



# 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 28th day of March, 2023, 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, S.C., LL.B. ( <i>Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs, Culture, Security, Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions</i> ) | Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. ( <i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i> )                                  |
| Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P.  | Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. ( <i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</i> )                                      |
| Hon. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. ( <i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i> )  | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. ( <i>Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</i> )                                |
| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A.   | Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. ( <i>Chairman of Committees</i> )   |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. ( <i>Senior Minister</i> ) ( <i>Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i> )  | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and the Third Sector</i> )                       |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) ( <i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i> )   | Dr. the Hon. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. ( <i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</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, Works and Water Resources</i> )        | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. ( <i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder 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> )  | Hon. R. R. Straughn B.Sc., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs</i> )                       |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, 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 State in the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Business Development</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> ).                     |
|   | Hon. C. A. Lane, J.P. ( <i>Minister of State in the Office of the Attorney General</i> )                                   |
|   | Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs   |

**ABSENT**

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 and Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*).

**PRAVERS**

Prayers were taken by the Hon. C. E. Jordan.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of Monday, 20th February, 2023 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey.

**PAPERS**

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

Annual Reports and Financial Statements of the Barbados Deposit Insurance Corporation for the years 2019 to 2021.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES**

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

1. Resolution to approve in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225, the vesting in the Home Ownership Providing Energy Inc. (HOPE Inc.) of the parcel of land, the property of the State, situate at Hanson Plantation, in the parishes of Saint George, Saint Michael and Christ Church in this Island for housing development.
2. Resolution to approve in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225, the vesting in the National Housing Corporation of the parcel of land, the property of the State, situate at Hanson Plantation, in the parishes of Saint George and Christ Church in this Island for residential and commercial purposes.

**FIRST READINGS OF BILLS**

On the separate motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Bills following were read a first time:

1. The Transport Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2023.
2. The Public Procurement (Amendment) Bill, 2023.

**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.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**ORDER NO. 11**

On the Order being called, Hon. D. G. Sutherland sought and obtained permission to introduce Orders Nos. 11 and 12 in a cognate debate.

Resolution to approve in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225, the vesting in the Home Ownership Providing Energy Inc. (HOPE Inc.) of the parcel of land, the property of the State, situate at Hanson Plantation, in the parishes of Saint George, Saint Michael and Christ Church in this Island more particularly described in the *Schedule* to the Resolution for housing development.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke on the Resolution following and moved seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid that the Resolution be passed:

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225 approve the vesting in Home Ownership Providing Energy Inc. (HOPE Inc.) of the parcel of land, the property of the State, situate at Hanson Plantation in the parishes of Saint George, Saint Michael and Christ Church in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedule* hereto for housing development.

**SCHEDULE**

ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at Hanson Plantation in the parishes of Saint George, Saint Michael and Christ Church in this Island

(formerly part of a larger parcel of lands of Hanson Plantation) containing by admeasurement 8.046 hectares or thereabouts abutting and bounding on lands now or formerly of the Barbados Government on lands now or formerly of Kingsland Estates Ltd. (Hanson Plantation) on two sides and on lands now or formerly of the National Housing Corporation (Open area 4) or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 1st day of March, 2023 by Samuel N. Taylor, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 1st day of March, 2023 as Plan No. 351/2023.

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

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

Mr. T. A. Prescod began to speak.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke on a point of order.

Mr. T. A. Prescod concluded his speech.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the Sitting was suspended at 1.13 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

#### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended to 4.00 p.m.

#### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

#### **ORDER NO. 11 (resumed)**

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

#### **ORDER NO. 12**

Resolution to approve in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225, the vesting in the National Housing Corporation of the parcel of land, the property of the State, situate at Hanson Plantation, in the parishes of Saint George and Christ Church in this Island more particularly described in the *Schedule* to the Resolution for residential and commercial purposes.

On the motion of Hon. D. G. Sutherland, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid the following Resolution was passed:

RESOLVED 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 Hanson Plantation in the parishes of Saint George and Christ Church in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedule* hereto for residential and commercial purposes.

