



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Minutes of the proceedings of a Sitting of the House of Representatives held at the Parliament Chamber, Mt. Wheldale, St. George's on Tuesday 20th January, 2026 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, Transportation and Communications Technology

Honourable Philip 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, MP (St. Andrew South-West)	- Minister for Economic Development, Planning, Agriculture & Lands, Marine Resources and Cooperatives
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 Youth and Sports, Mental Health & Religious Affairs
Honourable Andy Williams, MP (South St. George)	- Minister for Mobilisation, Implementation and Transformation
Honourable Emmalin Pierre, MP (St. Andrew South-East)	- Leader of His Majesty's Opposition
Dr. the Rt. Hon. Keith C. Mitchell, PC, MP, JP (St. George North-West)	- Member
Hon. Dr. Clarice Modeste-Curwen, MP (St. Mark)	- Deputy Speaker
Honourable Peter David, MP (Town of St. George)	- Member

ABSENT/EXCUSED

Honourable Tevin Andrews, MP (Carriacou & Petite Martinique)	- Minister for Carriacou, Petite Martinique Affairs and Local Government
Honourable Kate Lewis-Peters, MP (St. Andrew North-East)	- Member

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 Monday December 01, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday December 04, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. and on Friday December 05, 2025 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 Monday December 01, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday December 4, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. and on Friday December 05, 2025 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 announcements:

“Honourable Members, It’s of course our first meeting for the New Year and I wish everyone a very fruitful, productive, happy and healthy 2026. My announcements The Honourable MP for the constituency of St. Andrew North East will not be with us today, the Honourable Member is out State, officially on parliamentary business.

I also wish to inform this Honourable House that the 28th Conference of the Commonwealth Speakers and Presiding Officers that was held in India was attended to by Senator the Honourable Dr. Dessima Williams, President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who delivered the Key Note address in the Parliament of India.

I also want to inform this Honourable House that on February 5, 2026, as part of Grenada’s Independence celebrations, also the Parliament will host an activity celebrating the traditions of Grenada. We invite all Members of Parliament to come and experience that activity. We hope to have steel pan music and of course, our National Dish ‘Oil Down’ and included as part of this the Speaker’s Pot. Those are my announcements. Thank you.”

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

There was no presentation of Petitions.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

The Leader of Government’s Business moved that the following Reports be laid on the Table:

1. State-owned Enterprises and Statutory Bodies Statement of Performance Report 2024;
2. Grenada Authority for the Financial Regulation of Financial Institutions (GARFIN) Annual Report and Accounts 2024;
3. Grenada Ports Authority Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December, 2024;

4. Grenada Authority for the Financial Regulation of Financial Institutions (GARFIN) Report of the Supervisor of Insurance for the year ended 31st December, 2024.

The Speaker ordered that the Reports and Papers be laid on the Table at that Sitting.

UNOPPOSED PRIVATE BUSINESS

There was no unopposed private business.

QUESTIONS

Honourable Dr. Clarice Modeste-Curwen Informed the Speaker and the House that the Leader of His Majesty's Opposition, Honourable Emmalin Pierre was late beyond her control and would therefore miss the Item on Questions.

The Speaker acknowledged and indicated that the Member for St. Mark ask her questions posed to the House.

Honourable Dr. Clarice Modeste-Curwen, asked the Minister for Infrastructure, Honourable Dickon Mitchell, the following questions:

Questions No. 1 - 3

1. What is the State of progress of work on the Waltham land expansion project for the fishermen?
 - a. If it has not started can you please provide the reason(s)?
 - b. If it is not started can you please provide information on the projected start up time?
2. What is the status of the work at the Victoria Hotel, and how soon will it be ready for occupation by the Police?
3. What is the status of work on the Red Mud farm road and the Mt. Cenis to Brothers farm roads?

Honourable Dr. Clarice Modeste-Curwen indicated that those questions were recurring questions with the initial date being November 27 of 2023. The Member added that at the last Sitting of the House a request was made and agreed to that the written answers be provided at the subsequent Sitting of the House.

The Speaker commented that the responses to the questions could be forthcoming as the request made would have to be provided in written form from the Ministry of Infrastructure and agreed to follow up on the responses.

Honourable Dr. Clarice Modeste-Curwen requested clarity from the Speaker on a reasonable time for responses to questions asked in the House.

The Speaker indicated that a reasonable time would be the subsequent Sitting of the House.

Honourable Emmalin Pierre, Leader of His Majesty's Opposition will ask the Minister for Mobilization, Implementation & Transformation, the following questions:

Discussions were held between the Speaker and the Leader of His Majesty's Opposition on the questions that could be answered orally and the questions to be given written answers.

