

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

# The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a hybrid meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Friday the 25th day of March, 2022, at 10 o'clock pursuant to the adjournment.

#### PRESENT

- His Honour N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. (Deputy Speaker)
- Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P.
- Hon. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs)
- Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A.
- Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (Senior Minister) (Minister of Energy and Business Development)
- Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (*Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance*)
- Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (Deputy Prime Minister) (Senior Minister) (Minister of Transport, Works and Water Resources)
- Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (Senior Minister in the Prime Minister's Office)
- Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (Minister of Home Affairs and Information)
- Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Business Development)
- Hon. I. A.Weir, M.B.A. (Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security)

- Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. (Minister of Environment and National Beautification)
- Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment)
- Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (Chairman of Committees)
- Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (Minister of Health and Wellness)
- Dr. the Hon. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (*Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness*)
- 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 Economic Affairs)
- Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc.
- Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training) (Online)
- Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Water Resources)
- Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology) Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs
- Mr. C. D. L. Globs
- Mr. C. A. Lane, J.P. (Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs) (Online)

#### ABSENT

His Honour A. E. Holder, B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (Speaker), Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, Q.C., LL.B. (Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs, Culture, Security, Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions), Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M., Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology, Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (Minister of Labour and Social Security and the Third Sector) and Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A.

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT Mr. Deputy Speaker read the following Message:



MESSAGE No. /2022

#### HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

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#### THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Her Excellency The President hereby informs The Honourable The House of Assembly of the following:

Section 28A(1) of the Emergency Management Act, CAP. 160A states that:

Where the President is satisfied that an emergency has arisen as a result of a person or an animal having a communicable disease or a notifiable disease, the President may by Proclamation, on the advice of the Prime Minister after the Prime Minister has consulted or has been advised by the Chief Medical Officer, declare that a public health emergency exists.

Her Excellency hereby informs The Honourable The House of Assembly that in accordance with Section 28A(3) of the said Cap. 160A, she has declared a Public Health Emergency.

Som PRESIDENT

State House BARBADOS.

24 March, 2022

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey 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 Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid the Sitting was suspended at 10.35 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.

#### RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

#### PAPERS (recommitted)

Hon. R. R. Straughn by command laid the following:

Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries (Remuneration and Allowances) Order, 2022.

#### **GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)**

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

- 1. Resolution to approve the Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries (Remuneration and Allowances) Order, 2022.
- 2. Resolution to grant the sum of FORTY-FIVE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE DOLLARS from the Consolidated Fund and to place it at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2021–2022 as shown in Supplementary Estimates No. 9, 2021–2022.

#### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

#### **ORDER NO. 5**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the House resolved itself into Standing Finance Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

RESOLUTION that the sum of FORTY-FIVE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE DOLLARS be granted from the Consolidated Fund and be placed at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2021–2022 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 9, 2021–2022 which form the Schedule to this Resolution.

#### **SCHEDULE**

#### Supplementary Estimates 2021 – 2022 No. 9

HEAD	Code	Provision in Approved Estimates 2021 – 2022	Provision in Supplementary Esti- mates Nos. 1–8	Supplementary Provision Required
	Number	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
HEAD 27 – MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND INTERNA- TIONAL TRANSPORT <b>Program 040: Direction and</b> <b>Policy Formulation</b> Subprogram 7060: General Management and Coordination Services Account Code: 316 – Grants to	270407060	\$	\$	\$
Public Institutions Program 332: Development of Tourism Potential Subprogram 0554: Caves of Barbados Limited Account Code: 316 – Grants to	273320554			385,100
Public Institutions		348,773		4,101,445
HEAD 30 – OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL <b>Program 244: Police Services</b> Subprogram 0255: Police Head- quarters and Management	302440255			
Account Code: 206 – Travel Account Code: 210 – Supplies	502110255	553,000		204,000
and Materials Subprogram 0256: General Police	202440256	394,234		50,000
Services Account Code: 102 – Other	302440256			
Personal Emoluments Account Code: 207 – Utilities		10,858,711 2,604,284		6,900,000 500,000
Account Code: 210 – Supplies and Materials		639,566		600,000
Account Code: 211 – Maintenance of Property		3,807,360		1,060,000
Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses		2,492,248		888,750

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#### **SCHEDULE** – *Cont'd*

#### Supplementary Estimates 2021 – 2022 No. 9 – Cont'd

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2021 – 2022	Provision in Supplementary Esti- mates Nos. 1– 8	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 31 – MINISTRY OF INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND SMART TECHNOLOGY <b>Program 043: Application of</b> <b>Modern Technology</b> Subprogram 0087: Shared Services <i>Account Code: 212 – Operating</i> <i>Expenses</i>	310430087	136,000		2,567,583
HEAD 39 – MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY <b>Program 040: Direction and</b> <b>Policy Formulation Services</b> Subprogram 0490: International Business and Financial Services <i>Account Code: 102 – Other</i>	390400490			
Personal Emoluments		356,851		269,500
Account Code: 103 – Employer's Contributions		124,858		22,500
HEAD 82 – MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND NA- TIONAL BEAUTIFICATION <b>Program 650: Preservation &amp;</b> <b>Conservation of the Terres-</b> <b>trial &amp; Marine Environment</b> Subprogram 0386: National Conservation Commission Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions	826500386	24,000,000 907,500	6,645,650	5,522,507 1,398,000
<ul> <li>HEAD 81 – MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, WORKS AND WATER RESOURCES</li> <li>Program 516: Public Transpor- tation</li> <li>Subprogram 0524: Provision of Traffic &amp; Street Lighting</li> </ul>	815160524			
Account Code: 207 – Utilities <b>Program 517: Transport</b> Subprogram 0527: Transport Board (Subsidy)	815170527	3,000,000		4,000,000
Account Code: 313 – Subsidies		15,630,000	3,313,462	3,000,000

