



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Tuesday, the 15th day of September, 2026, at 10.00 o'clock a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

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

Hon. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A. (*Minister in the Prime Minister's Office – Pan African Affairs and Heritage*)

Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Energy, Business Development and Commerce*)

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Deputy Prime Minister*) (*Minister of Environment, National Beautification and Fisheries*) (*Leader of Government Business*)

Dr. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B., L.E.C., (*Senior Minister*) (*Attorney General*)

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

Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (*Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs*)

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

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

Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (*Minister of Labour, Social Security and the Third Sector*)

Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Transport and Works*)

Hon. Ms. M. K.-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Prime Minister's Office – Economic Affairs and Planning*)

Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (*Minister of the Public Service and Talent Development*)

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

Hon. C. D. L. Gibbs (*Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance*),

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

Hon. M. A. Lashley, LL.B. (Hons.), L. E. C. (*Minister of Legal Affairs and Criminal Justice*)

Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Ph.D. (*Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security*)

Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., MCI Arb. (*Minister of Home Affairs and Information*)

Mr. R. R. Brathwaite, J.P., B.Sc.

Ms. T. Trotman, LL.B., L.E.C.

ABSENT

The Deputy Clerk announced the absence of His Honour the Speaker and His Honour the Deputy Speaker.

On the motion of Hon. Miss K. S. McConney, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, Dr. W. F. Duguid took the Chair pursuant to Standing Order 5(4).

His Honour A. E. Holder, S.C., B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Speaker*), Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B. (*Prime Minister, Minister of Economic Affairs and Development, Minister of National Security*), Mr. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.), Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (*Minister of Public and Private Investment*), Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, J.P. (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*), Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister of Finance*), Ms. T. N. S.-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A. and Dr. the Hon. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (*Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Works*).

EXCUSES

His Honour A. E. Holder, S.C., B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Speaker*), Mr. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.), Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister of Finance*) and Dr. the Hon. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (*Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Works*).

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Canon Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on Friday, 7th August, 2026 and Tuesday, 11th August, 2026 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss K. S. McConney, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

PAPERS

Hon. Miss K. S. McConney by command laid:
Loan Contract 6146 – OC – BA – Power Sector Modernization Program.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Hon. Miss K. S. McConney gave notice of:
The Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism (Prevention and Control) (Amendment) Bill, 2026.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. Miss K. S. McConney, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism (Prevention and Control) (Amendment) Bill, 2026 was read a first time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the motion of Hon. Miss K. S. McConney, 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. 6

PENAL SYSTEM REFORM (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026

On the Order being called for Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Penal System Reform Act, Cap. 139,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, that the Bill be read a second time.

The Acting Speaker spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

The presence of Mr. Deputy Speaker was announced.

Dr. W. F. Duguid vacated the Chair in favour of the Deputy Speaker.

Hon. M. A. Lashley spoke.

Hon. C. J. Blackman spoke.

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

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

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

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the Sitting was suspended at 1.40 p.m. to 2.55 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

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

The Financial Services Commission (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2026.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS (recommitted)

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds, the Financial Services Commission (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2026 was read a first time.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)

ORDER NO. 6 (resumed)

PENAL SYSTEM REFORM (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls, seconded by Dr. the Hon. D. I. Ishmael the House went into Committee Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clauses 1 and 2 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls, seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands.

On the motion of Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams 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. G. P. B. Nicholls seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 10

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION (AMENDMENT AND VALIDATION) BILL, 2026

On the Order being called for Hon. Ms. M. K.-A. Caddle to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Financial Services Commission Act, 2010 (Act 2010-21),

the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the Bill be read a second time.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

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

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. Ms. M. K.-A. Caddle, seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan, the House went into Committee Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 22 were called and passed in two parts on the motion of Hon. Ms. M. K.-A. Caddle, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey.

On the motion of Hon. Ms. M. K.-A. Caddle, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams 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. Ms. M. K.-A. Caddle, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER (recommitted)
Mr. Deputy Speaker read the following:

MESSAGE

From

THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE

To

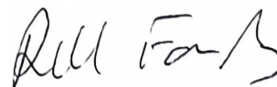
THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

The Honourable the Senate has the honour to inform the Honourable the House of Assembly that at its sitting on **Wednesday 19th August, 2026** the **Domestic Terrorism Bill, 2026** was amended in the following terms:

“Clause 3.(4) The commission of an act of domestic terrorism shall be considered to be an aggravating factor which should be taken into account when imposing a sentence on a person who commits a serious criminal offence.” was deleted.

AND the Honourable the Senate transmits the amended Bill to the Honourable the House of Assembly inviting concurrence in the amendment to the Bill.

Dated the 19th day of August, 2026.



PRESIDENT

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

Hon. W. A. Abrahams gave notice of:

Resolution that the Honourable the House of Assembly concur in the amendment made by the Honourable the Senate to the Domestic Terrorism Bill, 2026.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)

ORDER NO. 11

Resolution that the Honourable the House of Assembly concur in the amendment made by the Honourable the Senate to the Domestic Terrorism Bill, 2026.

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds the Resolution was passed.

ORDER NO. 9
MONEY LAUNDERING AND FINANCING OF TERRORISM (PREVENTION AND CONTROL) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke and moved seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, that the Bill be read a second time.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Dr. the Hon. D. I. Ishmael, the House went into Committee Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 15 were called and passed on the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds.

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds, the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to Mr. Deputy Speaker who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

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

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 29th September, 2026 at 10.00 a.m.

At 5.45 p.m. Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, K.C.
 Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of _____, 2026.

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
 PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
 BRIDGETOWN.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF 2026 – 2031

MINUTES

Tuesday, 15th September, 2026.
