



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a Virtual meeting of the House of Assembly at the Worthing Corporate Centre on Tuesday the 2nd day of February, 2021, 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. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of International Business and Industry</i>) | Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i>) (Online) |
| Hon. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i>) | Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology |
| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A. | Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Agriculture and Food Security</i>) (Online) |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (<i>Minister of Energy, Small Business and Entrepreneurship</i>) | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Water Resources</i>) |
| Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Health and Wellness</i>) | Hon. P. R. Phillips (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security</i>) |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (<i>Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</i>) | Hon. J. A. King, BSS (<i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Office with Responsibility for Culture and the National Development Commission</i>) |
| Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i>) | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (<i>Minister of Transport, Works and Water Resources</i>) |
| Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, J.P., B.A., B.Sc., PgD. (<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>) | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations and the Third Sector</i>) |
| Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i>) | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs, Information and Public Affairs</i>) | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</i>) |
| | Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment</i>) |
| | Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A. (Online) |

ABSENT

Mr. G. W. Payne, Q.C., Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, Q.C., LL.B. (*Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment, Minister of National Security and the Civil Service*), Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (*Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs*), Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M., Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. (*Minister of Environment and National Beautification*) and Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (*Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy*).

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 12th January, 2021 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall.

PAPERS

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

1. Annual Report and Audited Financial Statement of the Barbados Accreditation Council for the Financial Year April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017.
2. Annual Report and Audited Financial Statement of the Barbados Accreditation Council for the Financial Year April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018.
3. Audited Financial Statement of the Barbados Accreditation Council for the Financial Year April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019.

The Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle by command laid the following:

Barbados Economic and Social Report 2017.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

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

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds the Sitting was suspended to 11.00 a.m.

At 10.36 a.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

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

1. Barbados Identity Management Bill, 2021.
2. Bills of Exchange (Amendment) Bill, 2021.
3. National Payment System Bill, 2021.
4. Resolution to grant the sum of ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHT DOLLARS from the Consolidated Fund and to place it at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2020-2021 as shown in Supplementary Estimates No. 9, 2020-2021.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS (recommitted)

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid the following Bills were read a first time:

1. Barbados Identity Management Bill, 2021.
2. Bills of Exchange (Amendment) Bill, 2021.
3. National Payment System Bill, 2021.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**ORDER NO. 3****SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2020-2021 No. 9**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid the House resolved itself into the Standing Finance Committee Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that the sum of ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHT DOLLARS be granted from the Consolidated Fund and be placed at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2020-2021 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 9, 2020-2021 which form the Schedule to this Resolution.

SCHEDULE

Supplementary Estimates 2020 – 2021 No. 9

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2020 – 2021	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1- 8	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 15 - CABINET OFFICE Program 071: Constitutional and Statutory Authority Subprogram 0073: Electoral and Boundaries Commission <i>Account Code: 752 - Machinery and Equipment</i> <i>Account Code: 755 - Computer Software</i>	150710073	257,080	180,000	79,394
		490,000	273,000	805,057
HEAD 32 - MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN TRADE Program 330: Direction, Formulation and Implementation of Foreign Policy Subprogram 0091: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development XV <i>Account Code: 751 - Property and Plant</i> <i>Account Code: 752 - Machinery and Equipment</i>	323300091	188,011		188,011
		617,115		2,092,434
HEAD 34 - MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND INVESTMENT Program 002: Financial Control & Treasury Management Subprogram 0113: Information Systems Unit (ISU) <i>Account Code: 226 - Professional Services</i>	340020113	190,783		796,775

SCHEDULE – *Cont'd*Supplementary Estimates 2020 – 2021 No. 9 – *Cont'd*

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HEAD 34 – MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND INVESTMENT – <i>Cont'd</i> Program 121: Economic and Social Planning Subprogram 0145: The Population and Housing Census <i>Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments</i> <i>Account Code: 103 – Employer's Contributions</i>	341210145			99,941 11,652
HEAD 39 – MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY Program 040: Direction and Policy Formulation Services Subprogram 0490: International Business and Financial Services <i>Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments</i> <i>Account Code: 103 – Employer's Contributions</i> <i>Account Code: 226 – Professional Services</i> Subprogram 0491: Department of Corporate Affairs and Intellectual Property <i>Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments</i> <i>Account Code: 103 – Employer's Contributions</i>	390400490 390400491	311,501 98,032 2,532,520 255,001 191,190		8,126 1,036 2,620,217 36,822 4,695
HEAD 81 – MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, WORKS AND WATER RESOURCES Program 510: Road Networks Services Subprogram 0530: IDB Road Rehabilitation and Improving Connectivity <i>Account Code: 226 – Professional Services</i>	815100530	546,000		800,000

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HEAD 81 – MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, WORKS AND WATER RESOURCES – <i>Cont'd</i> Program 517: Transport Subprogram 0527: Transport Board (Subsidy) <i>Account Code: 313 – Subsidies</i> <i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	815170527	18,000,000		23,759,427 24,497,718
Program 518: Barbados Water Authority Subprogram 0542: Barbados Water Authority <i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	815180542			26,826,988
HEAD 82 – MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATIONAL BEAUTIFICATION Program 650: Preservation and Conservation of the Terrestrial and Marine Environment Subprogram 0386: National Conservation Commission <i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i> <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	826500386	4,867,000 23,000,000	2,012,337	374,400 2,600,000
HEAD 83 – MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY Program 160: Measures to Stimulate Increased Crop Production Subprogram 0636: Barbados Agricultural Development and Marketing Corporation <i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	831600636			693,500
Subprogram 0637: Barbados Agricultural Management Company <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	831600637	1,500,000	6,874,590	7,080,500

