



SENATE

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A SITTING OF THE SENATE HELD AT THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, MT. WHELDALE, ST. GEORGE ON FRIDAY 31TH JULY, 2026

PRESENT

Madam President

Senator the Honourable Dr. Dessima Williams

in the Chair

Senator the Honourable Adrian Thomas

Minister for Tourism, Creative
Economy and Culture

(Leader of Government's
Business)

Senator the Honourable David Evelyn Andrew

Minister for Education

Senator the Honourable Quinc Britton

Parliamentary Secretary within
the Ministry for Tourism, Creative
Economy and Culture with
Responsibility for Culture

Senator the Honourable Seville Francis

Parliamentary Secretary within
the Ministry for Youth and Sports

Senator the Honourable Claudette Joseph

Attorney General & Minister for
Legal Affairs, Labour and
Consumer Affairs

Senator the Honourable Gloria Ann Thomas	Minister for Social & Community Development, Housing and Gender Affairs (Social Security)
Senator the Honourable Norland Cox	Opposition Member of the Senate (Deputy President)
Senator the Honourable Dr. Myanna Charles	Opposition Member of the Senate
Senator the Honourable Dwight Horsford	Opposition Member of the Senate
Senator the Honourable Mondy André Lewis	Member of the Senate (Labour Representative)
Senator the Honourable Roderick St. Clair	Member of the Senate (Farmers' and Fishers' Representative)

ABSENT

Senator the Honourable Salim Rahaman	Member of the Senate (Business Representative)
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The Sitting of the Senate began at 9:08 a.m.

PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Madam President.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE OR AFFIRMATION OF A NEW SENATOR

There was no Oath of Allegiance or Affirmation of a new Senator.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

There were no Messages from the Governor-General.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MADAM PRESIDENT

Madam President made announcements.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Leader of Government's Business, Senator the Honourable Adrian Thomas, Minister for Tourism, Creative Economy and Culture, moved that the Minutes of the proceedings

of the Sittings of the Senate held at the Parliament Building, Mt. Wheldale, St. George, on Friday 10th July, 2026 at 09:00 a.m., be taken as read.

Question proposed.

Question put and agreed to.

Minutes taken as read.

The Leader of Government's Business, Senator the Honourable Adrian Thomas, Minister for Tourism, Creative Economy and Culture, moved that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Sittings of the Senate held at the Parliament Chamber, Mt. Wheldale, St. George on Friday 10th July, 2026 at 09:00 a.m., be confirmed.

Question proposed.

Question put and agreed to.

Minutes confirmed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

There were no Petitions.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

The Leader of Government's Business, Senator the Honourable Adrian Thomas, Minister for Tourism, Creative Economy and Culture moved that the following Reports and Papers 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.

Madam President ordered that the Reports and Papers be laid on the Table.

The under-mentioned Senator made a contribution on the Reports and Papers:

- Senator the Honourable Roderick St. Clair, Member of the Senate (Farmers' and Fishers' Representative)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

The following Questions standing in the name of Senator the Honourable Norland Cox, Opposition Member of the Senate, Deputy President were asked to the Leader of Government's Business, Senator the Honourable Adrian Thomas, Minister for Tourism, Creative Economy and Culture:

Question No. 1

- a. Was the contract for the Windward jetty awarded in compliance with Grenada's public procurement laws?
- b. If yes, can the Parliament be provided with the list of companies that submitted tender bids for the project?

Question No. 2

- a. Which company was ultimately awarded the contract?
- b. What is the total estimated cost associated with the construction of the new jetty?
- c. What is the estimated timeframe for completion of the project?

Senator the Honourable Norland Cox, Opposition Member of the Senate, Deputy President indicated that he had received and accepted the answers.

Madam President thanked Senator Cox for accepting the answers and also thanked the Leader of Government's Business who provided the answers and pronounced that those answers formed part of the records.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

The under-mentioned Ministers made statements:

- ❖ Senator the Honourable Gloria Ann Thomas, Minister for Social & Community Development, Housing and Gender Affairs (Social Security)
- ❖ Senator the Honourable Seville Francis Parliamentary Secretary within the Ministry for Youth and Sports

The under-mentioned Member made remarks:

- Senator the Honourable Roderick St. Clair, Member of the Senate (Farmers' and Fishers' Representative)

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, Senator the Honourable Adrian Thomas, Minister for Tourism, Creative Economy and Culture, introduced the above-mentioned Bill for first reading.

The Bill was read a first time.

The Leader of Government's Business, Senator the Honourable Adrian Thomas, Minister for Tourism, Creative Economy and Culture, moved that the relevant Standing Order of the Senate 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, Senator the Honourable Adrian Thomas, Minister for Tourism, Creative Economy and Culture, moved the second reading of the Bill.

