

ORDER PAPER

OF

THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE

FIRST SESSION OF 2026 – 2031

SIXTEENTH SITTING

at

11.00 o'clock a.m.

on

Wednesday, 11th November, 2026

The First Meeting of the First Session of the Parliament of 2026 – 2031 was held on 20th February, 2026.

MANAGEMENT COMMISSION OF PARLIAMENT

(Parliament (Administration) Act, Cap. 10 – Section 3(4) and First Schedule)

His Honour the President, ex officio, Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, ex officio, Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott, FB, J.P. and Senator R. O. Walters.

Appointed on 20th February, 2026.

SELECT COMMITTEES

Committee of Selection

(Standing Order 60(1))

His Honour the President (Chairman) ex officio, Senators the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott, FB, J.P., Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers, Ph.D. and R. O. Walters.

Appointed on 20th February, 2026.

Standing Orders Committee

(Standing Order 60(2))

His Honour the President (Chairman) ex officio, Senators the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, the Hon. C. P. Sinckler, Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge and A. W. Mallalieu.

Appointed on 24th March, 2026.

House Committee
(Standing Order 60(3))

His Honour the President (Chairman) ex officio, Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson, FB, Senators Miss J. C. A. Odle, R. O. Walters and R. G. deB. Forde.

Appointed on 24th March, 2026.

Committee of Privileges
(Standing Order 60(4))

His Honour the President (Chairman) ex officio, Senators the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott, FB, J.P., J. A. King, J.P., Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge and Dr. K. L. Connell, Ph.D.

Appointed on 24th March, 2026.

Regulations Committee
(Standing Order 60(5))

His Honour the President (Chairman) ex officio, Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson, FB, Senators Miss R. W. Trim, R. O. Walters and Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers, Ph.D.

Appointed on 24th March, 2026.

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE
(Standing Order 67)

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Senators J. A. King, J.P., the Hon. S. A. Archer, R. O. Walters, Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge, Ms. M.-A. Redman and Dr. K. L. Connell, Ph.D.

Appointed on 24th March, 2026.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

(Standing Order 60(6))

Senators the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott, FB, J.P., R. O. Alleyne, S.C., R. O. Walters, Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge and A. M. A. Niles.

Appointed on 24th March, 2026.

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEES (STANDING)

(Standing Order 60A)

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNANCE AND POLICY MATTERS

Senators R. O. Alleyne, S.C., Ms. K. N. Benjamin, J.P., Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge and J. A. A. Slocombe.

Appointed on 24th March, 2026.

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND PRODUCTIVE SECTORS

Senators the Hon. J. W. D. Reid, the Hon. C. P. Sinckler, R. O. Walters and A. W. Mallalieu.

Appointed on 24th March, 2026.

COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SECTOR AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Senators Miss R. W. Trim, Miss J. C. A. Odle, Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge and Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers, Ph.D.

Appointed on 24th March, 2026.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

(Standing Order 11)

Formal entry of His Honour the President.

Prayers.

Messages from His Excellency the President.

Announcements by His Honour the President.

Presentation of Petitions.

Presentation of Papers.

Reports from Select Committees.

Questions to Ministers.

Requests for leave to move the adjournment of the Senate on matters of urgent public importance.

Statements by Ministers or Parliamentary Secretaries.

Personal Explanations.

Motions relating to the Business or Sittings of the Senate and moved by a Minister.

Introduction of Bills.

Public Business.

Private Members' Business.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. **Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins:** To move the Second Reading of the Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 2026.

Notice of this Bill was given on 30th September, 2026.

The Bill was read a first time on 4th November, 2026.

The Bill was published in the Official Gazette on 4th June, 2026.

2. **Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins:** To move the Second Reading of the Magistrate's Court (Amendment) Bill, 2026.

Notice of this Bill was given on 21st October, 2026.

The Bill was read a first time on 4th November, 2026.

The Bill was published in the Official Gazette on 22nd October, 2026.

QUESTIONS

No. 1* **Name: Senator Jamal A. A. Slocombe:**

To ask the Minister of Innovation, Industry, Science and Technology:

1. Is the Minister aware that in recent months, there have increasing reports from members of the public, households and businesses regarding challenges with telecommunications services, *inter alia* dropped mobile calls, intermittent or weak mobile signals, loss of connectivity, apparent coverage gaps, recurring interruptions and inconsistent speeds to broadband internet services?

(a) If the Minister is aware, will he state:

(i) whether the Government has undertaken, a comprehensive assessment of the quality, reliability, capacity and geographical coverage of telecommunications services inclusive of mobile and fixed broadband services across Barbados?

(ii) If so, what are the findings of that assessment?

(iii) whether all the telecommunications providers are currently meeting the regulatory and quality-of-service standards for mobile and broadband services and if not, what are Government's plans to improve the reliability and quality of telecommunications services?

(b) Will the Minister state whether the telecommunications providers have been required to submit reports identifying the causes and frequency of mobile and Broadband service interruptions, together with the measures being taken to prevent their recurrence?

(c) Will the Minister state whether the Government has assessed the extent to which the households and businesses across Barbados, dependent on telecommunication services, have been affected by the unreliability and inconsistent broadband services. If not, what measures would be implemented to ensure that the services the consumers receive are reasonably commensurate with the services for which they are paying?

(d) Will the Minister state what mechanisms currently exist to hold telecommunications providers accountable where consumers and businesses are paying for services that are repeatedly unreliable, interrupted, or unavailable?

(e) Will the Minister outline the measures being implemented to ensure that Barbados possesses sufficiently resilient telecommunications infrastructure, contingency arrangements, network capacity and mechanisms to maintain essential communications during major outages or network failures?

(f) Will the Minister indicate whether the Government has defined a timeframe within which the current mobile coverage, telecommunications reliability and broadband connectivity challenges would be substantially addressed?

Notice of this question was given on the 14th day of October, 2026.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

1. **Senator A. W. Mallalieu:** To move the passing of a Resolution that the Land Aquisition Act, Cap. 228 of the Laws of Barbados be amended to reflect the following:

(a) that purposes are more clearly defined in the legislation,

(b) that compensation offered is informed by a public and private valuation,

(c) payment of compensation must be completed within 3 months of the Section 5 Notice; and

(d) that the title not be perfected until the compensation has been paid.

Notice of this Resolution was given on 6th May, 2026.

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