#### **SCHEDULE** – *Concl'd*

Supplementary Estimates 2021 – 2022 No. 9 – Concl'd				
HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2021 – 2022	Provision in Supplementary Esti- mates Nos. 1–8	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
HEAD 87 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TECHNOLOG- ICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING <b>Program 271: Basic Educational</b> <b>Development</b> Subprogram 0571: Nursery and Primary Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments Account Code: 103 – Employer's Contributions	872710571	\$ 8,864,884 11,934,164	\$ 707,692	\$ 7,999,682 567,624
<ul> <li>HEAD 92 – MINISTRY OF ENERGY, SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP</li> <li>Program 040: Direction &amp; Policy Formulation Services</li> <li>Subprogram 0410: Electronic Single Window Project</li> <li>Account Code: 226 – Professional Services</li> <li>HEAD 93 – MINISTRY OF HOUSING, LANDS AND MAINTENANCE</li> <li>Program 522: Land and Property Acquisition and</li> </ul>	920400410	500,000		500,000
Property Acquisition and Management Programme Subprogram 0539: Property Management Account Code: 208 – Rental of Property	935220539	49,175,562		5,000,000

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#### HEAD 27 – MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT - \$4,486,545.00

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that Head 27 stand part.

Mr. T. A. Prescod spoke. Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke in reply. Head 27 was passed.

#### HEAD 30 - ATTORNEY GENERAL - \$10,202,750.00

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke and moved seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that Head 30 stand part. Head 30 was passed.

#### HEAD 31 – MINISTRY OF INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND SMART TECHNOLOGY – \$2,567,583.00

On the motion of Hon. D. I. Ishmael who spoke seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Head 31 was passed.

#### HEAD 39 – MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY – \$292,000.00

On the motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds who spoke seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael Head 39 was passed.

#### HEAD 81 – MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, WORKS AND WATER RESOURCES – \$7,000,000.00

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw who spoke seconded by Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, Head 81 was passed.

### HEAD 82 – MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATIONAL

#### **BEAUTIFICATION – \$6,920,507.00**

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey who spoke that Head 82 stand part.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Head 82 was passed.

#### HEAD 87 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING – \$8,567,306.00

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that Head 87 stand

part.

Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke in reply.

Head 87 was passed.

#### HEAD 92 – MINISTRY OF ENERGY, SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP – \$500,000.00

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that Head 92 stand

part.

Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

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

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke in reply.

Head 92 was passed.

#### HEAD 93 – MINISTRY OF HOUSING, LANDS AND MAINTENANCE – \$5,000,000.00

On the motion of Hon. D. G. Sutherland who spoke seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Head 93 was passed.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Chairman reported to Mr. Deputy Speaker who resumed the Chair, the passing of the Resolution in Committee.

On the separate motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Resolution was read a first and second time and agreed to.

#### **ORDER NO. 4**

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that Parliament approve the Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries (Remuneration and Allowances) Order, 2022 made by the Minister responsible for Finance on the 24th day of March, 2022 under section 5 of the Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries (Remuneration and Allowances) Act, Cap. 8.

RESOLVED that Her Excellency the President be asked to assent and take the necessary steps given to effect this Resolution.

S. I. 2022 No.

Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries (Conditions of Service) Act

#### CAP. 8

#### MINISTERS AND PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES (CONDITIONS OF SERVICE) ORDER, 2022

The Minister, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 5 of the *Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries (Conditions of Service) Act,* makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the *Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries* (Conditions of Service) Order, 2022.

2. The Schedule to the *Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries (Conditions of Service) Act* is deleted and the Schedule set out in the *Schedule* to this Order is substituted.

3. The emoluments specified in the *Schedule* shall be payable from the date specified therein.

#### SCHEDULE

(Paragraph 2)

#### **"SCHEDULE**

(Sections 2 and 5)

## REMUNERATION AND ALLOWANCES OF MINISTERS AND PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES

Office	Emoluments from 26 <sup>th</sup> January, 2022			
	Salary	Entertainment Allowance	Travelling Allowance	Housing Allowance or Official Residence
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prime Minister Minister assigned responsibility as Deputy Prime Minister	213,334.38	54,838.44	Official car	Official Residence
under section 72 of the <i>Constitution</i>	181,345.88	37,372.56	32,586.00	
Senior Ministers	181,345.88	37,372.56	32,586.00	
Other Ministers	160,001.10	24,170.28	23,777.92	
Parliamentary Secretaries	155,322.59	15,671.04	15,845.28	".

Made by the Minister this 24th day of March, 2022.

#### RYAN STRAUGHN

Minister responsible for Finance (Ag.)

and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Resolution be passed. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke. Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke in reply. The Resolution was passed.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 29th March, 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

At 2.10 p.m. Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

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

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the , 2022.

day of

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS BRIDGETOWN.

# HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

# MINUTES

Friday, 25th March, 2022.

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