



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 23rd June, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT

House of Representatives

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

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 Tevin Andrews, MP
(Carriacou & Petite Martinique)

- Minister for Carriacou, Petite Martinique
Affairs and Local Government

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)	- Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister for Digital Transformation
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 Kate Lewis-Peters, MP (St. Andrew North-East)	- Member
Honourable Peter David, MP (Town of St. George)	- Member

ABSENT/EXCUSED

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 Dennis Cornwall, MP (St. Patrick East)	- Minister for Finance

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 Wednesday May 27, 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 Wednesday May 27, 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:

“Good morning Honourable Members of this House. I wish to apologise for the late start of this morning’s proceedings. Nonetheless, I wish to make the following announcements.

One, we are in receipt of correspondence from the President of the Senate in relation to the Advanced Passenger Information Name Record Bill, 2026.

Two, I am informed that the Honourable Minister for Finance and the Honourable Prime Minister will be absent from today’s Sitting as they are overseas on State Business.

June 23rd every year, there are several national and international observances, but today I want to remind us of the “International Olympic Day” and also, is” International Widow’s Day”. It is perhaps a good thing to reflect on the widows in our communities and to make sure that we look out for them.

I would use this opportunity also to welcome Grenadian Nationals who are returning home to be with their friends and family. We welcome you here from Parliament because there is no better place like home.

Those 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.

UNOPPOSED PRIVATE BUSINESS

There was no unopposed private business.

QUESTIONS

The Leader of His Majesty's Opposition, Honourable Emmalin Pierre, asked the Prime Minister and Minister for Transportation, National Security, Home Affairs, Information, Disaster Management & Public Administration, Infrastructure and Physical Development, Public Utilities & Civil Aviation, Transportation and Communications Technology, the following questions:

Questions No. 1 - 4

1. Will the Minister provide a complete account of the objectives, scope, and performance criteria of the Spice School Bus Pilot Programme, including the following details:
 - (a) What were the specific objectives of the Spice School Bus Pilot Programme, including the parishes and schools that were included, and the dates on which the pilot commenced and concluded?
 - (b) What were the performance indicators or success criteria established before the launch of the pilot, and has each of those indicators been met?
2. Will the Minister disclose the full financial details and procurement processes for the Spice School Bus Pilot Programme, including the following:
 - (a) What was the total budget allocated to the pilot, broken down by capital expenditure (e.g., technology, equipment) and recurrent expenditure (e.g., operations, hiring of buses, administration)?
 - (b) What was the actual total expenditure incurred during the pilot, and how does this compare to the original budget?
 - (c) Were there any cost overruns or unanticipated expenses? If so, please provide a detailed explanation and the amounts involved.
 - (d) Please describe the procurement process used for all goods and services acquired for the pilot, including the Passenger Information System (PIS), any vehicles, and any related technology or software.

- (e) Were competitive tenders called for any component of the pilot? If so, how many bids were received, and which companies were awarded contracts? If no competitive tender was held, please state the legal or administrative basis for direct sourcing.
 - (f) What was the value and scope of each contract or employment agreement awarded under the project? Was an assessment done to determine how well they performed the contracts or agreements?
3. Will the Minister state, for the Spice School Bus Pilot Programme, the exact number of children who benefitted, including the following figures:
- (a) How many students were registered to use the pilot service at the beginning of the programme (first week of operation)?
 - (b) How many students were actively using the service at the end of the pilot (final week of operation)?
 - (c) Please provide a monthly breakdown of student ridership (e.g., average daily student passengers) throughout the pilot period.
 - (d) Were there any students who registered but did not use the service? How many? What reasons were given?
4. Will the Minister inform the House of the Government's conclusions and next steps following the Spice School Bus Pilot Programme, including the following:
- (a) Based on the pilot's results, has the Government taken a final decision to roll out a national school bus service?
 - * If yes, what is the projected timeline and budget for that rollout?
 - * If no, what further studies or actions are required?

The Speaker advised the House that answers to the Questions directed to the Prime Minister were not provided to the Office of the Clerk and that the Prime Minister was out of State and therefore not able to inform the House of the Status of the Questions asked.

