



SUMMARY REPORT
PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
HELD ON 30th May 2023

1. The following papers were laid on the Table by the Financial Secretary:

OAG Integrated Annual Report for Fiscal Years ending 31 March 2022 & 2023;

Schedule of Virement #3 of April 2022 – March 2023;

S R & O No. 10 of 2023 Passenger Fares Regulations 2023;

S R & O No. 11 of 2023 Tax Information Exchange (Country-By-Country Reporting Regulations 2023);

S R & O No.12 of 2023 Eastern Caribbean Asset Management Corporation Act (Amendment of Schedule) Order 2023;

S R & O No. 13 of 2023 Customs Duties and Consumption Tax (Hurricane Risk Reduction and Resilience Drive) (Exemption) Order 2023.

2. The following papers were laid on the Table by the Attorney General:

S R & O No. 6 of 2023 Proclamation Appointing Wednesday 12 April 2023 a Public Holiday;

S R & O No. 7 of 2023 Public Holidays (Opening of Shops and Stores) Order 2023;

S R & O No. 8 of 2023 Proclamation Appointing Monday 8 May 2023 a Public Holiday;

S R & O No. 9 of 2023 Public Holidays (Opening of Shops and Stores) (No. 2) Order 2023.

3. The following Report was presented by the Public Accounts Committee:

‘Report on the Inquiry into the Operations and Finances of the Office of the Deputy Governor’

4. The following Bills which had their first readings on 22nd November 2022, Sitting of the Legislative Assembly were withdrawn:

‘Revenue Laws (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2023’

‘Tax Administration Bill 2022’

5. The following Bill had its Introduction, First, Second, and Third Reading:

‘Supplementary Appropriation (2023) Bill 2023’

First Reading 30th May 2023

Second Reading 30th May 2023

Third Reading 30th May 2023

The Bill sought to sanction certain payments from the Consolidated Fund in excess of the sums provided by law for the services of the Government of Montserrat for the period ending on the thirty-first day of March 2024.

6. The following Bill was introduced and had its first reading:

‘Elections (Amendment) Bill 2023’

First Reading 30th May 2023

The Bill seeks to amend the Elections Act Cap 1.04:

Clause 1 sets out the short title of the Bill.

Clause 2 of the Bill defines the term “principal Act”.

Clause 3 of the Bill inserts definitions for terms used in the Bill.

Clause 4 of the Bill amends section 4 of the Act by providing for the appointment of a Supervisor of Elections by the Governor acting on the recommendations of the Electoral Commission.

Clause 5 of the Bill inserts a new section 9A into the Act which provides for the appointment of fit and proper persons to be assistant returning officers and sets out the functions of an assistant returning officer.

Clause 6 of the Bill amends section 12 of the Act by providing that an unconvicted prisoner is entitled to be registered as a voter, to remain on the electoral register and to vote at a general election or by-election.

Clause 7 of the Bill inserts a new section 27A into the Act which provides for the establishment of mobile polling stations at His Majesty's Prison, a hospital or any other a residential care home or facility. Clause 7 also sets out the functions of the returning officer with respect to a mobile polling station.

Clause 8 amends section 56 of the Act by providing for the certification and publication of election data. Election data include data disaggregated by:

- (i) number of names on the list of voters;
- (ii) polling stations;
- (iii) the names of the candidates who received the largest number of votes to be elected to be members of the Legislative Assembly;
- (iv) the number of votes polled for each candidate; and the number of ballots issued, spoiled, or rejected.

Bills that have had a First Reading can be found in the following places:

Legislature Department #1 Farara Plaza Brades Montserrat	Legal Department Valley View Brades Montserrat	Public Library BBC Complex Brades Montserrat	Montserrat Legislative Assembly's Website www.Parliament.ms
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CLERK OF THE MONTSERRAT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (Ag.)