to 12.58 p.m.

#### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The House reverted to Standing Finance Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

#### **HEAD 93 (resumed)**

Ms. T. N. S-A Moore spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Ms. T. N. S-A Moore spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Mr. Chairman spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Mr. Ian Gill (General Manager, National Housing Corporation) spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Mr. William Clarke (Chief Estate Officer, National Housing Corporation) spoke.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the Chairman reported progress to Mr. Speaker, who resumed the Chair, and asked leave to sit again.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the Sitting was suspended at 1.20 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**PAPERS (recommitted)**

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw by command laid:

- Barbados Economic and Social Report 2023.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**

The House reverted to Standing Finance Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

**HEAD 93 (resumed)**

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

Mr. Dwight Thornhill (Project Manager, National Housing Corporation) spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

Mr. Raymond Lorde (Chief Planning Officer, National Housing Corporation) spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

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

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Mr. Colin Scaife (Chairman of HOPE Inc.) spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

Mr. Colin Scaife spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

Mrs. Michelle Johnson (Registrar of Titles) spoke.

Ms. Joy Green (Commissioner of Titles), Land Adjudication Unit) spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

Mrs. Henrietta Bourne-Forde spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

Hon. D. I. Ishmael spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

Mr. Raymond Lorde spoke.

Hon. D. I. Ishmael spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Mr. William Clarke spoke.  
 Hon. D. I. Ishmael spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Mr. Roger Ward spoke.  
 Hon. D. I. Ishmael spoke.  
 Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Ms. Michelle St. Clair (Land Surveyor, Lands and Surveys Department) spoke.  
 Mr. Paul Collymore (Manager, Information Systems, Lands and Surveys Department) spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Mr. Brian Hinds (Senior Property Manager) spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Hon. I. A. Weir spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Mr. Colin Scaife spoke.  
 Hon. I. A. Weir spoke.  
 Mr. Colin Scaife spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Hon. I. A. Weir spoke.  
 Dr. S. E. Browne spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Mr. Ian Gill spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Dr. S. E. Browne spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Mr. Chairman spoke.  
 Mr. Dexter Mondesir (Chief Property Manager (Ag.)) spoke.  
 Dr. S. E. Browne spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Dr. S. E. Browne spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Dr. S. E. Browne spoke.  
 Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.  
 Mr. Colin Scaife spoke.  
 Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.  
 Mr. Colin Scaife spoke.  
 Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.  
 Mr. Raymond Lorde spoke.  
 Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Mr. Raymond Lorde spoke.  
 Mrs. Nicole Johnson (Chief Housing Planner) spoke.  
 Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.  
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Mr. Roger Ward spoke.  
 Mr. Dwight Thornhill spoke.  
 Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Mr. H. Niki Smith spoke.  
 Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.  
 Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Mrs. Henrietta Bourne-Forde spoke.  
 Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke.  
 Mr. William Clarke spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Head 93 was passed.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds, the Chairman reported progress to Mr. Speaker, who resumed the Chair, and asked leave to sit again.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the Sitting was suspended to Wednesday, 5th March 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

At 5.46 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

#### **RESUMPTION (Wednesday, 5th March, 2025)**

On resumption Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

#### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, who spoke, seconded by Her Honour Miss C. Y. Forde Standing Order 66 (1) was suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

#### **ORDER NO. 10 (resumed)**

The House reverted to Standing Finance Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

#### **HEAD 92 – MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT – \$65,290,934.00**

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, Minister of Energy and Business Development, and officials of the Ministry took their places in the Well of the House.

Mr. Chairman spoke.  
 Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw moved seconded by Hon. C. McD. Griffith that Head 92 stand part.  
 Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.  
 Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.  
 Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke.  
 Ms. Claire Best (Chief Project Analyst) spoke.  
 Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.  
 Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke.  
 Mr. Delano Scantlebury (Project Director, Renewable Energy) spoke.  
 Mr. Brian Reece (Director of Utilities Regulation, Fair Trading Commission) spoke.  
 Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.  
 Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke.  
 Mr. Anderson Cumberbatch (Chief Business Development Officer, Small Business Unit) spoke.  
 Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke.  
 Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke.  
 Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke.  
 Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke.  
 Mr. Ian Bradshaw (Accountant, National Petroleum Corporation) spoke.  
 Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke.

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

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

Mr. James Broome (CEO, Barbados National Oil Company Ltd) spoke.

Mr. Jamar White (Director of Natural Resources) spoke.

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

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

Mr. Jamar White spoke.

Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

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

Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

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

Ms. Tameisha Rochester (Registrar and Officer In-Charge, Business Barbados) spoke.

Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

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

On the motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael, the Chairman reported to Mr. Speaker, who resumed the Chair, and asked leave to sit again.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael, the Sitting was suspended at 12.17 p.m. to 12.27 p.m.

#### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The House reverted to Standing Finance Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

#### **HEAD 92 (resumed)**

Mr. Chairman spoke.

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

Mr. Gerry Amos (Fund Access) spoke.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

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

Mr. Chairman spoke.

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

Mr. Brent Gittens (Registrar, Cooperatives Department) spoke.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

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

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

Mr. Chairman spoke recognizing the presence of and welcoming Hon. Pabitra Margherita, Minister of State, External Affairs, India.

