



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Friday the 31st day of March, 2023, at 10.00 o'clock a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

His Honour A. E. Holder, B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Speaker*)

His Honour N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. (*Deputy Speaker*)

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

ABSENT

Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology, Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*), Dr. the Hon. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (*Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness*) and Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs.

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 28th March, 2023 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

PAPERS

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

1. Supreme Court (Master of the High Court) (Salary) Order, 2023.
2. Ombudsman (Salary) Order, 2023.
3. Parliament (Administration) (Salary) Order, 2023.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw gave notice of the following:

Resolution to grant the sum of TWENTY-EIGHT MILLION, ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS from the Consolidated Fund and to place it at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2022–2023 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 8, 2022–2023.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall the Bills following were read a first time.

1. The Child Justice Bill, 2023; and
2. The Water Reuse Bill, 2023.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw sought and obtained leave to withdraw Order No. 2 namely the Water Reuse Bill, 2022 to be replaced by the Water Reuse Bill, 2023.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 14

On the Order being called, the House resolved itself into the Standing Finance Committee.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES NO. 8, 2022 – 2023 – \$28,100,000.00

RESOLVED that the sum of TWENTY-EIGHT MILLION, ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS be granted from the Consolidated Fund and be placed at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2022–2023 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 8, 2022–2023 which form the Schedule to this Resolution.

**SCHEDULE
Supplementary Estimates 2022 – 2023 No. 8**

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2022 – 2023	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1– 7	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 27 – MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT Program 332: Development of Tourism Potential Subprogram 0353: Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc. <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	273320353			5,000,000
HEAD 31 – MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY Program 460: Investment, Industrial and Export Development Subprogram 0462: Barbados Investment and Development Corporation <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	314600462	5,352,253		2,000,000
HEAD 86 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS Program 361: Hospital Services Subprogram 0375: Queen Elizabeth Hospital <i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	863610375		3,300,000	5,500,000
HEAD 91 – MINISTRY OF YOUTH, SPORTS AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT Program 425: Promotion of Sporting Achievement & Fitness Subprogram 0432: National Sports Council <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i> <i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	914250432	13,256,466 2,300,000		3,000,000 9,600,000

SCHEDULE – *Cont'd*Supplementary Estimates 2022 – 2023 No. 8 – *Cont'd*

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2022 – 2023	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1–7	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 93 – MINISTRY OF HOUSING, LANDS AND MAINTENANCE Program 520: Housing Program Subprogram 0533: National Housing Corporation <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	935200533		4,527,753	3,000,000

**HEAD 27 – MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND INTERNATIONAL
TRANSPORT – \$5,000,000.00**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael Head 27 was passed.

**HEAD 31 – MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY – \$2,000,000.00**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael Head 31 was passed.

HEAD 86 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS – \$5,500,000.00

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan Head 86 was passed.

**HEAD 91 – MINISTRY OF YOUTH, SPORTS AND COMMUNITY
EMPOWERMENT – \$12,600,000.00**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke seconded by Hon. C. McD. Griffith Head 91 was passed.

**HEAD 93 – MINISTRY OF HOUSING, LANDS AND
MAINTENANCE – \$3,000,000.00**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan Head 93 was passed.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, the Chairman reported to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair, the passing of the Resolution in Standing Finance Committee.

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

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS (recommitted)

Hon. C. E. Jordan made a Ministerial Statement on the setting of rates and conditions of labour in the construction sector.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**ORDER NO. 11****RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF AN INCREASED COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE TO GOVERNMENT PENSIONERS**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the following Resolution was passed:

RESOLVED that Parliament approve the payment of an increased Cost of Living Allowance at the rate of 2% per annum to government pensioners with effect from 1st April, 2023 subject to the conditions set out in the *Schedule* hereto.

RESOLVED that an additional Cost of Living Allowance of \$5.00 per month be granted to those pensioners who retired prior to 1st April, 1976.

RESOLVED that Her Excellency the President be asked to assent and take the necessary steps to give effect to this Resolution.