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		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 83 – MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY – <i>Cont'd</i>				
Program 161: Measures to Stimulate Increased Livestock Production				
Subprogram 0165: Livestock Research Extension and Development Services	831610165			
<i>Account Code: 752 – Machinery and Equipment</i>		9,500		275,000
Subprogram 0189: Animal Nutrition Unit	831610189			
<i>Account Code: 752 – Machinery and Equipment</i>		300,446		357,204
Subprogram 0199: Blackbelly Sheep	831610199			
<i>Account Code: 752 – Machinery and Equipment</i>				134,000
Subprogram 0639: Southern Meats	831610639			
<i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>		32,500		400,540
Program 162: Resource Development and Protection				
Subprogram 0167: Scotland District Development	831620167			
<i>Account Code: 751 – Property and Plant</i>		382,000		546,000
<i>Account Code: 752 – Machinery and Equipment</i>		936,400		5,332,000
Subprogram 0170: Veterinary Services	831620170			
<i>Account Code: 752 – Machinery and Equipment</i>		224,942		160,000
Program 164: General Support Services				
Subprogram 0175: Marketing Facilities	831640175			
<i>Account Code: 752 – Machinery and Equipment</i>		305,000		85,000
Program 165: Ancillary Technical & Analytical Services				
Subprogram 0179: Government Analytical Services	831650179			
<i>Account Code: 752 – Machinery and Equipment</i>		275,850		320,000

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		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 83 – MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY – <i>Concl'd</i> Subprogram 0180: Meteorology Department Service <i>Account Code: 752 – Machinery and Equipment</i>	831650180	1,856,500		385,000
HEAD 86 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS Program 360: Primary Health Care Services Subprogram 0363: Laboratory Services <i>Account Code: 210 – Supplies and Materials</i>	863600363	2,996,900	3,200,000	3,000,000
Subprogram 0408: Maurice Byer Polyclinic <i>Account Code: 785 – Assets Under Construction</i>	863600408	224,707		2,100,000
Program 361: Hospital Services Subprogram 0620: Management of COVID-19 – QEH <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	863610620		25,121,793	23,633,675
Program 363: Pharmaceutical Program Subprogram 0383: Drug Service <i>Account Code: 210 – Supplies and Materials</i> <i>Account Code: 756 – Vehicles</i>	863630383	8,562,598 62,000		210,000 28,000
Program 366: COVID-19 Prevention and Control Subprogram 0396: COVID-19 Program Management <i>Account Code: 208 – Rental of Property</i> <i>Account Code: 210 – Supplies and Materials</i> <i>Account Code: 211 – Maintenance of Property</i> <i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i> <i>Account Code: 226 – Professional Services</i>	863660396		9,112,010 70,000 3,742,000 198,486	308,438 6,813,443 42,000 1,245,000 329,765

SCHEDULE – *Concl'd*Supplementary Estimates 2020 – 2021 No. 9 – *Concl'd*

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HEAD 92 – MINISTRY OF ENERGY, SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP Program 040: Direction and Policy Formulation Services Subprogram 0461: Business Development <i>Account Code: 314 – Grants to Individuals</i>	920400461			3,500,000
HEAD 93 – MINISTRY OF HOUSING, LANDS AND MAINTENANCE Program 040: Direction and Policy Formulation Services Subprogram 0532: Tenancies Relocation and Redevelopment <i>Account Code: 414 – Grants to Individuals</i>	930400532			7,000,000
Program 520: Housing Program Subprogram 0533: National Housing Corporation <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	935200533	3,200,000		5,000,000
<i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>		2,000,000		4,000,000
Program 522: Land and Property Acquisition and Management Program Subprogram 0539: Property Management <i>Account Code: 208 – Rental of Property</i>	935220539	52,779,815		7,000,000

and moved seconded by Hon. J. A. King that Head 92 – Ministry of Energy, Small Business and Entrepreneurship in the sum of – \$3,500,000.00 stand part.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke in reply.

Head 92 was passed.

HEAD 86 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS – \$37,710,321.00 (as amended)

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic spoke and moved that Head 86 stand part.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.

Head 86 was passed.

**HEAD 22 – MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN
TRADE – \$2,280,445.00**

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke and moved seconded by Hon. J. A. King that Head 22 stand part.

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

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke in reply.

Head 22 was passed.

**HEAD 34 – MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND
INVESTMENT – \$908,368.00**

Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle spoke and on her motion seconded by Hon. R. R. Straughn Head 34 was passed.

**HEAD 81 – MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, WORKS AND WATER
RESOURCES – \$75,884,133.00**

Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke and moved seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall that Head 81 stand part.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Head 81 was passed.

**HEAD 83 – MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
SECURITY – \$15,708,744.00**

Hon. P. R. Phillips spoke and moved seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid that Head 83 stand part.

Head 83 was passed.

HEAD 15 – CABINET OFFICE – \$884,451.00

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid Head 15 was passed.

**HEAD 39 – MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND
INDUSTRY – \$2,670,896.00**

On the motion of Hon. R. St. C. Toppin who spoke seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid Head 39 was passed.

**HEAD 82 – MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATIONAL
BEAUTIFICATION – \$2,974,400.00**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke seconded by Hon. J. A. King Head 82 was passed.

**HEAD 93 – MINISTRY OF HOUSING, LANDS AND
MAINTENANCE – \$23,000,000.00**

On the motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid seconded by Hon. J. A. King Head 93 was passed.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. J. A. King the Chairman reported to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair, the passing of the Resolution with amendment in Standing Finance Committee.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. J. A. King the Resolution was read a first time.

On the separate motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 23rd February, 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

At 2.17 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 _____, 2021.

Speaker.

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