



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

## The Honourable the House of Assembly

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At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Tuesday the 11th day of October, 2022, 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, Q.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.  | Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology   |
| Hon. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. ( <i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i> )  | Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. ( <i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</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 (Minister of Energy and Business Development)</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. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill ( <i>Minister of Health and Wellness</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 (Senior Minister) (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> )                                  |
|   | Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs   |
|   | Mr. C. A. Lane, J.P. ( <i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i> )                        |

**ABSENT**

Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. (*Minister of Environment and National Beautification*), Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (*Minister of Labour and Social Security and the Third Sector*) and Dr. the Hon. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (*Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness*).

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 4th October, 2022 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

**PAPERS**

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

- Barbados Economic Recovery and Transformation (BERT) Plan 2022: FY2022/23 – FY2026/27.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES**

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

Resolution that Parliament take note of and approve the Barbados Economic Recovery and Transformation (BERT) Plan 2022: FY2022/23 – FY2026/27.

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

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

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****ORDER NO. 6**

**BARBADOS ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND TRANSFORMATION  
(BERT) PLAN 2022: FY2022/23 – FY2026/27 (BERT 2022)**

On the Order being called, Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke on the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the Government of Barbados has determined that there should be a Barbados Economic Recovery and Transformation (BERT) Plan 2022: FY2022/23 – FY2026/27 (BERT 2022).

AND WHEREAS BERT (2022) is the successor to Barbados Economic Recovery and Transformation 2018 (BERT 2018) and lays out the Government of Barbados' economic and financial program for the next four years, which is focused on achieving inclusive and sustainable growth, while maintaining fiscal and debt sustainability.

AND WHEREAS the general strategy of the BERT Plan 2022 is to preserve the gains achieved under BERT (2018), and advance the reforms which were delayed because of the COVID-19 global pandemic. This will be done with refocused priorities on policies aimed at generating sustainable and inclusive growth while building resilience through climate adaptation and mitigation.

AND WHEREAS the Government of Barbados will advance a growth strategy within the context of limited fiscal space and maintaining fiscal stability that includes structural reforms to promote economic diversification, strengthen competitiveness and achieve a higher sustainable rate of economic growth that is private-sector led and that will result in the enhancement of the economic well-being of every citizen.

AND WHEREAS the growth strategy having as its eight pillars:

Pillar 1: Incentivising the green transition and building climate resilient infrastructure;

Pillar 2: Incentivising low and middle income housing;

Pillar 3: Investing in skills training and education;

Pillar 4: Preserving financial stability and mobilising domestic savings for local investment;

Pillar 5: Making Government an enabler to improving productivity, boosting competitiveness and exports, and enhancing service excellence;

Pillar 6: Establishing Barbados as a logistics hub;

Pillar 7: Promoting diversification through new niche economic activities centred around a new, high-skilled, knowledge-based economy that is more technologically advanced and carbon neutral and marine-conscious; and

Pillar 8: Adopting open labour market policies to support stronger resilient growth together with expanding the population base and improving productivity and competitiveness.

BE IT RESOLVED that Parliament take note of and approve the Barbados Economic Recovery and Transformation (BERT) Plan 2022: FY2022/23 – FY2026/27;

and moved seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid that the Resolution be approved.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Sitting be suspended to 2.45 p.m.

At 1.27 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

#### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

#### **ORDER NO. 6 (resumed)**

Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands began to speak.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands concluded her speech.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

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

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

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

Hon. D. I. Ishmael spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.

The Resolution was approved.

#### **PAPERS (recommitted)**

Hon. W. A. Abrahams by command on behalf of Hon. R. R. Straughn laid:

- Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Multicurrency Term Facility Agreement) Order, 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House was adjourned until Tuesday, 25th October, 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

At 8.55 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

Speaker.

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