

REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

The Committee comprising:

His Honour A. E. Holder, M.P., the Speaker (Chairman)

Dr. the Hon. S. E. Browne, M.P.

Hon. Miss K. S. McConney, M.P.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland, M.P.

Appointed on *4th February, 2022*

Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P., M.P. appointed on *25th April, 2023*

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, M.P. appointed on *25th April, 2023*

Hon. W. A. Abrahams, M.P. appointed on *25th April, 2023*

met on Tuesday, April 25th, 2023 to consider and to agree to the proposed amendment of Standing Order 58 (Joint Select Committees of Both Houses) so as to establish three (3) new Standing Committees; and to insert the same as Standing Order '58A' as follows:

58A Joint Select Committees (Standing)

- (1) A Joint Select Committee established under this Standing Order shall be a Standing Committee appointed for the life of Parliament.
- (2) Pursuant to this Standing Order and a motion from the House, there shall be the following Joint Select Committees:

Committee on Governance and Policy Matters;

Committee on Economic and Productive Sectors; and

Committee on Social Sector and the Environment.
- (3) Each Committee should consist of seven (7) members from both Houses of Parliament of whom four (4) shall be from the House of Assembly and of whom four (4) shall be a quorum. Each Committee shall elect a Government member as Chairman.
- (4) Appointment of Cabinet Ministers to the above-mentioned Committees should so be made as to avoid occurrence of conflict of interest.

- (5) Standing Committees shall meet in public, except: -
- (a) When deliberating upon evidence received;
 - (b) When deliberating on its report to the House;
 - (c) If otherwise resolved by Order of the Committee; or
 - (d) Matters of National Security.

1. Committee on Governance and Policy Matters

The Committee on Governance and Policy Matters shall have the duty of considering and reporting to the House on –

- 1. All legislation referred to it by the Lower House;
- 2. All legislation in the areas relating to Governance, Office of the Attorney General, Home Affairs, Labour and Industrial Relations; and
- 3. Examining policy documentation, statements and documents: from Ministers and Government agencies, or which have a bearing on subject matters of its term of reference on the recommendation of the Lower House.

2. Committee on Economic and Productive Sectors

The Committee on Economic and Productive Sectors shall have the duty of considering and reporting to the House on-

- 1. All legislation and policy matters referred to it by the Lower House;
- 2. All legislation in the areas relating to the Economic and Productive Sectors; and
- 3. Examining the Productive Sectors which are inclusive of the following areas but are not limited to:
 - a) Tourism;
 - b) International Business;
 - c) Energy and Renewable Energy;
 - d) Construction;
 - e) Agriculture;
 - f) Industry;
 - g) Manufacturing;
 - h) Small Business and Commerce; and
 - i) Creative Economy

3. Committee on Social Sector and the Environment

The Committee on Social Sector and the Environment shall have the duty of considering from time to time and reporting on all matters related to social services and the environment;

In particular the Committee shall be authorized to examine:

1. All legislation and policy matters referred to it by the Lower House;
2. All legislation in the areas relating to the Social Sector, Third Sector and the Environment; and
3. Examining policy documentation, statements and documents: from Ministers and Government agencies as it relates the Social Sector, Third Sector and the Environment, or which have a bearing on subject matters in its terms of reference on the recommendation of the Lower House.

The Committee examined the amendment before it by reference to a Paper entitled, "*Paper on the Introduction of New Committees in the Parliament of Barbados*" dated 6th March, 2023. On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams seconded by Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw the amendment was adopted and is now incorporated into the Standing Orders of the Honourable the House of Assembly of Barbados made under the Constitution of Barbados (Section 50(1)).

The Committee is therefore pleased to present the amendment as that of worthy commendation and supports the adoption by the Honourable the House of Assembly.



Chairman

Dated this 2nd day of May, 2023