



## 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 17<sup>th</sup> February, 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 Emmalin Pierre, MP (St. Andrew South-East)	- Leader of His Majesty's Opposition
Hon. Dr. Clarice Modeste-Curwen, MP (St. Mark)	- Deputy Speaker
Honourable Kate Lewis-Peters, MP (St. Andrew North-East)	- Member

### **ABSENT/EXCUSED**

Honourable Tevin Andrews, MP (Carriacou & Petite Martinique)	- Minister for Carriacou, Petite Martinique Affairs and Local Government
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)	- Member
Honourable Peter David, MP (Town of St. George)	- 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 Tuesday January 20, 2026 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 January 20, 2026 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, I am advised that the Honourable Member for Carriacou and Petite Martinique is unable to join us at this Sitting and also, the Honourable Member for South St. George is overseas on State business and as such won't be here for today's Sitting.

I wish to inform this Honourable House that the Parliament did celebrate the traditions of Grenada as planned on February 7, 2026 and it was well received. On that weekend we had some famous persons like the great Jennifer Hosten who was the Miss World 1970. She came calling and so were several other persons.

Also today, February 17, every year the world celebrates the movement from analogue TV to digital TV. So people who are listening and watching this Sitting of the Parliament must appreciate the transformation that we now experience when we look at TV. It was not always Coloured, it was once black and white and very slow. Those are my announcements. Thank you.”

## **PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

There was no presentation of Petitions.

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

There was no Presentation of Papers and Reports from Select Committees.

## **UNOPPOSED PRIVATE BUSINESS**

There was no unopposed private business.

## QUESTIONS

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

### **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?

**The Leader of His Majesty's Opposition informed the House that written answers to the four (4) questions asked were provided from the Minister for Mobilization, Implementation and Transformation. She indicated that clarification was needed on the answer given to question one (1).**

**The Leader of His Majesty's Opposition further informed the House that answers to the other eight (8) questions asked were not provided.**

***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?

The 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 Dickon Mitchell informed the House that the Answers to the Questions asked by the Leader of His Majesty's Opposition, Honourable Emmalin Pierre would be provided to the Office of the Clerk for circulation momentarily.

***Honourable Dr. Clarice Modeste-Curwen, asked the Minister for Infrastructure and Physical Development, National Security, Home Affairs, Information, Disaster Management & Public Administration, Public Utilities & Civil Aviation, Transportation and Communications Technology, 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 specified that the questions asked 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 a follow up would be done on obtaining the responses to the questions.**

The Minister for Infrastructure and Physical Development, National Security, Home Affairs, Information, Disaster Management & Public Administration, Public Utilities & Civil Aviation, Transportation and Communications Technology, Honourable Dickon Mitchell indicated that attempts were made to provide the answers to question one (1) asked, however, information on the projects referenced were not found within the Ministry and therefore advised that information on the Contract and contractors be provided to the Ministry in going forward.

The Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure pointed out that as of 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026 no records existed on the projects referred to in the questions asked and advised that the Ministry would further look into past contracts. He further indicated that the contractors holding contracts could go to the Ministry and present their contracts for the matters to be resolved.

The Prime Minister indicated that an answer to question two (2) would be provided to the Member for St. Mark.

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

There were no urgent questions.

### **STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS**

The undermentioned spoke on Statements by Ministers:

- Minister for Youth and Sports, Mental Health & Religious Affairs;
- Leader of Government Business and Minister for Health.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

There was no Personal Explanation.

## MOTIONS

There were no Motions.

## BILLS

### **BANKING (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 Economic Development, Planning, Agriculture & Lands, Marine Resources and Cooperatives;
- Parliamentary Representative for St. Mark;
- Minister for Finance;

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	-	Interpretation	-	agreed to
Clause 3	-	Amendment of section 2 of the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 4	-	Amendment of section 10 of the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 5	-	Amendment of section 14 of the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 6	-	Insertion of new section 19A in the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 7	-	Amendment of section 44 of principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 8	-	Amendment of section 45 of the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 9	-	Amendment of section 50 of the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 10	-	Amendment of section 53 of the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 11	-	Insertion of new section 53A in the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 12	-	Amendment of section 59 of the principal Act	-	agreed o
Clause 13	-	Amendment of section 69 of the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 14	-	Insertion of new Part VII of the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 15	-	Amendment of VII of the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 16	-	Insertion of new Part VIIA in the principal Act	-	agreed to

Clause 17	-	Amendment of Section 183 of the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 18	-	Amendment of section 184 of the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 19	-	Insertion of new section 184A in the principal Act	-	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.**

## **CARICOM ARREST WARRANT 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 Foreign Affairs and Trade and Export Development;
- The Leader of His Majesty's Opposition;
- Parliamentary Representative for St. George North-East;

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 Part by Part.

### **Question proposed.**

### **Question put and agreed to.**

### **House in Committee.**

PART II	-	CARICOM ARREST WARRANT	-	agreed to
PART III	-	MISCELLANEOUS	-	agreed to
FIRST SCHEDULE	-	APPLICABLE OFFENSES	-	agreed to

SECOND SCHEDULE - Form of CARICOM Arrest Warrant - agreed to

PART I - PRELIMINARY - 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.**

### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (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;
- ❖ Parliamentary Representative for St. Andrew North-East;
- ❖ Parliamentary Representative for St. Mark;
- ❖ 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.

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 to section 2 of the principal Act - 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.**

### **TRADEMARKS (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;

The Leader of Government's Business 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 to section 2 of the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 3	-	Insertion of new Part 2A in the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 4	-	Insertion of new Schedules I and II to the principal Act	-	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 pass**

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

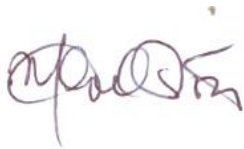
The Leader of Government's Business moved the adjournment of the House *sine die*.

**Question proposed.**

**Question put and agreed to.**

***The Sitting of the House adjourned sine die at 12: 45 p.m.***

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



.....  
Melvina Gulston  
**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**