#### **SCHEDULE**

ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at Hanson Plantation in the parishes of Saint George and Christ Church in this Island (formerly part of a larger parcel of lands of Hanson Plantation) containing by admeasurement 8.353 hectares or thereabouts abutting and bounding on lands now or late of McDonald Best (Lot 4) on lands now or formerly of Kingsland Estates Ltd. (Hanson Plantation) on two sides on other lands now or formerly of the Barbados Government on lands now or formerly of the National Housing Corporation (Open Area 4) and on an unpaved road leading to Highway #5 or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 1st day of

March, 2023 by Samuel N. Taylor, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 1st day of March, 2023 as Plan No. 352/2023.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Sitting was suspended at 4.53 p.m. for 15 minutes.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**PAPERS (recommitted)**

Hon. R. R. Straughn by command laid:  
Fiscal Risk Report 2023.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES**

Hon. K. D. Symmonds gave notice of:

1. Resolution to grant the sum of TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SEVEN DOLLARS from the Consolidated Fund and to place it at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2022-2023 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 6, 2022-2023.
2. Resolution to grant the sum of SIXTY-SIX MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN DOLLARS from the Consolidated Fund and to place it at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2022-2023 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 7, 2022-2023.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**

**ORDER NO. 13**

On the motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House resolved itself into the Standing Finance Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

- (A) Supplementary Estimates No. 6 2022 – 2023 – \$230,721,147.00 (as amended)

RESOLVED that the sum of TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SEVEN DOLLARS be granted from the Consolidated Fund and be placed at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2022–2023 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 6, 2022–2023 which form the Schedule to this Resolution.

**SCHEDULE**  
**Supplementary Estimates 2022 – 2023 No. 6**

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2022 – 2023	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1– 5	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 13 – PRIME MINISTER’S OFFICE				
<b>Program 040: Direction and Policy Formulation Services</b>				
Subprogram 0148: National Transformation Initiative	130400148			
<i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i>			5,069,438	3,600,000
<b>Program 041: National Defence and Security Preparedness</b>				
Subprogram 0043: Barbados Defence Force	130410043			
<i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>		43,552,100		3,481,539
<b>Program 166: Rural Development Commission</b>				
Subprogram 0181: Rural Development Commission	131660181			
<i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>		2,500,000		4,000,000
<b>Program 276: Culture</b>				
Subprogram 0298: National Cultural Foundation	132760298			
<i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>		294,500		2,000,000
<b>Program 332: Development of Tourism Potential</b>				
Subprogram 0347: Barbados Tourism Investment Inc.	133320347			
<i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>		4,700,000	10,000,000	75,000,000
<b>Program 337: Investment Promotion and Facilitation</b>				
Subprogram 7083: Invest Barbados	133377083			
<i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>		315,000		5,000,000
<b>Program 631: Urban Development</b>				
Subprogram 0534: Urban Development Commission	136310534			
<i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>		3,000,000	1,718,031	6,000,000

## SCHEDULE – Cont'd

## Supplementary Estimates 2022 – 2023 No. 6 – Cont'd

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2022 – 2023	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1- 5	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 15 – CABINET OFFICE <b>Program 071: Constitutional and Statutory Authority</b> Subprogram 0073: Electoral and Boundaries Commission <i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i>	150710073	4,043,652		315,497
HEAD 27 – MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT <b>Program 040: Direction and Policy Formulation Services</b> Subprogram 7060: General Management and Coordination Services <i>Account Code: 226 – Professional Services</i>	270407060	228,370		1,725,500
<b>Program 333: International Transport</b> Subprogram 7065: General Management and Coordination Services <i>Account Code: 314 – Grants to Individuals</i> <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	273337065			4,074,000
<b>Program 334: Regulation of Air Services</b> Subprogram 0339: Civil Aviation Authority <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	273340339			2,575,463
				2,519,000
HEAD 30 – OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL <b>Program 040: Direction and Policy Formulation Services</b> Subprogram 0240: Forensic Services <i>Account Code: 207 – Utilities</i>	300400240	620,944		415,000
<b>Program 242: Administration of Justice</b> Subprogram 0248: Supreme Court <i>Account Code: 207 – Utilities</i>	302420248	1,990,782		172,798
<b>Program 244: Police Services</b> Subprogram 0255: Police Headquarters and Management <i>Account Code: 211 – Maintenance of Property</i>	302440255	3,353,585		1,440,365