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

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

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

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

Mr. Bertram Johnson (Director, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs) spoke.

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

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

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

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

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

Mr. David Simpson (National Coordinator of Financial Literacy Programme) spoke.

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

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

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

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, Mr. Chairman reported progress to Mr. Speaker, who resumed the Chair, and asked leave to sit again.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the Sitting was suspended at 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The House reverted to Standing Finance Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

**HEAD 92 (resumed)**

Mr. N. G. H. Rowe spoke.

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

Mr. Gerry Amos spoke.

Hon. D. I. Ishmael spoke.

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

Hon. D. I. Ishmael spoke.

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

Mr. Wesley Carter (Chief Operations Officer, NPC) spoke.

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

Mr. Wesley Carter spoke.

Hon. D. I. Ishmael spoke.

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

Mr. Bertram Johnson spoke.

Hon. D. I. Ishmael spoke.

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

Ms. Lana Chandler (Project Manager, Electronic Single Window) spoke.

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

Hon. D. I. Ishmael spoke.

Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.

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

Mr. Gerry Amos spoke.

Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.

Mr. Gerry Amos spoke.

Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Hon. I. A. Weir spoke.

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

Mr. Gerry Amos spoke.

Ms. Esther Lorde-Graham spoke.

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

Hon. I. A. Weir spoke.

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

Hon. I. A. Weir spoke.

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Ian Bradshaw spoke.

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

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

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

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

Mr. Kevin Hunte (Permanent Secretary) spoke.

Ms. Dava Leslie Ward (Officer In-Charge of the Fair Trading Commission) spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

Mr. Kevin Hunte spoke.

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

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

Head 92 was passed.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael, Mr. Chairman reported progress to Mr. Speaker, who resumed the Chair, and asked leave to sit again.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded Hon. D. I. Ishmael the Sitting was suspended at 4.38 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

#### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

#### **GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)**

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw gave notice of the Social Empowerment Agency Bill, 2025.

#### **FIRST READINGS OF BILLS**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Her Honour Miss C. Y. Forde, the Social Empowerment Bill, 2025 was read a first time.

#### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**

The House reverted to Standing Finance Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

#### **HEAD 10 – OFFICE OF PRESIDENT – \$1,000,696.00**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Her Honour Miss C. Y. Forde, Head 10 was passed.

#### **HEAD 11 – MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SERVICE – \$6,824,998.00**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. A. R. Forde, Head 11 was passed.

#### **HEAD 12 – PARLIAMENT – \$19,149,269.00**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, Head 12 was passed.

#### **HEAD 13 – PRIME MINISTERS' OFFICE – \$222,858,504.00**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, Head 13 was passed.

#### **HEAD 15 – CABINET OFFICE – \$24,618,803.00**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. A. R. Forde, Head 15 was passed.

#### **HEAD 17 – OMBUDSMAN – \$612,513.00**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, Head 17 was passed.

#### **HEAD 18 – AUDIT – \$1,281,671.00**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael, Head 18 was passed.

#### **HEAD 19 – TREASURY – \$54,000,000.00**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael, Head 19 was passed.

#### **HEAD 27 – MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND INTERNATIONAL – \$24,437,790.00**

On the motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael, Head 27 was passed.

#### **HEAD 29 – DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS – \$1,857,145.00**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael, Head 29 was passed.

#### **HEAD 31 – MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY – \$69,194,708.00**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, Head 31 was passed.

#### **HEAD 33 – MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION – \$79,744,295.00**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, Head 33 was passed.

**HEAD 34 – MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND INVESTMENT**  
**– \$187,775,531.00**

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

**HEAD 50 – POST OFFICE – \$14,334,358.00**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, Head 50 was passed.

**HEAD 82 – MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATIONAL BEAUTIFICATION**  
**– \$101,121,068.00**

On the motion of Hon. A. R. Forde, seconded by Hon. C. McD. Griffith, Head 82 was passed.

**HEAD 83 – MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND NUTRITIONAL SECURITY**  
**– \$67,757,284.00**

On the motion of Hon. I. A. Weir, seconded by Hon. C. McD. Griffith, Head 83 was passed.

**HEAD 84 – MINISTRY OF LABOUR, SOCIAL SECURITY AND THIRD SECTOR**  
**– \$12,410,854.00**

On the motion of Hon. C. E. Jordan, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, Head 84 was passed.

**HEAD 86 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS – \$294,217,812.00**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, Head 86 was passed.

**HEAD 87 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING – \$474,129,665.00**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. C. McD. Griffith, Head 87 was passed.

Clauses 1 to 4 and the Schedule were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, the Chairman reported to Mr. Speaker, who resumed the Chair, the passing of the Bill in Committee.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the Sitting was suspended at 5.23 p.m. to Friday, 7th March, 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

**RESUMPTION (Friday, 7th March, 2025)**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**FIRST READINGS OF BILLS (recommitted)**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid the Integrated Coastal Zone Management and Marine Bill, 2025 was read a first time.

**STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS (recommitted)**

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid made a statement on the proposed sale and redevelopment of the site of the Civic Centre at Holetown, St. James.

**FIRST READINGS OF BILLS (recommitted)**

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke and on her motion, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid the Integrated Coastal and Marine Management Bill, 2025 was read a first time (Corrected title).