SCHEDULE*Terms and Conditions for Grant of Cost of Living Allowance*

An increase of 2% per annum of the cumulative sum of pension and Cost of Living Allowance as at 31st March, 2023 or \$20 per month whichever is greater, is payable as a Cost of Living Allowance to all government pensioners.

Effective 1st April, 2023 an additional sum of \$5.00 per month is payable to each government pensioner who retired prior to 1st April, 1976.

The increased Cost of Living Allowance, which takes effect from 1st April, 2023 does not apply to a person whose pension is computed on the revised salaries or wages that take effect from 1st April, 2023, unless the computation of pension on the revised salary or wage, results in an increase of less than \$20.00 a month, in which case, the amount by which the increase is less than \$20.00 shall be payable as a Cost of Living Allowance.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands the Sitting was suspended at 11.22 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 9**PUBLIC PROCUREMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023**

On the Order being called for Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Public Procurement Act, 2021,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Bill be read a second time.

Further consideration of the Bill was postponed.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended at 12.45 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid gave notice of:

Resolution to grant the sum of SIXTEEN MILLION, NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS from the Consolidated Fund and to place it at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2022–2023 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 9, 2022–2023.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**ORDER NO. 15**

On the motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House resolved itself into the Standing Finance Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

RESOLVED that the sum of SIXTEEN MILLION, NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS be granted from the Consolidated Fund and be placed at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2022–2023 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 9, 2022–2023 which form the Schedule to this Resolution.

SCHEDULE
Supplementary Estimates 2022 – 2023 No. 9

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2022 – 2023	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1– 8	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 13 – PRIME MINISTER’S OFFICE Program 332: Development of Tourism Potential Subprogram 0347: Barbados Tourism Investment Inc. <i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	133320347	4,700,000		1,500,000
HEAD 35 – MINISTRY OF PEOPLE EMPOWERMENT AND ELDER AFFAIRS Program 423: Personal Social Services Delivery Program Subprogram 0428: National Assistance Board <i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	354230428	96,100		1,000,000
HEAD 86 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS Program 360: Primary Health Care Services Subprogram 0362: Barbados Living Laboratory <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	863600362			2,500,000

SCHEDULE – *Cont'd*Supplementary Estimates 2022 – 2023 No. 9 – *Cont'd*

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2022 – 2023	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1–8	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 87 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING				
Program 272: Secondary				
Subprogram 0641: Alleyne School	872720641			
<i>Account Code: 751 – Property and Plant</i>		435,600		1,983,334
Subprogram 0648: Graydon Sealy Secondary School	872720648			
<i>Account Code: 751 – Property and Plant</i>		581,015		1,983,334
Subprogram 0649: Grantley Adams Memorial School	872720649			
<i>Account Code: 751 – Property and Plant</i>		474,933		1,983,333
Subprogram 0654: Princess Margaret Secondary School	872720654			
<i>Account Code: 751 – Property and Plant</i>		505,847		1,983,333
Subprogram 0656: St. George Secondary School	872720656			
<i>Account Code: 751 – Property and Plant</i>		571,000		1,983,333
Subprogram 0657: Frederick Smith Secondary School	872720657			
<i>Account Code: 751 – Property and Plant</i>		152,000		1,983,333

HEAD 13 – PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE – \$1,500,000.00

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

HEAD 35 – MINISTRY OF PEOPLE EMPOWERMENT AND ELDER AFFAIRS – \$11,000,000.00

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

HEAD 86 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS – \$2,500,000.00

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Head 86 was passed.

HEAD 87 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING – \$11,900,000.00

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

On the motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Chairman reported to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair, the passing of the Resolution in Standing Finance Committee.

On the separate motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands the Resolution was read a first and second time and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 9 (resumed)

PUBLIC PROCUREMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023

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

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

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

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

Clauses 1 to 8 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

PAPERS (recommitted)

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

Judges Remuneration and Pensions (Salaries) Order, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Miss C. Y. Forde the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 25th April, 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

At 5.06 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, Q.C.

Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the
, 2023.

day of

Speaker.

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FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

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Friday, 31st March, 2023.

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