SCHEDULE – *Cont'd*Supplementary Estimates 2022 – 2023 No. 6 – *Cont'd*

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2022 – 2023	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1– 5	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 30 – OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – <i>Cont'd</i>				
Subprogram 0256: General Police Services	302440256			
<i>Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments</i>		12,726,317		4,948,009
<i>Account Code: 207 – Utilities</i>		2,729,084		420,558
<i>Account Code: 211 – Maintenance of Property</i>		4,638,458		973,858
<i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i>		2,884,528		903,000
<b>Program 245: Law Enforcement – Anti-Money Laundering</b>				
Subprogram 0239: Compliance Unit	302450239			
<i>Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments</i>		325,668		252,164
<i>Account Code: 103 – Employers Contributions</i>		30,085		24,847
HEAD 32 – MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN TRADE				
<b>Program 330: Direction, Formulation and Implementation of Foreign Policy</b>				
Subprogram 7080: General Management, Coordination Services and Overseas Missions	323307080			
<i>Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments</i>		968,130		1,145,025
<i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i>		1,202,540		854,975
Subprogram 0066: Overseas Missions United Nations	323300066			
<i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i>		608,675		161,966



## SCHEDULE – Cont'd

## Supplementary Estimates 2022 – 2023 No. 6 – Cont'd

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2022 – 2023	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1– 5	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 33 – MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION <b>Program 040: Direction &amp; Policy Formulation Services</b> Subprogram 7156: General Management and Coordination Services <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	330407156		753,000	6,922,586
HEAD 34 – MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND INVESTMENT <b>Program 002: Financial Control and Treasury Management</b> Subprogram 0131: Accountant General's Office <i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i>	340020131	1,838,083		1,318,073
<b>Program 012: Special Personal Emoluments</b> Subprogram 0012: Special Payment of Personal Emoluments <i>Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments</i> <i>Account Code: 103 – Employers Contributions</i> <i>Account Code: 211 – Maintenance of Property</i> <i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i> <i>Account Code: 226 – Professional Services</i> <i>Account Code: 313 – Subsidies</i> <i>Account Code: 315 – Grants to Non-Profit Organisations</i> <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	340120012			26,540,000
<b>Program 040: Direction &amp; Policy Formulation Services</b> Subprogram 0019: Barbados Environmental Sustainability Fund <i>Account Code: 315 – Grants to Non-Profit Organisations</i>	340400019			3,383,850
				2,234,336
				1,927,894
				411,000
				816,019
				183,375
				1,487,868
				2,566,913



SCHEDULE – *Cont'd*Supplementary Estimates 2022 – 2023 No. 6 – *Cont'd*

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2022 – 2023	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1– 5	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 34 – MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND INVESTMENT – <i>Cont'd</i> <b>Program 113: Revenue Collection</b> Subprogram 0185: Barbados Revenue Authority <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	341130185			246,520
HEAD 35 – MINISTRY OF PEOPLE EMPOWERMENT AND ELDER AFFAIRS <b>Program 423: Personal Social Services Delivery Program</b> Subprogram 0427: Welfare Department <i>Account Code: 313 – Subsidies</i> <i>Account Code: 314 – Grants to Individuals</i>	354230427	3,000,000 28,320,000	2,218,263 11,350,000	981,738 2,150,000
HEAD 81 – MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, WORKS AND WATER RESOURCES <b>Program 516: Public Transportation Services</b> Subprogram 0524: Provision of Traffic & Street Lights <i>Account Code: 207 – Utilities</i> <b>Program 517: Transport</b> Subprogram 0527: Transport Board (Subsidy) <i>Account Code: 313 – Subsidies</i> Subprogram 0543: United Commercial Autoworks Limited (UCAL) <i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	815160524 815170527 815170543	3,000,000 12,167,000	8,400,000 6,500,000	17,771,411 2,000,000