Question proposed.

The under-mentioned Members spoke on the Bill:

- ❖ The Leader of Government's Business, Senator the Honourable Adrian Thomas, Minister for Tourism, Creative Economy and Culture
- ❖ Senator the Honourable Norland Cox, Opposition Member of the Senate, Deputy President
- ❖ Senator the Honourable Quinc Britton, Parliamentary Secretary within the Ministry for Tourism, Creative Economy and Culture with Responsibility for Culture
- ❖ Senator the Honourable Roderick St. Clair, Member of the Senate (Farmers' and Fishers' Representative)
- ❖ Senator the Honourable Gloria Ann Thomas, Minister for Social & Community Development, Housing and Gender Affairs (Social Security)
- ❖ Senator the Honourable Dr. Myanna Charles, Opposition Member of the Senate
- ❖ Senator the Honourable David Evelyn Andrew, Minister for Education
- ❖ Senator the Honourable Dwight Horsford, Opposition Member of the Senate
- ❖ Senator the Honourable Seville Francis, Parliamentary Secretary within the Ministry for Youth and Sports
- ❖ Senator the Honourable Mondy André Lewis, Member of the Senate (Labour Representative)
- ❖ Senator the Honourable Claudette Joseph, Attorney General & Minister for Legal Affairs, Labour and Consumer Affairs

The Leader of Government's Business, Senator the Honourable Adrian Thomas, Minister for Tourism, Creative Economy and Culture, thanked all Senators for their contribution 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, Senator the Honourable Adrian Thomas, Minister for Tourism, Creative Economy and Culture, moved that the Senate resolve itself into a Committee of the whole Senate to consider the Bill Clause by Clause.

Question proposed.

Question put and agreed to.

Senate 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-

Senator the Honourable Mondy André Lewis, Member of the Senate (Labour Representative) made some queries and sought information.

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

The following amendments were made:

ARRANGEMENTS OF CLAUSES

Clause 11 should read **“Insertion of new sections 13A to 13G”, instead of “13A to 13H”**.

In the body of the bill Clause 11 should read:

“Insertion of new sections 13A to 13G in the principal Act

11. The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 13 the following and new sections 13A, 13B, 13C, 13D, 13E, 13F and 13G.”

Consequently, the entire section 13H, **“Disclosure of Information”** should be deleted.

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, Senator the Honourable Adrian Thomas, Minister for Tourism, Creative Economy and Culture, moved that the Senate resume and that the Chair of the Committee report progress on the Bill.

Question proposed.

Question put and agreed to.

The Senate resumed and the Chair of the Committee reported that the Bill was considered by a Committee of the Whole Senate and passed with amendments.

The Leader of Government's Business, Senator the Honourable Adrian Thomas, Minister for Tourism, Creative Economy and Culture, moved that the Chair's Report be adopted.

Question proposed.

Question put and agreed to.

Chair's Report adopted.

The Leader of Government's Business, Senator the Honourable Adrian Thomas, Minister for Tourism, Creative Economy and Culture, moved the third reading of the Bill.

Question proposed.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

There was no Public Business.

ADJOURNMENT

The Leader of Government's Business, Senator the Honourable Adrian Thomas, Minister for Tourism, Creative Economy and Culture, moved the adjournment of the Senate ***sine die***.

The under-mentioned Members spoke on the Adjournment:

- ❖ Senator the Honourable Seville Francis, Parliamentary Secretary within the Ministry for Youth and Sports

- ❖ Senator the Honourable Quinc Britton, Parliamentary Secretary within the Ministry for Tourism, Creative Economy and Culture with Responsibility for Culture
- ❖ The Leader of Government's Business, Senator the Honourable Adrian Thomas, Minister for Tourism, Creative Economy and Culture
- ❖ Senator the Honourable Mondy André Lewis, Member of the Senate (Labour Representative)
- ❖ Senator the Honourable Dwight Horsford, Opposition Member of the Senate
- ❖ Senator the Honourable David Evelyn Andrew, Minister for Education
- ❖ Senator the Honourable Claudette Joseph, Attorney General & Minister for Legal Affairs, Labour and Consumer Affairs

Madam President made closing remarks.

Question proposed.

Question put and agreed to.

Senate adjourned *sine die* at 1:48 p.m.

Submitted to the President for her signature in accordance with Standing Order No. 7(2) of the Revised Standing Orders of the Senate.



Finley Jeffery
CLERK OF PARLIAMENT

Signed by me pursuant to the provisions of the Revised Standing Order No. 7(2).



Dessima Williams
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE