



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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**Minutes of the proceedings of a Sitting of the House of Representatives held at the Parliament Chamber, Mt. Wheldale, St. George's on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.**

### PRESENT

*House of Representatives*

Mr. Speaker  
The Honourable Leo Cato, MP  
*in the Chair*

Honourable Dickon Mitchell, MP  
(*St. David*)

- Prime Minister & Minister for National Security, Home Affairs, Information, Disaster Management & Public Administration, Infrastructure and Physical Development, Public Utilities & Civil Aviation and Transportation

Honourable Philip A. Telesford, MP  
(*St. George South-East*)

- Minister for Health & Leader of Government's Business

Honourable Joseph Andall, MP  
(*St. Patrick West*)

- Minister for Foreign Affairs, Trade & Export Development

Honourable Lennox J. Andrews  
(*St. Andrew South-West*)

- Minister for Economic Development, Planning, Agriculture & Lands, Marine Resources and Cooperatives

Honourable Tevin Andrews, MP  
(*Carriacou & Petite Martinique*)

- Minister for Carriacou, Petite Martinique Affairs and Local Government

Honourable Dennis Cornwall, MP (St. Patrick East)	- Minister for Finance
Honourable Kerryne Z. James, MP (St. John)	- Minister for Climate Resilience, the Environment and Renewable Energy
Honourable Ron Livingston Redhead, MP (St. George North-East)	- Member
Honourable Delma Thomas, MP (St. Andrew North-West)	- Minister for Mental Health, Wellness & Religious Affairs
Honourable Andy Williams, MP (South St. George)	- Minister for Mobilisation, Implementation and Transformation
Dr. the Rt. Hon. Keith C. Mitchell, PC, MP, JP (St. George North-West)	- Leader of His Majesty's Opposition
Honourable Peter David, MP (Town of St. George)	- Member
Dr. the Hon. Clarice Modeste-Curwen, MP (St. Mark)	- Deputy Speaker
Honourable Kate Lewis, MP (St. Andrew North-East)	- Member
Honourable Emmalin Pierre, MP (St. Andrew South-East)	- Member

### **ABSENT/EXCUSED**

### **PRAYERS**

Prayers were said.

## **OATH OF ALLEGIANCE OR AFFIRMATION OF A NEW MEMBER**

There was no Oath of Allegiance or Affirmation of a New Member.

## **MINUTES**

The Leader of Government's Business moved that the Minutes of the proceedings of a Sitting of the House of Representatives held at the Parliament Chamber, Mt. Wheldale, St. George's on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. be taken as read.

**Question proposed.**

**Question put and agreed to.**

**Minutes taken as read.**

The Leader of Government's Business moved the confirmation of the Minutes of the proceedings of a Sitting of the House of Representatives held at the Parliament Chamber, Mt. Wheldale, St. George's on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

**Question proposed.**

**Question put and agreed to.**

**Minutes confirmed.**

## **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL**

There was no message from the Governor-General.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MR. SPEAKER**

*Mr. Speaker made the following announcement:*

"Good morning Honourable Members, I wish to inform the House that Honourable Kate Lewis and Honourable Emmalin Pierre have functions to do at some Graduations today and will be joining us late. I learned from Honourable Emmalin Pierre that she has to do the Feature Address and I was advised as well that the Honourable Leader of the

Opposition will be late. He has some traffic challenges and as such he will be joining us late.

I have in my possession, correspondence from the Parliament of the Americas informing us that the Parliament of Grenada in collaboration with the ParlAmericas and will be hosting a Workshop here in Grenada on July 09, 2024. It is a half day workshop from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and it is geared for all present Parliamentarians.

On a very similar note, the Parliament of the Americas on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2024, are having a virtual meeting "*Tying the Threads Together*" from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and I would encourage all Members of Parliament to participate, it's a virtual meeting, the link would be provided, and I am encouraging all MPs to log on and see what it's like. These are my announcements, thank you."

### **PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

There was no presentation of Petitions.

### **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES**

There were no Papers and Reports from Select Committees.

### **UNOPPOSED PRIVATE BUSINESS**

There was no unopposed private business.

### **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

### **URGENT QUESTIONS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF STANDING ORDER NO. 20 (1) – NOTICE OF QUESTIONS**

There were no urgent questions.

## **STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS**

- There were no Statements by Ministers.

## **PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS**

There was no Personal Explanation.

## **MOTIONS**

There were no Motions.

## **BILLS**

### **FIREARMS (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) BILL, 2024**

The Leader of Government's Business moved the Second Reading of the above-mentioned Bill.