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**

**ORDER NO. 13**

**SOCIAL EMPOWERMENT AGENCY BILL, 2025**

On the Order being called for Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to establish the Social Empowerment Agency in order to deliver the highest quality of social services to vulnerable persons and to empower them to live dignified and respectable lives, the Hon. Member began to speak and gave way.

Mr. Speaker vacated the Chair in favour of Madam Deputy Speaker.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey resumed and concluded his speech and moved seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael that the Bill be read a second time.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 45 were called in parts and passed on the separate motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, seconded by Hon. C. McD. Griffith.

The First to the Fourth Schedules were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, seconded by Hon. C. McD. Griffith.

On the motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to Madam Deputy Speaker who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, seconded by Hon. C. McD. Griffith the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

#### **ORDER NO. 12**

On the Order being called permission was sought and obtained by Hon. Miss S. J. O. Brashaw to debate Orders No. 12 and 14 together in Standing Finance Committee.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House resolved itself into Standing Finance Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 12**

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that the sum of TWO MILLION, TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS be granted from the Consolidated Fund and be placed at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2024 – 2025 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 1, 2024 – 2025 which form the Schedule to this Resolution.

**SCHEDULE****Supplementary Estimates 2024 – 2025 No. 1**

| HEAD                                                                   | Code Number | Provision in Approved Estimates 2024 – 2025 | Provision in Supplementary Estimates No. 1 | Supplementary Provision Required |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                        |             | Other Expenditure                           | Other Expenditure                          | Other Expenditure                |
| HEAD 87 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING |             | \$                                          | \$                                         | \$                               |
| <b>Program 272: Secondary</b>                                          |             |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Subprogram 0642: Alma Parris Memorial School                           | 872720642   |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| <i>Account Code: 101 – Statutory Personal Emoluments</i>               |             |                                             |                                            | 54,945                           |
| <i>Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments</i>                   |             |                                             |                                            | 85,267                           |
| <i>Account Code: 103 – Employers Contributions</i>                     |             |                                             |                                            | 13,915                           |
| <i>Account Code: 206 – Travel</i>                                      |             |                                             |                                            | 8,500                            |
| <i>Account Code: 207 – Utilities</i>                                   |             |                                             |                                            | 30,000                           |
| <i>Account Code: 208 – Rental of Property</i>                          |             |                                             |                                            | 11,200                           |
| <i>Account Code: 209 – Library Books &amp; Publications</i>            |             |                                             |                                            | 25,000                           |
| <i>Account Code: 210 – Supplies &amp; Materials</i>                    |             |                                             |                                            | 55,000                           |
| <i>Account Code: 211 – Maintenance of Property</i>                     |             |                                             |                                            | 20,000                           |
| <i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i>                          |             |                                             |                                            | 35,000                           |
| <i>Account Code: 226 – Professional Services</i>                       |             |                                             |                                            | 52,400                           |
| <i>Account Code: 752 – Machinery &amp; Equipment</i>                   |             |                                             |                                            | 55,000                           |
| <i>Account Code: 753 – Furniture &amp; Fixtures</i>                    |             |                                             |                                            | 100,000                          |
| HEAD 91 – MINISTRY OF YOUTH, SPORTS AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT          |             |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| <b>Program 277: Youth Affairs and Sports</b>                           |             |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Subprogram 0563: Sports Development Unit                               | 912770563   |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| <i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i>                          |             | 9,548,020                                   |                                            | 1,742,238                        |

and moved, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that Head 87 Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training in the sum of \$546,227.00 stand part.

The motion was passed.

**HEAD 91 – MINISTRY OF YOUTH, SPORTS AND COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT – \$1,742,238.00**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Head 91 was passed.

**ORDER 14 (A)**

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that the sum of THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED AND FOURTEEN THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED AND FOUR DOLLARS be granted from the Consolidated Fund and be placed at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2024 – 2025 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 2, 2024 – 2025 which form the Schedule to this Resolution.

**SCHEDULE**

**Supplementary Estimates 2024 – 2025 No. 2**

| HEAD                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Code Number | Provision in Approved Estimates 2024 – 2025 | Provision in Supplementary Estimates No. 1 | Supplementary Provision Required |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |             | Other Expenditure                           | Other Expenditure                          | Other Expenditure                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |             | \$                                          | \$                                         | \$                               |
| HEAD 12 – PARLIAMENT<br><b>Program 030: Parliament</b><br>Subprogram 0031: Commonwealth Parliamentary Association & Exchange Visits<br><i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i>                                      | 120300031   | 205,234                                     |                                            | 140,463                          |
| HEAD 13 – PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE<br><b>Program 040: Direction and Policy Formulation Services</b><br>Subprogram 7000: General Management & Coordination Services<br><i>Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments</i> | 130407000   | 394,018                                     |                                            | 47,537                           |
| Subprogram 0041: Prime Minister's Official Residence<br><i>Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments</i>                                                                                                              | 130400041   | 107,541                                     |                                            | 83,581                           |
| Subprogram 0144: Planning and Development Department<br><i>Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments</i>                                                                                                              | 130400144   | 225,806                                     |                                            | 128,807                          |
| <b>Program 041: National Defence and Security Preparedness</b><br>Subprogram 0042: National Security<br><i>Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments</i>                                                              | 130410042   | 194,825                                     |                                            | 242,635                          |
| <i>Account Code: 103 – Employers Contributions</i>                                                                                                                                                                        |             | 845,510                                     |                                            | 222,200                          |
| <b>Program 045: National Transformation</b><br>Subprogram: 0035 Office of Reform and Social Ministries<br><i>Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments</i>                                                            | 130450035   | 66,046                                      |                                            | 28,911                           |

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| HEAD                                                                                          | Code Number | Provision in Approved Estimates 2024 – 2025 | Provision in Supplementary Estimates No. 1 | Supplementary Provision Required |
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|                                                                                               |             | Other Expenditure                           | Other Expenditure                          | Other Expenditure                |
| HEAD 13 – PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE – <i>Cont'd</i>                                             |             | \$                                          | \$                                         | \$                               |
| <b>Program 332: Development of Tourism Potential</b>                                          |             |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Subprogram 0347: Barbados Tourism Investment Inc                                              | 133320347   |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>                                      |             | 2,916,552                                   |                                            | 7,150,000                        |
| <i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>                                      |             | 11,260,823                                  |                                            | 62,463,112                       |
| <b>Program 650: Preservation and Conservation of the Terrestrial &amp; Marine Environment</b> |             |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Subprogram 0193: Roofs to Reefs Programme                                                     | 136500193   |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| <i>Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments</i>                                          |             | 89,282                                      |                                            | 50,862                           |
| HEAD 27 – MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT                                     |             |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| <b>Program 040: Direction and Policy Formulation Services</b>                                 |             |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Subprogram 7060: General Management and Coordination Services                                 | 270407060   |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>                                      |             |                                             |                                            | 5,000,000                        |
| <b>Program 334: Regulation of Air Services</b>                                                |             |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Subprogram 0339: Barbados Civil Aviation Authority                                            | 273340339   |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>                                      |             | 3,102,642                                   |                                            | 2,508,792                        |
| HEAD 31 – MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY                            |             |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| <b>Program 043: Application of Modern Information Technology</b>                              |             |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Subprogram 0036: Cyber Security                                                               | 310430036   |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| <i>Account Code: 226 – Professional Services</i>                                              |             | 2,104,000                                   |                                            | 50,625                           |
| Subprogram 0087: Shared Services                                                              | 310430087   |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| <i>Account Code: 211 – Maintenance of Property</i>                                            |             | 1,384,908                                   |                                            | 202,603                          |
| <i>Account Code: 212 – Other Operating Expenses</i>                                           |             | 505,200                                     |                                            | 7,932,938                        |

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

**SCHEDULE – Cont'd****Supplementary Estimates 2024 – 2025 No. 2 – Cont'd**

| HEAD                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Code Number                                                       | Provision in Approved Estimates 2024 – 2025                                                                   | Provision in Supplementary Estimates No. 1           | Supplementary Provision Required                                                                           |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                   | Other Expenditure                                                                                             | Other Expenditure                                    | Other Expenditure                                                                                          |
| HEAD 31 – MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY – <i>Cont'd</i><br><i>Account Code: 226 – Professional Services</i><br><i>Account Code: 755 – Computer Software</i><br><b>Program 460: Investment, Industrial and Export Development</b><br>Subprogram 0462: Barbados Investment & Development Corporation<br><i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 314600462                                                         | \$<br><br>3,143,152<br>2,181,293<br><br>6,867,029                                                             | \$<br><br><br><br><br>                               | \$<br><br>1,696,649<br>95,343<br><br>9,630,071                                                             |
| HEAD 32 – MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN TRADE<br><b>Program 330: Direction, Formulation and Implementation of Foreign Policy</b><br>Subprogram 7080: General Management, Coordination Services and Overseas Missions<br><i>Account Code: 226 – Professional Services</i><br><i>Account Code: 751 – Property and Plant</i><br>Subprogram 7081: Foreign Trade<br><i>Account Code: 317 – Subscriptions</i><br>Subprogram 0065: Overseas Missions New York<br><i>Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments</i><br><i>Account Code: 208 – Rental of Property</i><br>Subprogram 0067: Overseas Missions Toronto<br><i>Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments</i><br><i>Account Code: 208 – Rental of Property</i><br>Subprogram 0068: Overseas Missions Miami<br><i>Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments</i> | 323307080<br><br>323307081<br>323300065<br>323300067<br>323300068 | <br><br>631,000<br>30,000<br>3,199,360<br><br>1,403,976<br>246,600<br><br>858,220<br>675,009<br><br>1,668,284 | <br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br> | <br><br>2,846,319<br>162,671<br>1,651,012<br><br>434,886<br>97,200<br><br>241,304<br>52,500<br><br>434,886 |