The Leader of His Majesty's Opposition, Honourable Emmalin Pierre, asked the Minister for Economic Development, Planning, Agriculture & Lands, Marine Resources and Cooperatives, the following questions:

Questions No. 1 - 2

1. Will the Minister provide a complete account of the objectives, scope, and technical specifications of the National Breeding Programme (imported live-stock), including the following details:
 - (a) What were the specific objectives of the programme?
 - (b) How many purebred animals were imported (by species and breed)?
 - (c) What were the arrival, quarantine, and first distribution dates?
 - (d) What is the current status of the animals purchased - number distributed, number dead, number in government possession?
2. Will the Minister disclose the full financial details and procurement processes for the National Breeding Programme, including the following:
 - (a) What was the total final cost of the programme, including purchase price, air freight, quarantine facilities, veterinary services, and farmer facility upgrades, broken down by capital and recurrent expenditure?

The Minister for Economic Development, Planning, Agriculture & Lands, Marine Resources and Cooperatives advised the House that the Questions directed to his ministry were received and being prepared to be submitted to the subsequent Sitting of the House of Representatives.

The Speaker indicated that the Office of the Clerk will follow up on the responses from the Prime Minister's Ministry.

**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 Foreign Affairs, Trade and Export Development;
- Minister for Climate Resilience, the Environment and Renewable Energy;

The Speaker commented on the attendance of the young Attorneys-at-Law from Afi Ventour & Co. (Interns) at the Sitting of the House.

- Minister for Youth and Sports, Mental Health & Religious Affairs;

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

There were no Personal Explanations.

MOTIONS

There were no Motions.

BILLS

ADVANCE PASSENGER INFORMATION AND PASSENGER NAME RECORD BILL, 2026

The Leader of Government's Business informed the House of a Message from the Senate as follows:

Message from the Senate to the House of Representatives

The Senate at its meeting on June 11, 2026 passed the Advanced Passenger Information and Passenger Name Record Bill, 2026 with an amendment. The following amendment was made to which they desire the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

ADVANCED PASSENGER INFORMATION AND PASSENGER NAME RECORD BILL, 2026

Part IV Clause 21 (7) to be changed to (6) and subsection (6) should be changed to (5) which would read as follows:

“(6) A passenger or crew member who contravenes subsection (5) is liable to an administrative fine of US\$400.00 to be imposed by the Competent Authority.”

The Leader of Government’s Business moved a Motion that the House give consideration to the recommendation from the Senate and agree to the amendment made to the Bill.

Question proposed

Question put and agreed to.

The Bill with the amendment made by the Senate was read a third time and accepted by the House of Representatives.

DIGITALTRANSFORMATION AGENCY 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;
- Parliamentary Representative for St. George North-West;

- Minister of State with responsibility for Digital Transformation

Deputy Speaker in the Chair.

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

Speaker in the Chair.

- Parliamentary Representative for St. Mark;
- Minister for Climate Resilience, the Environment and Renewable Energy;
- Leader of His Majesty's Opposition;
- Minister for Foreign Affairs, Trade and Export Development;
- Minister for Mobilisation, Implementation and Transformation;

The Leader of Government's Business presented his closing remarks on the Bill

The Honourable Leader of His Majesty's Opposition stood on a point of Clarity.

The Leader of Government's Business thanked Members for their contributions, and support given 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	-	ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AGENCY	-	agreed to
PART III	-	GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION	-	agreed to
FIRST SCHEDULE	-	BOARD OF THE AGENCY – CONSTITUTION AND		

		PROCEEDINGS OF MEETINGS -	agreed to
SECOND SCHEDULE	-	FINANCIAL PROVISIONS AND ACCOUNTABILITY	- 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 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 amendments.

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 without amendments.

**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***.

The following Spoke on the adjournment:

- ❖ Honourable Telesford Philip
- ❖ Honourable Delma Thomas
- ❖ Honourable Kerryne James
- ❖ Honourable Ron Redhead
- ❖ Honourable Tevin Andrews
- ❖ Honourable Andy Williams
- ❖ Honourable Emmalin Pierre
- ❖ Honourable Andall Joseph

Question proposed.

Question put and agreed to.

The Sitting of the House adjourned sine die at 1:35 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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Finley Jeffrey
CLERK OF PARLIAMENT

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