#### **Question proposed.**

#### **The under-mentioned Members spoke on the Bill:**

- The Leader of Government's Business
- Minister for Mental Health, Wellness & Religious Affairs
- Parliamentary Representative for St. George North-East
- Minister for Finance
- Minister for Economic Development, Planning, Agriculture & Lands, Marine Resources and Cooperatives
- Parliamentary Representative for the Town of St. George
- Minister for Climate Resilience, the Environment and Renewable Energy
- Minister for Carriacou, Petite Martinique Affairs and Local Government
- Parliamentary Representative for St. Mark
- Minister for Mobilisation, Implementation and Transformation
- Prime Minister & Minister for National Security, Home Affairs, Information, Disaster Management & Public Administration, Infrastructure and Physical Development, Public Utilities & Civil Aviation and Transportation
- Leader of His Majesty's Opposition

#### **Mr. Speaker emphasized the need for controlled language and order in the House.**

- Leader of His Majesty's Opposition

**Mr. Speaker informed the Leader of His Majesty's Opposition of his time restraints.**

The Leader of His Majesty's Opposition gave way to the Speaker's request to end his presentation.

The Leader of Government's Business thanked Members for their contributions and support and commended the Bill for its second reading.

**Question put and agreed to.**

**The Bill was read a second time.**

The Leader of Government's Business moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider the Bill Clause by Clause.

**Question proposed.**

**Madam Deputy Speaker in the Chair**

**Question put and agreed to.**

**House in Committee.**

**Mr. Speaker in the Chair.**

Clause 2	- Application	-	agreed to
Clause 3	- Amendment of section 2 of the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 4	- Amendment of section 4 of the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 5	- Amendment of section 5 of the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 6	- Amendment of section 9 of the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 7	- Amendment of section 10 of the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 8	- Amendment of section 11 of the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 9	- Amendment of section 12 of the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 10	- Amendment of section 13 of the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 11	- Amendment of section 14 of the principal Act	-	agreed to

Clause 12	- Amendment of section 15 of the principal Act	- agreed to
Clause 13	- Amendment of section 16 of the principal Act	- agreed to
Clause 14	- Amendment of section 17 of the principal Act	- agreed to
Clause 15	- Amendment of section 19 of the principal Act	- agreed to
Clause 16	- Amendment of section 20 of the principal Act	- agreed to
Clause 17	- Amendment of section 21 of the principal Act	- agreed to
Clause 18	- Amendment of section 22 of the principal Act	- agreed to
Clause 19	- Amendment of section 23 of the principal Act	- agreed to
Clause 20	- Repeal and substitution of section 24 of the principal Act	- agreed to
Clause 21	- Amendment of section 25 of the principal Act	- agreed to
Clause 22	- Repeal and substitution of section 26 of the principal Act	- agreed to
Clause 23	- Amendment of section 35 of the principal Act	- agreed to
Clause 24	- Amendment of section 36 of the principal Act	- agreed to
Clause 25	- Amendment of section 41 of the principal Act	- agreed to
Clause 26	- Amendment of section 42 of the principal Act	- agreed to
Clause 27	- Amendment of section 45 of the principal Act	- agreed to
Clause 28	- Amendment of section 53 of the principal Act	- agreed to
Clause 1	- Short title and commencement	- agreed to

The Leader of Government's Business moved that the House resume and the Chairman of the Committee report progress on the Bill.

**Question proposed.**

**Question put and agreed to.**

**House resumes.**

The Chairman of the Committee reported that the Bill was considered by a Committee of the whole House and passed without amendment.

The Leader of Government's Business moved that the Chairman's Report be adopted.

**Question proposed.**

**Question put and agreed to.**

**Chairman's Report adopted.**

The Leader of Government's Business moved the third reading of the Bill.

**Question proposed.**

**Question put and agreed to.**

**The Bill was read a third time and passed.**

### **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024**

The Leader of Government's Business moved the second reading of the Bill.

**Question proposed.**

**The under-mentioned Members spoke on the Bill:**

- The Leader of Government's Business

**The Parliamentary Representative for the Town of St. George stood on a Point of Clarity.**

Prime Minister & Minister for National Security, Home Affairs, Information, Disaster Management & Public Administration and Minister for Infrastructure and Physical Development, Public Utilities & Civil Aviation and Transportation commented in response to the Point of Clarity raised by the Member for the Town of St. George.

The Leader of Government's Business commented on the Point of Clarity.

- Prime Minister & Minister for National Security, Home Affairs, Information, Disaster Management & Public Administration and Minister for Infrastructure and Physical Development, Public Utilities & Civil Aviation and Transportation



**The Speaker asked all Members of the House to watch their words and debate methods in the House.**

- Parliamentary Representative for the Town of St. George.
- Parliamentary Representative for St. Andrew South-East.