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## Supplementary Estimates 2024 – 2025 No. 2 – Cont'd

| HEAD                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Code Number | Provision in Approved Estimates 2024 – 2025 | Provision in Supplementary Estimates No. 1 | Supplementary Provision Required |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |             | Other Expenditure                           | Other Expenditure                          | Other Expenditure                |
| HEAD 33 – MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION<br><b>Program 040: Direction and Policy Formulation Services</b><br>Subprogram 7156: General Management & Coordination Services<br><i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>       | 330407156   | \$                                          | \$                                         | \$                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |             |                                             |                                            | 10,301,526                       |
| HEAD 34 – MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND INVESTMENT<br><b>Program 040: Direction and Policy Formulation Services</b><br>Subprogram 7010: General Management & Coordination Services<br><i>Account Code: 211 – Maintenance of Property</i> | 340407010   | 6,415,412                                   |                                            | 340,000                          |
| <i>Account Code: 226 – Professional Services</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                     |             | 5,315,290                                   |                                            | 1,005,480                        |
| <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>                                                                                                                                                                                             |             |                                             |                                            | 4,615,652                        |
| Subprogram 0022: Contingencies<br><i>Account Code: 230 – Contingencies</i>                                                                                                                                                                           | 340400022   | 500,000                                     |                                            | 12,433,892                       |
| <b>Program 113: Revenue Collection</b><br>Subprogram 0133: Customs<br><i>Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments</i>                                                                                                                           | 341130133   | 2,393,962                                   |                                            | 495,000                          |
| <i>Account Code: 103 – Employers Contributions</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                   |             | 1,240,408                                   |                                            | 395,000                          |
| <i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                        |             | 2,219,632                                   |                                            | 5,916,000                        |
| <i>Account Code: 752 – Machinery &amp; Equipment</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                 |             | 920,330                                     |                                            | 755,301                          |
| <i>Account Code: 753 – Furniture</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |             | 35,200                                      |                                            | 541,664                          |
| <b>Program 124: Barbados Employment and Sustainable Transformation (BEST) Plan</b><br>Subprogram 0576: Enterprise Growth Fund Ltd (EGFL) Fund Managers<br><i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>                                   | 341240576   |                                             |                                            | 10,000,000                       |

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| HEAD                                                          | Code Number | Provision in Approved Estimates 2024 – 2025 | Provision in Supplementary Estimates No. 1 | Supplementary Provision Required |
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|                                                               |             | Other Expenditure                           | Other Expenditure                          | Other Expenditure                |
| HEAD 35 – MINISTRY OF PEOPLE EMPOWERMENT AND ELDER AFFAIRS    |             | \$                                          | \$                                         | \$                               |
| <b>Program 040: Direction and Policy Formulation Services</b> |             |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Subprogram 7155: General Management & Coordination Services   | 350407155   |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| <i>Account Code: 103 – Employers Contributions</i>            |             | 68,012                                      |                                            | 85,000                           |
| <b>Program 423: Personal Social Delivery Program</b>          |             |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Subprogram 0427: Welfare Department                           | 354230427   |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| <i>Account Code: 103 – Employers Contributions</i>            |             | 83,153                                      |                                            | 267,843                          |
| <b>Program 633: Social Policy, Research and Planning</b>      |             |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Subprogram 0439: Bureau of Social Planning and Research       | 356330439   |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| <i>Account Code: 226 – Professional Services</i>              |             | 445,000                                     |                                            | 1,202,682                        |
| <b>Program 635: Disaster Social Response and Relief</b>       |             |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Subprogram 0488: Resilience and Reintegration Unit            | 356350488   |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| <i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i>                 |             | 100,000                                     |                                            | 2,000,000                        |
| HEAD 82 – MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATIONAL BEAUTIFICATION |             |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| <b>Program 040: Direction and Policy Formulation Services</b> |             |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Subprogram 7158: General Management & Coordination Services   | 820407158   |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| <i>Account Code: 226 – Professional Services</i>              |             | 900,000                                     |                                            | 1,020,180                        |
| <b>Program 163: Fisheries Management &amp; Development</b>    |             |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Subprogram 0173: Fisheries Services                           | 821630173   |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| <i>Account Code: 230 – Contingencies</i>                      |             | 2,000                                       |                                            | 17,443,503                       |

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|                                                                                                                                      |             | Other Expenditure                           | Other Expenditure                          | Other Expenditure                |
| HEAD 82 – MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATIONAL BEAUTIFICATION – Cont'd                                                               |             | \$                                          | \$                                         | \$                               |
| <b>Program 164: General Support Services</b>                                                                                         |             |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Subprogram 0385: Markets<br><i>Account Code: 230 – Contingencies</i>                                                                 | 821640385   |                                             |                                            | 146,089                          |
| <b>Program 400: Environmental Health Services</b>                                                                                    |             |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Subprogram 0372: Sanitation Service Authority<br><i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>                            | 824000372   |                                             |                                            | 24,157,422                       |
| <b>Program 650: Preservation and Conservation of the Terrestrial and Marine Environment</b>                                          |             |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Subprogram 0117: National Cleanup<br><i>Account Code: 212 – Professional Services</i>                                                | 826500117   | 13,072,788                                  |                                            | 539,461                          |
| Subprogram 0409: Policy Research, Planning and Information Unit<br><i>Account Code: 226 – Professional Services</i>                  | 826500409   | 150,000                                     |                                            | 800,000                          |
| HEAD 83 – MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND NUTRITIONAL SECURITY                                                                     |             |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| <b>Program 160: Measures to Stimulate Increased Crop Production</b>                                                                  |             |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Subprogram 0636: Barbados Agricultural Development Marketing Corporation<br><i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i> | 831600636   | 2,500,000                                   |                                            | 12,400,000                       |
| Subprogram 0637: Barbados Agricultural Management Company<br><i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>                | 831600637   |                                             |                                            | 2,140,272                        |
| <b>Program 164: General Support Services</b>                                                                                         |             |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Subprogram 0178: Incentives and Other Subsidies<br><i>Account Code: 314 – Grants to Individuals</i>                                  | 831640178   | 9,100,000                                   |                                            | 12,027,319                       |

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|                                                               |             | Other Expenditure                           | Other Expenditure                          | Other Expenditure                |
| HEAD 86 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS                     |             | \$                                          | \$                                         | \$                               |
| <b>Program 040: Direction and Policy Formulation Services</b> |             |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Subprogram 7045: General Management & Coordination Services   | 860407045   |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments                 |             |                                             |                                            | 1,201,877                        |
| Account Code: 103 – Employers Contributions                   |             |                                             |                                            | 93,500                           |
| Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses                        |             | 4,496,932                                   |                                            | 1,653,404                        |
| Subprogram 0378: Procurement for QEH (EIB)                    | 860400378   |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions             |             |                                             |                                            | 17,238,578                       |
| <b>Program 361: Hospital Services</b>                         |             |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Subprogram 0375: Queen Elizabeth Hospital                     | 863610375   |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions             |             | 100,889,577                                 |                                            | 33,790,589                       |
| Subprogram 0376: Emergency Ambulance Service                  | 863610376   |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions             |             | 5,873,995                                   |                                            | 65,828                           |
| Subprogram 0377: Psychiatric Hospital                         | 863610377   |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments                 |             | 3,211,617                                   |                                            | 134,864                          |
| Account Code: 103 – Employers Contributions                   |             | 2,338,015                                   |                                            | 110,000                          |
| Account Code: 206 – Travel                                    |             | 265,860                                     |                                            | 43,000                           |
| <b>Program 363: Pharmaceutical Program</b>                    |             |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Subprogram 0383: Drug Service                                 | 863630383   |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses                        |             | 9,572,300                                   |                                            | 3,000,000                        |
| <b>Program 400: Environmental Health Services</b>             |             |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Subprogram 0451: Environmental Health Department              | 864000451   |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses                        |             | 158,300                                     |                                            | 113,670                          |

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| HEAD                                                                   | Code Number | Provision in Approved Estimates 2024 – 2025 | Provision in Supplementary Estimates No. 1 | Supplementary Provision Required |
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|                                                                        |             | Other Expenditure                           | Other Expenditure                          | Other Expenditure                |
| HEAD 87 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING |             | \$                                          | \$                                         | \$                               |
| <b>Program 040: Direction and Policy Formulation Services</b>          |             |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Subprogram 7100: General Management & Coordination Services            | 870407100   |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses                                 |             | 625,509                                     |                                            | 15,000                           |
| Account Code: 226 – Professional Services                              |             | 701,658                                     |                                            | 569,315                          |
| Account Code: 785 – Assets Under Construction                          |             |                                             |                                            | 699,091                          |
| Subprogram 0313: Change Management Unit                                | 870400313   |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Account Code: 210 – Supplies and Materials                             |             |                                             |                                            | 41,900                           |
| Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses                                 |             |                                             |                                            | 231,943                          |
| Account Code: 226 – Professional Services                              |             |                                             |                                            | 3,796,586                        |
| Account Code: 755 – Computer Equipment                                 |             |                                             |                                            | 1,146,524                        |
| <b>Program 270: Teacher Training</b>                                   |             |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Subprogram 0272: Erdiston College                                      | 872700272   |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses                                 |             |                                             |                                            | 600,000                          |
| <b>Program 271: Basic Educational Development</b>                      |             |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Subprogram 0277: Primary Education Domestic Program                    | 872710277   |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Account Code: 211 – Maintenance of Property                            |             | 5,265,000                                   |                                            | 1,400,000                        |
| Account Code: 226 – Professional Services                              |             | 500,000                                     |                                            | 1,050,057                        |
| Account Code: 751 – Property & Plant                                   |             |                                             |                                            | 1,070,143                        |
| Account Code: 785 – Assets Under Construction                          |             | 4,000,000                                   |                                            | 1,797,630                        |
| Subprogram 0571: Nursery and Primary Schools                           | 872710571   |                                             |                                            |                                  |
| Account Code: 207 – Utilities                                          |             | 1,757,305                                   |                                            | 5,328,207                        |

SCHEDULE – *Concl'd*Supplementary Estimates 2024 – 2025 No. 2 – *Concl'd*

| HEAD                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Code Number | Provision in Approved Estimates 2024 – 2025 | Provision in Supplementary Estimates No. 1 | Supplementary Provision Required      |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |             | Other Expenditure                           | Other Expenditure                          | Other Expenditure                     |
| HEAD 87 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING – <i>Cont'd</i><br><b>Program 275: Special Services</b><br>Subprogram 0294: School Meals Department<br><i>Account Code: 752 – Machinery &amp; Equipment</i> | 872750294   | \$<br><br><br><br><br><br><br>350,000       | \$<br><br><br><br><br><br><br>             | \$<br><br><br><br><br><br><br>779,000 |
| HEAD 92 – MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT<br><b>Program 463: Utilities Regulation</b><br>Subprogram 0468: Fair Trading Commission<br><i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>                          | 924630468   | 3,493,927                                   |                                            | 346,837                               |
| <b>Program 128: Micro Enterprise Development</b><br>Subprogram 0157: Micro Enterprise Development (FundAccess)<br><i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>                                                         | 921280157   |                                             |                                            | 3,000,000                             |
| HEAD 93 – MINISTRY OF HOUSING, LANDS AND MAINTENANCE<br><b>Program 522: Land and Property Acquisition &amp; Management Program</b><br>Subprogram 0537: Acquisitions<br><i>Account Code: 750 – Land Acquisition</i>                 | 935220537   | 2,000,000                                   |                                            | 25,371,368                            |

and on his motion, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid Head 12 Parliament in the sum of \$ 140,463.00 was passed.