**SCHEDULE – Concl'd**

**Supplementary Estimates 2022 – 2023 No. 6 – Concl'd**

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2022 – 2023	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1– 5	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
<b>HEAD 83 – MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND NUTRITIONAL SECURITY</b> <b>Program 040: Direction &amp; Policy Formulation Services</b> Subprogram 7055: General Management & Coordination Services <i>Account Code: 315 – Grants to Non-Profit Organisations</i>	830407055			3,000,000
<b>Program 160: Measures to Stimulate Increased Crop Production</b> Subprogram 0637: Barbados Agricultural Management Company <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	831600637	7,000,000	16,587,250	2,000,000
<b>Program 164: General Support Services</b> Subprogram 0178: Incentives & Other Subsidies <i>Account Code: 314 – Grants to Individuals</i>	831640178	8,929,907	2,000,000	4,376,000

**HEAD 13 – PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE – \$99,081,539.00**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael Head 13 was passed.

**HEAD 15 – CABINET OFFICE – \$315,497.00**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael Head 15 was passed.

**HEAD 27 – MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND INTERNATIONAL**

**TRANSPORT – \$10,898,963.00**

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke and moved seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the passing of Head 27.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke in reply.

Head 27 was passed.

**HEAD 30 – OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL – \$9,550,599.00**

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams who spoke seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael Head 30 was passed.

**HEAD 32 – MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN**

**TRADE – \$2,161,966.00**

On the motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds who spoke seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael Head 32 was passed.

**HEAD 33 – MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION  
– \$6,922,586.00 – (as amended)**

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams who spoke seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael Head 33 (as amended) was passed.

**HEAD 34 – MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND  
INVESTMENT – \$61,115,848.00**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke and moved seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael that Head 34 stand part.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke in reply.

Head 34 was passed.

**HEAD 35 – MINISTRY OF PEOPLE EMPOWERMENT AND ELDER  
AFFAIRS – \$3,131,738.00**

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke and moved seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael that Head 35 stand part.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke in reply.

Head 35 was passed.

**HEAD 81 – MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, WORKS AND WATER  
RESOURCES – \$15,965,617.00**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams Head 81 was passed.

**HEAD 83 – MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND NUTRITIONAL  
SECURITY – \$9,376,000.00**

Hon. I. A. Weir spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands who spoke that Head 83 stand part.

Hon. I. A. Weir spoke in reply.

Head 83 was passed.

On the motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael, Mr. Chairman reported progress to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair and asked leave to sit again.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael, the Sitting was suspended at 7.25 p.m. to 7.35 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The House reverted to Standing Finance Committee.

(B) Supplementary Estimates No. 7 2022 – 2023 – \$67,929,016.00 (as amended)

RESOLVED that the sum of SIXTY-SEVEN MILLION, NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN DOLLARS be granted from the Consolidated Fund and be placed at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2022-2023 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 7, 2022-2023 which form the Schedule to this Resolution.

**SCHEDULE**

**Supplementary Estimates 2022 – 2023 No. 7**

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2022 – 2023	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1– 6	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 12 – PARLIAMENT <b>Program 030: Parliament</b> Subprogram 0030: Management Commission of Parliament <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	120300030	11,573,724		1,300,000
HEAD 31 – MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY <b>Program 460: Investment, Industrial and Export Development</b> Subprogram 0462: Barbados Investment and Development Corporation <i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	314600462	3,367,029		10,463,777
HEAD 82 – MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATIONAL BEAUTIFICATION <b>Program 164: General Support Services</b> Subprogram 0385: Markets <i>Account Code: 207 – Utilities</i> <i>Account Code: 751 – Property and Plant</i>	821640385	1,147,500		847,381
<b>Program 400: Environmental Health Services</b> Subprogram 0372: Sanitation Service Authority <i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	824000372		4,452,600	876,460
				6,000,000

