



SENATE

11th Parliament

Wednesday

1st Session

29 March, 2023

No. 2 of 2023

at 9:00 a.m.

ORDER PAPER

(Pursuant to Standing Order No. 13)

1. Formal Entry of Madam President.

2. Prayers.

3. Oath of Allegiance or Affirmation of a new Senator.

4. Confirmation of Minutes:

- Confirmation of the Minutes of the proceedings of a Sitting of the Senate held at the Parliament Chamber, Mt. Wheldale, St. George's on Monday December 19, 2022, Tuesday December 20, 2022 and Wednesday December 21, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. respectively.

- Confirmation of the Minutes of the proceedings of a Sitting of the Senate held at the Parliament Chamber, Mt. Wheldale, St. George's on Friday, January 20, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

5. Messages from the Governor-General.

6. Announcements by Madam President.

7. Ministerial Statements.

8. Presentation of Papers and Reports from Select Committees:

1. Report of the Director of Audit, Grenada on the Financial Statements of the Office of the Ombudsman for the year ended 31st December, 2020.
2. National Insurance Scheme – 13th Actuarial Review of the National Insurance Fund as of December 31, 2021.

9. Petitions.

10. Government Notices.

11. Unofficial Notices.

12. Questions:

(Unanswered at the Sitting of Wednesday December 21, 2022)

Senator the Honourable Roderick St. Clair will ask the Leader of Government's Business, Senator the Honourable Adrian Thomas, the following questions:

***Question #1**

Question pertaining to Sargassum:

Please inform the Senate on Government's plans for addressing the sargassum invasion of our shores that are affecting our fisherfolks and seamoss farmers in particular.

***Question #2**

Question pertaining to CITES (the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora):

Please inform the Senate as to Government's plans for Grenada to become compliant with CITES (the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) agreement such that Grenada will be allowed to export conch (Lambie) and our divers can be able to improve their income.

***Question #3**

Question pertaining to membership of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO):

Considering the significance of the United Nation's Intergovernmental Organization, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) relative to climate and weather forecasting, please inform the Senate on the following.

- a) Has Government considered becoming a member of the World Meteorological Organization
- b) If yes, please provide information on the plans or roadmap to achieving membership.

- c) If no, please provide information as to Government's decision to not consider joining.

New Questions

*By Senator the Honourable Roderick St. Clair to the Leader of Government's Business,
Senator the Honourable Adrian Thomas*

***Question #1**

Question pertaining to the Government-named Technical Working Group on the Marketing and National Importing Board (MNIB).

Please inform the Senate on the following:

- (i) The full name of each member of the Government appointed Technical Working Group on the MNIB.
- (ii) The qualifications and experience of each member of the Technical Working Group.
- (iii) Terms of Reference that Government has provided to the Technical Working Group.
- (iv) The criteria used to determine the composition of the Technical working group on MNIB
- (v) Is there any form of remuneration or compensation that will be paid to members of the Technical Working Group on MNIB?

***Question #2**

Question pertaining to Grenada regaining market access to USA for fresh mangoes.

- (i) Has Government embarked on a plan of action including strategies and resources to support our farmers and fresh produce exporters to recommence exports of mangoes to the USA?
- (ii) If yes, please inform this Honourable House of the Senate, as to Government's plan.
- (iii) If no, please provide the Senate with an approximate time that a plan would be available for sharing with the farmers, the public and members of this House.

***Question #3**

Question pertaining to the status of the establishment of the Praedial Larceny Fund as is under the existing Praedial Larceny Act since Government's last response to my question on the existence of the Fund.

Please inform the Senate of the progress to date by the Government to have the Praedial Larceny Fund established within the Government's Accounts such that fines at the Magistrate's Court for offences under the Praedial Larceny Act can be deposited and become accessible to farmers who may request compensation under the Act by writing to the Minister of Agriculture.

13. Personal Explanations.

13. Motions.

14. Bills:

For First Reading and Remaining Stages:

- Data Protection Bill, 2023
- Disaster Management Bill, 2023

15. Public Business:

a) By Senator the Honourable Roderick St. Clair:

MOTION ON THE NEED FOR EFFECTIVE PRAEDIAL LARCENY ENFORCEMENT BY GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT OUR FARMERS AND OUR FOOD SECURITY.

WHEREAS farmers continue to identify praedial larceny as a longstanding hindrance to their agriculture production;

AND WHEREAS the legislative and enforcement mechanisms have not been effective;

AND WHEREAS year after year farmers continue to lose morale and money thus putting their livelihood, their safety and Grenada's food security at risk;

AND WHEREAS our farmers need an effective praedial larceny mechanism to protect their investment, protect their livelihood, and protect Grenada's food security;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Senate supports the following:

- (i) That the Government reviews the current state of praedial larceny enforcement measures and provide the Senate with key plans and recommendations it will implement to improve the current situation; and

- (ii) The formation of a committee of 3 to 5 members of the Senate to provide Parliamentary support and oversight for the implementation of Government's proposed plans and recommendations.

b) By Senator the Honourable Roderick St. Clair.

MOTION REQUESTING GOVERNMENT TO LIFT THE RESTRICTIONS FOR YOUNG REGISTERED FARMERS AND FISHERFOLKS UNDER 25 YEARS TO OBTAIN A D-CLASS DRIVERS' LICENCE

WHEREAS to obtain a D-Class driver's licence one has to have at least one year experience driving with a B-Class driver's license and be over 25 years;

AND WHEREAS a young farmer or fisherfolk in Grenada between the ages of 18 to 24 is unable to get a D-Class drivers' licence to operate a pick-up truck which is most appropriate for their agricultural and fisher activities;

AND WHEREAS Grenada National Sustainable Development Plan 2020 - 2035 has recommended to lift this age restriction as an incentive for young registered farmers under the age of 25 and who would have been driving on a B-Class license for at least two years;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Senate supports the following:

That Government reviews the existing situation and appropriately implement the recommendations of the Grenada National Sustainable Development 2020-2035 to allow registered farmers and fisherfolks who are under the age of 25 and who has two years driving experience with a B-Class drivers' licence to be eligible for a D-Class drivers' licence.

Private Member's Bill

By Senator the Honourable Roderick St. Clair

For second reading and remaining stages:

- Agriculture Crop Compensation (Amendment) Bill, (2022), 2023

16. Adjournment.