**HEAD 13 – PRIME MINISTER’S OFFICE – \$70,417,645.00**

On the motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid who spoke, seconded by Hon. A. R. Forde Head 13 was passed.

**HEAD 27 – MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND INTERNATIONAL  
TRANSPORT – \$7,508,792.00**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Head 27 was passed.

**HEAD 31 – MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE  
AND TECHNOLOGY – \$19,608,229.00**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Head 31 was passed.

**HEAD 32 – MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN TRADE – \$5,920,778.00**

On the motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds who spoke, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Head 32 was passed.

**HEAD 33 – MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION – \$10,301,526.00**

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall who spoke, seconded by Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, Head 33 was passed.

**HEAD 34 – MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS  
AND INVESTMENT – \$36,497,989.00**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke, seconded by Hon. A. R. Forde, Head 34 was passed.

**HEAD 35 – MINISTRY OF PEOPLE EMPOWERMENT  
AND ELDER AFFAIRS – \$3,555,525.00**

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

**HEAD 82 – MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATIONAL  
BEAUTIFICATION – \$43,389,014.00**

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

**HEAD 83 – MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND  
NUTRITIONAL SECURITY – \$26,567,591.00**

On the motion of Hon. I. A. Weir who spoke, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, Head 83 was passed.

**HEAD 86 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS – \$57,445,310.00**

On the motion of Hon. D. I. Ishmael who spoke, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Head 86 was passed.

**HEAD 87 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGICAL AND  
VOCATIONAL TRAINING – \$18,525,396.00**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Head 87 was passed.

**HEAD 92 – MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND BUSINESS – \$3,346,837.00**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Head 92 was passed.

**HEAD 93 – MINISTRY OF HOUSING, LANDS AND MAINTENANCE – \$25,371,368.00**

On the motion of Hon. D. G. Sutherland who spoke, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael Head 93 was passed.

**ORDER 14 (B)**

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that the sum of FOURTEEN MILLION, ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND AND NINETY-FOUR DOLLARS be granted from the Consolidated Fund and be placed at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2024-2025 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No.3 2024-2025 which form the Schedule to this Resolution.

**SCHEDULE****Supplementary Estimates 2024 – 2025 No. 3**

| HEAD                                                                                                                                                           | Code Number | Provision in Approved Estimates 2024 – 2025 | Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1–2 | Supplementary Provision Required |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                |             | Other Expenditure                           | Other Expenditure                             | Other Expenditure                |
| HEAD 40 – MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND WORKS<br><b>Program 571: Transport</b><br>Subprogram 0527: Transport Board Subsidy<br><i>Account Code: 313 – Subsidies</i> | 405710527   | \$<br><br>12,167,000                        | \$<br><br>                                    | \$<br><br>14,154,094             |

and on her motion, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the Resolution was passed.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael, the Chairman reported to Madam Deputy Speaker, who resumed the Chair, the passing of three Money Resolutions in Standing Finance Committee.

On the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the Resolutions were read a First and Second time and agreed to.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended at 1.53 p.m. to Monday, 10th March, 2025 at 3.00 p.m.

**RESUMPTION (Monday, 10th March, 2025)**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)****ORDER NO. 10 (resumed)****APPROPRIATION BILL, 2025****BUDGETARY PROPOSALS (STANDING ORDER 63(5))**

On the Order being called for Hon. R. R. Straughn 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, 2026, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, who reserved her right to speak, that the Bill be read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker announced the death of Mr. Ricardo Marshall, brother of Hon. D. D. Marshall and expressed condolences.

The House observed a moment of silence as a mark of respect.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended to Tuesday, 11th March, 2025 at 3.00 p.m.

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

**RESUMPTION (Tuesday, 11th March, 2025)**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)****ORDER NO. 10 (resumed)**

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

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds at 5.50 p.m. the Sitting was suspended to 5.55 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 10 (resumed)**

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech and gave way.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the Sitting was suspended at 7.15 p.m. to 8.15 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 10 (resumed)**

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech and gave way.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds the Sitting was suspended to Wednesday, 12th March, 2025 at 9.00 a.m.

At 10.58 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

**RESUMPTION (Wednesday, 12th March, 2025)**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)****ORDER NO. 10 (resumed)**

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne began to speak.

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke on a point of order.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech and gave way.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Her Honour Miss C. Y. Forde spoke on a point of order.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed and concluded his speech.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds the Sitting was suspended at 1.54 p.m. until 2.55 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT (recommitted)**



**STATE HOUSE  
BARBADOS**

**MESSAGE No. /2025**

***HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT***

***TO***

***THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY***

*Her Excellency the President wishes to inform The Honourable The House of Assembly that she will be absent from the country for the period 9<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 on duty leave.*

*Her Excellency further wishes to inform, The Honourable The House of Assembly that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 33 of the Constitution, the Very Reverend Dr. Jeffrey Douglas Gibson will perform the functions of the Office of the President during Her Excellency's absence.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Douglas Gibson'.