**SCHEDULE – Cont'd**  
**Supplementary Estimates 2022 – 2023 No. 7 – Cont'd**

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2022 – 2023	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1- 6	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 86 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS				
<b>Program 361: Hospital Services</b>				
Subprogram 0375: Queen Elizabeth Hospital	863610375			
<i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>		125,035,339		3,000,000
<i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>				3,300,000
<b>Program 366: National Crisis Management</b>				
Subprogram 6201: Programme Management – COVID 19	863666201			
<i>Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments</i>		4,657,603	8,175,201	4,449,283
<i>Account Code: 103 – Employers Contributions</i>		1,306,022	392,952	17,048
HEAD 87 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING				
<b>Program 040: Direction &amp; Policy Formulation Services</b>				
Subprogram 7100: General Management and Coordination Services	870407100			
<i>Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments</i>		2,055,803		941,716
<i>Account Code: 207 – Utilities</i>		1,002,059		385,000
<b>Program 271: Basic Educational Development</b>				
Subprogram 0571: Nursery and Primary Schools	872710571			
<i>Account Code: 103 – Employers Contributions</i>		11,614,112		1,498,454
<i>Account Code: 207 – Utilities</i>		2,754,541		1,385,000
<b>Program 272: Secondary</b>				
Subprogram 0643: Christ Church Foundation	872720643			
<i>Account Code: 103 – Employers Contributions</i>		583,666		58,322

SCHEDULE – *Cont'd*Supplementary Estimates 2022 – 2023 No. 7 – *Cont'd*

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2022 – 2023	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1– 6	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 87 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING – <i>Cont'd</i>				
Subprogram 0644: Coleridge and Parry School <i>Account Code: 207 – Utilities</i>	872720644	253,500		42,316
Subprogram 0645: Combermere School <i>Account Code: 207 – Utilities</i>	872720645	159,000		24,321
Subprogram 0651: Lester Vaughan School <i>Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments</i>	872720651	1,374,308		95,765
<i>Account Code: 103 – Employers Contributions</i>		563,574		61,430
Subprogram 0652: Lodge School <i>Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments</i>	872720652	1,431,358		22, 186
<i>Account Code: 103 – Employers Contributions</i>		510,768		23,554
<b>Programme 273: Tertiary</b>				
Subprogram 0285: Barbados Community College <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	872730285	24,145,263		1,500,000
<b>Programme 275: Special Services</b>				
Subprogram 0292: Transport of Pupils <i>Account Code: 313 – Subsidies</i>	872750292	2,595,613		2,952,645
Subprogram 0568: Media Resource Department <i>Account Code: 207 – Utilities</i>	872750568	62,900		23,000
HEAD 91 – MINISTRY OF YOUTH, SPORTS AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT				
<b>Program 277: Youth Affairs and Sports</b>				
Subprogram 7110: General Management and Coordination Services <i>Account Code: 207 – Utilities</i>	914257110	93,824		18,450

**SCHEDULE – Concl'd**  
**Supplementary Estimates 2022 – 2023 No. 7 – Concl'd**

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2022 – 2023	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1– 6	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 92 – MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT				
<b>Program 040: Direction &amp; Policy Formulation Services</b>				
Subprogram 7030: General Management and Coordination Services	920407030			
<i>Account Code: 226 – Professional Services</i>		222,000		160,000
<b>Program 114: Energy &amp; Natural Resources</b>				
Subprogram 0454: National Petroleum Corporation (NPC)	921140454			
<i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>				1,500,000
HEAD 93 – MINISTRY OF HOUSING, LANDS AND MAINTENANCE				
<b>Program 040: Direction &amp; Policy Formulation Services</b>				
Subprogram 7090: General Management and Coordination Services	930407090			
<i>Account Code: 207 – Utilities</i>		161,896		228,829
<b>Program 520: Housing Program</b>				
Subprogram 0533: National Housing Corporation	935200533			
<i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>			4,750,000	15,700,000
<b>Program 522: Land &amp; Property Acquisition &amp; Management Program</b>				
Subprogram 0539: Property Management	935220539			
<i>Account Code: 208 – Rental of Property</i>		55,084,152		11,054,080



**HEAD 12 – PARLIAMENT – \$1,300,000.00**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Head 12 was passed.

**HEAD 31 – MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY – \$10,463,777.00**

Hon. D. I. Ishmael spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds who spoke that Head 31 stand part.

