



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 10th day of June, 2025, at 10.00 o'clock a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

Her Honour Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (*Deputy Speaker*)

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| Hon. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.
(<i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i>) (<i>Senior Minister</i>) | Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification, Green and Blue Economy</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. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i>) | Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) |
| Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Deputy Prime Minister</i>) (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Transport and Works</i>) (<i>Leader of Government Business</i>) (<i>Acting Prime Minister wef 2nd June, 2025 to 11th June, 2025</i>) | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i>) | Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. |
| Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Training and Tertiary Education</i>) | Mr. N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. |
| Mr. R. A. Thorne, K.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology (<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>) | Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (<i>Minister of Economic Affairs and Investment</i>) |
| Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i>) | Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (<i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport and Works</i>) |
| | Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</i>) |
| | Mr. C. A. Lane, J.P. |
| | Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs |
| | Hon. C. J. Blackman, J.P., LL.B., LL.M., ACI Arb. (<i>Minister of Educational Transformation</i>) |

ABSENT

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 Finance, Economic Affairs, Culture, National Security, Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions*), Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*), Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Planning and Development in the Prime Minister's Office*), Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*), Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (*Minister of Labour, Social Security and Third Sector*), Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (*Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs*), Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Finance*), and Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A.

The absence of His Honour, the Speaker was announced by the Deputy Clerk. Madam Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Canon Mark Harewood.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HER HONOUR THE DEPUTY SPEAKER

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 3rd June, 2025 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, 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. 9

On the Order being called, Hon. D. G. Sutherland sought and obtained leave to introduced Order No. 9 and Order No. 10 in a cognate debate.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke and moved seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the following:

RESOLUTION that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225, approve the vesting in the National Housing Corporation of the parcel of land the property of the State situate at Coverley in the parish of Christ Church in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedule* thereto for housing development.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at Coverley in the parish of Christ Church in this Island being Lot CGA containing by admeasurement 19,598.4 square metres or thereabouts (inclusive of 319.9 square metres in right of way, 746.9 square metres in road and 290.1 square meters in road reserve) abutting and bounding on lands of the Barbados Government adjoining the Tom Adams Highway leading to Newton in one direction and to the Grantley Adams International Airport in the other direction on lands now or late of Brenda Parris (Lot 66) on lands now or late of Von Callender (Lot 67) on lands now or late of Charles Ward (Lot 68) on lands now or late of Cheryl Rose (Lot 17) on lands now or late of Michael Broome (Lot 18) on Lot CGB on lands now or late of Ellwyn Bryant (Lot 23) on lands now or late of Anthony Phillips ET ux (Lots 24-26) on a public road leading to Highway 7 in one direction and on a road reserve or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 19th day of December, 2023 by Ricardo Phillips, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 18th day of March, 2024 as Plan No. 444/2024.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

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

Mr. T. A. Prescod spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Sitting was suspended at 1.41 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Madam Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 9 (resumed)

Hon. D. I. Ishmael spoke.

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

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke on reply.

The Resolution was passed.

ORDER NO. 10

On the motion of Hon. D. G. Sutherland, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the Resolution following was passed:

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225, approve the lease to the Barbados Association for Cancer Advocacy (BACA) of property situate at Coverley in the parish of Christ Church in this Island and more particularly described in the *First Schedule* hereto to facilitate the establishment of a hospice and palliative care facility for the terminally ill under the terms and conditions stated in the *Second Schedule*.

FIRST SCHEDULE

FIRSTLY ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at Coverley in the parish of Christ Church in this Island being (Lot CGB) containing by admeasurement 8075.8 square metres or thereabouts (inclusive of 125.8 square metres in road reserve and 436.1 square metres in right of way) abutting and bounding on (Lot CGA) on three sides on a road reserve 4.88 square metres wide on lands now or late of Michael Broome (Lot 18) on other lands now or formerly of the Barbados Government (Lots 19 and 20) on lands now or late of Charles Belle (Lots 21 and 22) and on lands now or late of Ellwyn Bryant (Lot 23) or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 19th day of December, 2023 by Ricardo Phillips, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 18th day of March, 2024 as Plan No. 444/2024;

SECONDLY ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at Coverley in the parish of Christ Church in this Island being (Lot 19) containing by admeasurement 894.1 square metres or thereabouts (inclusive of 108.5 square metres in road reserve) abutting and bounding on lands now or formerly of the Barbados Government on two sides on lands now or late of Michael Broome (Lot 18) and on a road reserve 7.93 metres wide with carriage way 4.88 metres wide which leads to Highway 7 in one direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 6th day of July, 2017 by Camille Belgrave, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 6th day of July, 2017 as Plan No. 627/2017; and

THIRDLY ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at Coverley in the parish of Christ Church in this Island being (Lot 20) containing by admeasurement 840.9 square metres or therabouts (inclusive of 96.7 square metres in road reserve) abutting and bounding on lands now or late of Charles Belle (Lot 21) on lands now or formerly of the Barbados Government on two sides and on a road reserve 7.93 metres wide with carriage way 4.88 metres wide which leads to Highway 7 in one direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 6th day of July, 2017 by Camille Belgrave, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 6th day of July, 2017 as Plan No. 626/2017.

SECOND SCHEDULE

The lease to the Barbados Association for Cancer Advocacy of three (3) parcels of adjoining lands, the property of the State, being the site of the Coverley Plantation House, (Lot 19) and (Lot 20) situate at Coverley in the parish of Christ Church in this Island and more particularly described in the *First Schedule* is subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (a) the lessee to develop, design, build and occupy the demised premises for the specified residential purpose;
- (b) the lease to be for a term of 25 years with an option to renew for a further term of 25 years;
- (c) the initial rent shall be at a concessionary rate of \$1,000 per annum;
- (d) the rent shall be subject to review every 5 years;
- (e) at the end of the lease or its earlier determination the demised premises shall revert to the lessor for nil consideration;
- (f) the lessee shall be entitled, subject to the necessary planning and development permission, to develop the demised premises;
- (g) the demised premises shall be used as a hospice facility and ancillary accommodation;
- (h) the lessee shall be responsible for the cost of development and for putting and keeping the demised premises in repair throughout the term;
- (i) the lessor shall be entitled to inspect the demised premises at least 2 times per year with 48 hours prior written notice;
- (j) the lessee shall indemnify the lessor from all actions arising from its use of the demised premises;
- (k) the lessee shall not assign, mortgage, demise, underlet or otherwise part with possession of any part of the demised premises without the written consent of the lessor, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld;
- (l) the lessee shall be responsible for all outgoings, inclusive of land taxes and water rates, arising from its use of the demised premises; and
- (m) the demised premises shall be insured annually against the usual perils at its reinstatement value in the joint names of the lessor and the lessee.

ORDER NO. 3

HEALTH SERVICES (MEDICAL REPORTS) (FEES) (VALIDATION)

BILL, 2024

On the Order being called for Hon. D. I. Ishmael to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to validate the payment and collection of fees for medical reports prepared by medical practitioners and paramedical practitioners for patients at polyclinics and other health services institutions operated by the state,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Dr. R. O. Springer that the Bill be read a second time.

The motion was passed.

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

Clauses 1 (as amended) and 2 were passed on the separate motion of Hon. D. I. Ishmael, seconded by Dr. R. O. Springer.

On the motion of Hon. D. I. Ishmael seconded by Dr. R. O. Springer the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to Madam Deputy Speaker who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Hon. D. I. Ishmael seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams 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. W. A. Abrahams, the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 24th June, 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

At 4.17 p.m. Madam Deputy Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

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

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of _____, 2025.

Speaker.

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