The Leader of Government's Business thanked Members for their contributions and support and commended the Bill for its second reading.

**Question put and agreed to.**

**The Bill was read a second time.**

The Leader of Government's Business moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider the Bill Clause by Clause.

**Question proposed.**

**Question put and agreed to.**

**House in Committee.**

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| Clause 2 - Application                                   | - | agreed to |
| Clause 3 - Amendment to section 47 of the principal Code | - | agreed to |
| Clause 4 - Repeal of section 50 of the principal Code    | - | agreed to |
| Clause 1 - Short title and commencement                  | - | agreed to |

The Leader of Government's Business moved that the House resume and the Chairman of the Committee report progress on the Bill.

**Question proposed.**

**Question put and agreed to.**

**House resumes.**

The Chairman of the Committee reported that the Bill was considered by a Committee of the whole House and passed without amendment.

The Leader of Government's Business moved that the Chairman's Report be adopted.

**Question proposed.**

**Question put and agreed to.**

**Chairman's Report adopted.**

The Leader of Government's Business moved the third reading of the Bill.

**Question proposed.**

**Question put and agreed to.**

**The Bill was read a third time and passed.**

The Prime Minister & Minister for National Security, Home Affairs, Information, Disaster Management & Public Administration and Minister for Infrastructure and Physical Development, Public Utilities & Civil Aviation and Transportation moved for a Division on the Bill.

**DIVISION HELD ON -CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024**

<b>NAMES</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Honourable Dickon Mitchell, MP	Aye			
Honourable Philip Telesford, MP	Aye			
Honourable Joseph Andall, MP	Aye			
Honourable Lennox J. Andrew, MP	Aye			
Honourable Tevin Andrews, MP	Aye			
Honourable Dennis Cornwall, MP	Aye			
Honourable Kerryne James, MP	Aye			
Honourable Ron Livingston Redhead, MP	Aye			
Honourable Delma Thomas, MP	Aye			
Honourable Andy Williams, MP	Aye			
Dr. the Rt. Hon. Keith Mitchell, MP				Absent
Honourable Clarice Modeste-Curwen, MP			Abstention	
Honourable Peter David, MP			Abstention	
Honourable Kate Lewis, MP				Absent
Honourable Emmalin Pierre, MP		No		
<b>TOTAL</b>	10	1	2	2

## **PASSPORTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024**

The Prime Minister introduced the above-mentioned Bill for its first reading.

**The Bill was read a first time.**

The Prime Minister moved that the relevant Standing Order of the House be suspended to enable the Bill to be taken through all its stages at that Sitting.

**Question proposed.**

**Question put and agreed to.**

**Relevant Standing Order suspended.**

The Prime Minister moved the second reading of the Bill.

**Question proposed.**

**The under-mentioned Members spoke on the Bill:**

- Prime Minister & Minister for National Security, Home Affairs, Information, Disaster Management & Public Administration and Minister for Infrastructure and Physical Development, Public Utilities & Civil Aviation and Transportation
- The Leader of Government's Business
- Minister for Finance

The Prime Minister thanked Members for their contributions and support and commended the Bill for its second reading.

**Question put and agreed to.**

**The Bill was read a second time.**

The Prime Minister moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider the Bill Clause by Clause.

**Question proposed.**

**Question put and agreed to.**

**House in Committee.**

Clause 2      -    Amendment of section 6 of the Principal Act      -      agreed to

Clause 1 - Short title and commencement - agreed to

The Prime Minister moved that the House resume and the Chairman of the Committee report progress on the Bill.

**Question proposed.**

**Question put and agreed to.**

**House resumes.**

The Chairman of the Committee reported that the Bill was considered by a Committee of the whole House and passed without amendment.

The Prime Minister moved that the Chairman's Report be adopted.

**Question proposed.**

**Question put and agreed to.**

**Chairman's Report adopted.**

The Prime Minister moved the third reading of the Bill.

**Question proposed.**

**Question put and agreed to.**

**The Bill was read a third time and passed.**

## **REQUEST FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE ON MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

The Honourable Leader of Government's Business moved the adjournment of the House *sine die*.

**Question Proposed.**

**Question put and agreed to.**

***The Sitting of the House adjourned sine die at 1:43 p.m.***

Submitted to the Speaker for his signature in accordance with Section 6 (2) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives.



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Andrew Augustine  
**CLERK OF PARLIAMENT**

Signed by me pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 6 (2).



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Leo Cato, Honourable, MP  
**SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**