Hon. D. I. Ishmael spoke in reply.

Head 31 was passed.

**HEAD 82 – MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATIONAL BEAUTIFICATION – \$7,723,841.00**

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael that Head 82 stand part.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke in reply.

Head 82 was passed.

**HEAD 86 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS – \$10,766,331.00**

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke and moved seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that Head 86 stand part.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke in reply.

Head 86 was passed.

**HEAD 87 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING – \$9,013,709.00 (as amended)**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams Head 87 was passed.

**HEAD 91 – MINISTRY OF YOUTH, SPORTS AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT – \$18,450.00**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Head 91 was passed.

**HEAD 92 – MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT – \$1,660,000.00**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael Head 92 was passed.

**HEAD 93 – MINISTRY OF HOUSING, LANDS AND MAINTENANCE – \$44,606,564.00 (as amended)**

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

On the motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Chairman reported progress to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair, the passing of the money Resolution in Standing Finance Committee.

On the separate motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Resolutions were read a first and second time and agreed to.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Sitting was suspended at 8.50 p.m. to 9.15 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**PAPERS (recommitted)**

Hon. K. D. Symmonds laid the following:

1. Public Service (General) Order, 2023.
2. Public Service (Teachers) Order, 2023.
3. Public Service (Part-Time Officers) Order, 2023.
4. Senate and House of Assembly (Remuneration and Allowances of Members) Order, 2023.

5. Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries (Remuneration and Allowances) Order, 2023.
6. Judges Remuneration and Pensions (Salaries) Order, 2023.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)**

Hon. K. D. Symmonds gave notice of the following:

1. Resolution to approve the Public Service (General) Order, 2023.
2. Resolution to approve the Public Service (Teachers) Order, 2023.
3. Resolution to approve the Public Service (Part-Time Officers) Order, 2023.
4. Resolution to approve the Senate and House of Assembly (Remuneration and Allowances of Members) Order, 2023.
5. Resolution to approve the Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries (Remuneration and Allowances) Order, 2023.
6. Resolution to approve in accordance with section 3(2) of the President (Conditions of Service) Act, Cap. 6 the amendment of the Schedule to that Act by deleting paragraph 1 thereof and substituting paragraph 1 as contained in the Schedule to this Resolution.
7. Resolution to approve the rates of salaries and allowances, applicable to the posts of Personal Assistants to Ministers as set out in the Schedule.
8. Resolution to approve the rates of salaries and allowances applicable to the posts of Personal Assistant, Executive Assistant, Press Secretary, Executive Personal Secretary and Clerical Officer to the Prime Minister as set out in the Schedule.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**

**ORDER NO. 14**

On the Order being called Hon. R. R. Straughn sought and obtained leave to introduce Orders Nos. 14 to 21 in a cognate debate.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PUBLIC SERVICE (GENERAL) ORDER 2023**

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke on the Resolution following:

RESOLVED that Parliament approve the *Public Service (General) Order, 2023* made under Section 13(1) of the *Public Service Act, Cap. 29* by the Minister responsible for the Public Service on the 28th day of March, 2023.

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

and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds who spoke that the Resolution be passed.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

**ORDER NO. 15**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds the following Resolution was passed:

RESOLVED that Parliament approve the *Public Service (Teachers) (Amendment) Order, 2023* made under Section 13(1) of the *Public Service Act, Cap. 29* by the Minister responsible for the Public Service on the 28th day of March, 2023.

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

**ORDER NO. 16**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds the following Resolution was passed:

RESOLVED that the Parliament approve the *Public Service (Part-Time Officers) Order, 2023* made by the Minister responsible for Finance on the twenty-eighth day of March, 2023 under section 13(1) of the *Public Service Act, Cap. 13A*.

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

**ORDER NO. 17**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds the following Resolution was passed:

RESOLVED that the Parliament approve the *Senate and House of Assembly (Remuneration and Allowances of Members) Order, 2023* made by the Minister responsible for Finance on the twenty-eight day of March, 2023 under section 8 of the *Senate and House of Assembly (Remuneration and Allowances of Members) Act, Cap. 13A*.

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

**ORDER NO. 18**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds the following Resolution was passed:

RESOLVED that the Parliament approve the *Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries (Remuneration and Allowances of Members) Order, 2023* made by the Minister responsible for Finance on the twenty-eighth day of March, 2023 under section 5 of the *Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries (Remuneration and Allowances of Members) Act, Cap. 8*.

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

**ORDER NO. 19**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by the Hon. K. D. Symmonds the Resolution following was passed:

RESOLVED that in accordance with section 3(2) of the *President (Conditions of Service) Act, Cap. 6*, the Schedule to that Act be amended by deleting paragraph 1 thereof and substituting paragraph 1 as contained in the *Schedule* to this Resolution.

## SCHEDULE

1. Salary at the rate of
- (a) \$239,008.82 per annum with effect from 1st April, 2023; and
  - (b) \$246,179.09 per annum with effect from 1st April 2024.

**ORDER NO. 20**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds the Resolution following was passed:

RESOLVED that Parliament approve the rates of salaries and allowances, applicable to the posts of Personal Assistants to Ministers, as set out in the *Schedule* with effect from the date shown in the *Schedule*.

RESOLVED that the Senate be invited to concur herein and if concurred, resolved that Her Excellency the President be asked to assent and take the necessary steps to give effect to this Resolution.

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

## SCHEDULE

**Rate of Salary and Allowance with effect from 1st April, 2023**

Posts	Salary Scale Per Annum	Travelling Allowance Per Annum
	\$	\$
26 Posts of Personal Assistants to Ministers	Code Z3 69,080.07	5,636.22

**Rate of Salary and Allowance with effect from 1st April, 2024**

Posts	Salary Scale Per Annum	Travelling Allowance Per Annum
	\$	\$
26 Posts of Personal Assistants to Ministers	Code Z3 71,152.47	5,805.31

**ORDER NO. 21**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds the Resolution following was passed:

RESOLVED that Parliament approve the rates of salaries and allowances, applicable to the posts of Personal Assistant to the Prime Minister, Executive Assistant to the Prime Minister, the Press Secretary, Executive Personal Secretary and Clerical Officer as set out in the *Schedule* with effect from the date shown in the *Schedule*.

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

## SCHEDULE

## Part A

**Rates of Salaries and Allowances with effect from 1st April, 2023**

Posts	Salary Scale Per Annum	Entertainment Allowance Per Annum	Travelling Allowance Per Annum
	\$	\$	\$
Chief of Staff	Code S1 159,982.27	15,000.06	13,253.11
Director of Protocol	Code S4 118,006.87	7,499.96	8,283.23
Director of Citizen's Engagement and Media Relations	Code S4 118,006.87	7,499.96	8,283.23
Director of Operations	Code S4 118,006.87	7,499.96	8,283.23
Executive Personal Aide	Code S5 106,081.13	4,358.47	11,122.75
Press Secretary	Code S9 76,814.31	4,358.47	8,472.76
Clerical Officer	Code Z38-24 (25,136.95 - 38,551.66)		

## SCHEDULE

## Part B

**Rates of Salaries and Allowances with effect from 1st April, 2024**

Posts	Salary Scale Per Annum	Entertainment Allowance Per Annum	Travelling Allowance Per Annum
	\$	\$	\$
Chief of Staff	Code S1 164,781.74	15,450.06	13,650.70
Director of Protocol	Code S4 121,547.08	7,724.96	8,531.72
Director of Citizen's Engagement and Media Relations	Code S4 121,547.08	7,724.96	8,531.72
Director of Operations	Code S4 121,547.08	7,724.96	8,531.72
Executive Personal Aide	Code S5 109,263.56	4,489.22	11,456.43
Press Secretary	Code S9 79,118.74	4,489.22	8,726.94
Clerical Officer	Code Z38-24 (25,891.06 - 39,708.21)		

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House was adjourned to Friday, 31st March, 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

At 10.55 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

Speaker.

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