It was agreed that written answers to the following questions by the Leader of His Majesty's Opposition be provided at the subsequent Sitting of the House of Representatives.

Question No.1 - 4

1. What is the total amount spent to date on the completed *Build Back Better* houses?
2. Will the Government provide a list of all contractors who were engaged in the *Build Back Better* programme, including their names, type of services provided and their addresses?
3. How many houses under the *Build Back Better* programme were handed over to families by the end of July 2025? Please present numbers separately for Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique.
4. In the 2024 Supplementary Budget, EC\$15 million was allocated to the Ministry of Implementation and Transformation (MIT) for the construction of 200 houses on mainland Grenada:
 - a) How many of these houses have been handed over to families to date?
 - b) What was the cost of those already delivered?
 - c) Will the Government provide a list of the beneficiaries, including their names and addresses?

Honourable Emmalin Pierre, Leader of His Majesty's Opposition will ask the Minister for Infrastructure & Physical Development, Honourable Dickon Mitchell the following questions:

Question No.1 - 2

1. What is the estimated cost and stipulated completion time for the Clozier land slippage project?
2. Regarding the Cliff Road Project:
 - i. What was the original approved cost?
 - ii. How much has been spent thus far?
 - iii. What is the estimated cost to complete the project?
 - iv. What or who is responsible for the current delays?
 - v. When is work expected to restart, and what is the projected completion date?

Honourable Emmalin Pierre, Leader of His Majesty's Opposition will ask the Prime Minister & Minister for National Security, Honourable Dickon Mitchell the following questions:

Question No.1

1. What was the original cost approved for the renovations for the RGPF Headquarters on the Carenage?
 - b) What is the total amount spent to date?
 - c) Who were the contractors engaged on the project?
 - d) By what process were these contractors selected?
 - e) What qualifications or experience did each contractor have?

Honourable Emmalin Pierre, Leader of His Majesty's Opposition will ask the Minister for Blue Economy & Marine Affairs, Economic Development, Planning and Cooperatives, Agriculture & Lands, Forestry and Marine Resources, the following questions:

Question No.1 - 4

1. What is the status of the new Cannabis Commission?
2. What is the Government's current policy on cannabis, specifically with respect to legalization and decriminalization?
3. What is the current status of the restructuring or re-establishment of the Marketing and National Importing Board (MNIB)?

4. Will the Government provide a detailed list of farmers and fishermen who benefitted from the CCRIF (Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility) payout, indicating how much each individual received and the village or community in which they reside?

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

The undermentioned spoke on Personal Explanations as follows:

- Parliamentary Representative for St. Mark.

The Member for St. Patrick West rose on a Point of Clarity.

The Leader of His Majesty's Opposition rose on a Point of Order.

MOTIONS

There were no Motions.

BILLS

DRUG ABUSE (PREVENTION AND CONTROL) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026

The Leader of Government's Business introduced the above-mentioned Bill for its First Reading.

The Bill was read a first time.

The Leader of Government's Business 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 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;
- Minister for Youth and Sports, Mental Health & Religious Affairs;
- 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;
- Parliamentary Representative for St. George North-East;
- Prime Minister & Minister for National Security, Home Affairs, Information, Disaster Management & Public Administration, Infrastructure and Physical Development, Public Utilities & Civil Aviation, Transportation and Communications Technology;
- The Leader of His Majesty's Opposition;
- Parliamentary Representative for St. George North-West;
- Parliamentary Representative for St. Mark;

The Leader of Government's Business thanked Members for the support and contributions to the Bill and commended the Bill to 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.

Clause 2	-	Amendment of section 2 of principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 3	-	Amendment of section 4 of principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 4	-	Amendment of section 5 of principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 5	-	Amendment of section 6 of principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 6	-	Insertion of section 6A in the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 7	-	Amendment of section 7 of principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 8	-	Amendment of section 9 of principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 9	-	Amendment of section 10 of principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 10	-	Amendment of section 11 of principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 11	-	Insertion of new sections 13A, 13B, 13C, 13D and 13E in the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 12	-	Amendment of section 21 of the principal Act	-	agreed o
Clause 13	-	Insertion of new section 53 in the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 14	-	Amendment of Second Schedule to the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 15	-	Amendment of Fifth Schedule to the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 16	-	Insertion of new Schedules in the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 17	-	Consequential amendment to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act	-	agreed to

SCHEDULE - - agreed to

Clause 1 - Short title - 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.

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

The 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 12:56 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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Adrian Joseph (Dr.)
CLERK OF PARLIAMENT (Ag.)

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



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Leo Cato (Honourable)
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES