



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 Tuesday June 23, 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 June 23, 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 I first of all would like to say to this Honourable House that the Clerk of Parliament is down with the flu, and so when you look at the front table you would see that we have the Deputy Clerk in the Chair and another officer acting as the Assistant Clerk today. We wish him well and that he can recover from his flu and be back on his feet.

I also want to announce that the Meeting of the Committee of Privileges is carded for Friday July 31, 2026 at the conference room at Parliament.

I take this opportunity to recognise those who are representing us now in Scotland, as we sit here, the Commonwealth Games are well on the way in Scotland and I am advised that we have a team of ten out there. Mr. Zachari Gresham is our flag bearer and Ms. Tilly Collymore is the bearer of the King’s Baton. We want to wish our team in Scotland well.

And finally, we would be without Honourable Tevin Andrew today, the MP for Carriacou and Petite Martinique. He has some pressing engagement, and as such he cannot be with us. 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) Report of the Director of Audit Grenada on the Resources Managed for the period from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025 by the Project Accounting Unit in the Ministry of Finance for the Digital Government for Resilience Project (DG4R) Sources and Uses of Funds for the period ended 31 December 2025;

- 2) Grenada Authority for the Regulation of Financial Institutions, Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2025;
- 3) Report of the Director of Audit Grenada on the Resources Managed for the period 1 January 2025 to 13 December 2025 by the Project Accounting Unit in the Ministry of Finance for the OECS Data for Decision Making Project;
- 4) Report of the Status of the Operations of the Eastern Caribbean Asset Management Cooperation, April 1, 2025 – September 30, 2025;
- 5) Eastern Caribbean Management Cooperation Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March, 2025.

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

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?

Answers to the questions asked by the Leader of His Majesty's Opposition were provided to the Office of the Clerk from the Ministry of *Transportation, National Security, Home Affairs, Information, Disaster Management & Public Administration, Infrastructure and Physical Development, Public Utilities & Civil Aviation, Transportation and Communications Technology. The Answers were sent to the Leader of His Majesty's Opposition.*

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?

Answers to the questions asked by the Leader of His Majesty's Opposition were provided to the Office of the Clerk from the Ministry of Agriculture.

The Leader of His Majesty's Opposition, Honourable Emmalin Pierre indicated that she could not accept the Answers provided to the questions asked of the Minister for Transportation and the Minister for Agriculture. She commented that the procedures governing the provision of answers sent to the Parliament should be from the Ministers to whom the questions were directed to instead of persons outside of the membership of Parliament.

The Leader of His Majesty's Opposition stated that she would not accept answers provided to the questions asked of the Ministers which were provided by Public Officers and not from the Ministers.

The Speaker remarked that the Leader of His Majesty's Opposition's point was noted.

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;
- 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

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

There were no Personal Explanations.

MOTIONS

There were no Motions.

BILLS

GRENADA CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT (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;
- 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;
- Parliamentary Representative for St. Andrew North-East;
- Minister of State with responsibility for Digital Transformation;
- Minister for Foreign Affairs, Trade and Export Development;
- Leader of His Majesty's Opposition;

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 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 3 of the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 5	-	Insertion of new sections 3A to 3H in the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 6	-	Amendment of section 4 of the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 7	-	Repeal and substitution of section 7 of the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 8	-	Insertion of new sections 7A and 7B in the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 9	-	Insertion of new sections 8B and 8C in the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 10	-	Amendment of section 13 of the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 11	-	Insertion of new sections 13A to 13 H in the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 12	-	Amendment of section 14 of the principal Act	-	agreed to

Clause 13	-	Insertion of new section 14A in the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 14	-	Amendment of section 15 of the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 15	-	Insertion of new sections 15A and 15B in the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 16	-	Amendment of section 16 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 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 Dr. Clarice Modeste-Curwen

Mr. Speaker made remarks

- ❖ Honourable Delma Thomas
- ❖ Honourable Emmalin Pierre
- ❖ Honourable Prime Minister

Mr. Speaker made remarks

Question proposed.

Question put and agreed to.

The Sitting of the House adjourned sine die at 11:23 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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Melvina Gulston (Ms.)
DEPUTY 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