***PRESIDENT***

**STATE HOUSE  
BARBADOS.  
7<sup>th</sup> March, 2025**

Mr. Speaker read the following:

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)**

Hon. D. D. Marshall gave notice of the following:

Resolution to approve in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225 the vesting in the African Export-Import Bank of a parcel of land, situate at Jemmotts Lane in the parish of Saint Michael in the Island, the site of the old Barbados General Hospital for the construction of the African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) African Trade Centre.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY (recommitted)**

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid Standing Order 63(6) was suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**

Mr. Speaker vacated the Chair in favour of Madam Deputy Speaker.

**ORDER NO. 10 (resumed)**

Hon. I. A. Weir spoke.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ms. M. K-A Caddle spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

Hon. D. I. Ishmael spoke.

Mr. P. R. Phillips spoke.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds, the Sitting was suspended at 5.35 p.m. to 5.45 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 10 (resumed)**

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke on a point of elucidation.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Sitting was suspended until Thursday, March 13th, 2025 at 9.00 a.m.

At 8.51 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

**RESUMPTION (Thursday, March 13th, 2025)**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**

Mr. Speaker vacated the Chair in favour of Madam Deputy Speaker.

**ORDER NO. 10 (resumed)**

Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Mr. N. G. H. Rowe spoke.

Hon. C. A. Lane spoke.

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

Dr. S. E. Browne spoke.

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

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

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

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the Sitting was suspended at 1.36 p.m. to 2.35 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 10 (resumed)**

Her Honour Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.  
 Mr. T. A. Prescod spoke.  
 Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke.  
 Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke.  
 Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.  
 Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. R. R. Straughn, the Sitting was suspended at 6.17 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 10 (resumed)**

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke in reply.  
 The Bill was read a second time.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael, the Sitting was suspended at 7.38 p.m. to 7.48 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 10 (resumed)**

The House resolved itself into Standing Finance Committee, on the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

**HEAD 11 (recommitted) – MINISTRY OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE – \$4,768,338.00**

Head 11 (as amended) was passed on the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

**HEAD 12 (recommitted) – PARLIAMENT – \$19,359,269.00 (as amended)**

Head 12 (as amended) was passed on the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

**HEAD 13 (recommitted) – PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE – \$167,141,693.00**

Head 13 (as amended) was passed on the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

**HEAD 14 (New Head) – MINISTRY OF FINANCE – \$185,127,148.00**

Head 14 was passed on the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.  
 On the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the following Heads were passed:

**HEAD 30 (recommitted) – ATTORNEY GENERAL (as amended) – \$144,755,431.00****HEAD 31 (New Head) – MINISTRY OF INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (as amended) – \$71,825,708.00****HEAD 35 (recommitted) – MINISTRY OF PEOPLE EMPOWERMENT AND ELDER AFFAIRS (as amended) – \$125,216,307.00****HEAD 40 (recommitted) – MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND WORKS (as amended) – \$127,366,450.00****HEAD 86 (recommitted) – MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS (as amended) – \$294,467,812.00****HEAD 93 (recommitted) – MINISTRY OF HOUSING, LANDS AND MAINTENANCE (as amended) – \$97,310,945.00****HEAD 94 (New Head) – MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND INVESTMENT – \$60,765,720.00****HEAD 95 (New Head) – MINISTRY OF TRAINING AND TERTIARY EDUCATION – \$237,672,359.00**

**HEAD 96 (New Head) – MINISTRY OF EDUCATIONAL TRANSFORMATION –  
\$249,710,557.00**

Clause 2 (recommitted) (as amended) was passed on the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

The Schedule (recommitted) (as amended) was passed on the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Chairman reported to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair, the passing of the Bill in Committee with amendments.

On the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

**ORDER NO. 16**

On the Order being called Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke on the Resolution following and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds that the Resolution be passed.

**RESOLVED** that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225 approve the vesting in African Export-Import Bank of a parcel of land situate at Jemmotts Lane in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island are more particularly described in the *Schedule* hereto for construction of the African Export-Import Bank African Trade Centre.

**SCHEDULE**

**ALL THAT** land the property of the State situate at Jemmotts Lane in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island containing by admeasurement 2.037 hectares or thereabouts (inclusive of 0.072 hectares in pavement) **ABUTTING AND BOUNDING** on a public road known as Lyons Street on lands now or formerly of the Barbados Government (St. Ambrose Primary School) on other lands now or formerly of the Barbados Government (University of the West Indies) on a public road known as River Road leading to Bridgetown in one direction on a public road known as Jemmotts Lane on a public road known as Bay Street leading to Bridgetown in one direction on lands now or late of Russell Arrindell on two sides and on a public road known as Combermere Street or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 21st day of August, 2011 by Andrew R. Bourne, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 22nd day of August, 2011 as Plan No. 820/2011.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke in reply.  
The Resolution was passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the House be adjourned to Monday 31st March, 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

The motion was passed.

At 10.10 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
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