



**SUMMARY REPORT**  
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
**HELD ON 31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2023**

1. The following papers were laid on the Table:

**(a) Financial Secretary**

- (i) Schedule of Virement #1 of April 2023 – March 2024;
- (ii) Performance Audit Report – Montserrat’s Implementation of the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goal 3.D: Strong and Resilient Public Health Systems;
- (iii) S R & O No. 22 of 2023 Customs Duties and Consumption Tax (Dion Bramble) (Exemption) Order 2023.

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

‘Supplementary Appropriation (2023) (No. 2) Bill 2023’

**First Reading 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023**  
**Second Reading 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023**  
**Third Reading 31<sup>st</sup> July 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.

The Bill was passed with no amendment.

2. The Introduction and First Reading of the following Bill took place:

‘Virtual Asset Business Bill 2023’  
**First Reading 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023**

The Bill seeks to provide for the licence and supervision of virtual asset business in

Montserrat. It makes provision for the following: Application, requirement for Licence, registers, application for licence, grant and refusal of application for licence, certificate of licence and renewal, requirements of a licensee, transfer of virtual assets, prospectus for issue or sale of a virtual asset, powers of the Commission regarding a prospectus, amendment to a prospectus, general powers of the Commission, fees, revocation and suspension of licence, offences and penalties, power to amend schedules, regulations and guidelines.

The Montserrat Legislative Assembly agreed to a Second and Third Reading of this Bill in the new session which starts in September 2023.

3. The Proposed Resolution to amend the Police Act was withdrawn.
4. Special Debate: The current status of the relationship between the UK and their Overseas Territories in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, was debated.

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 <a href="http://www.Parliament.ms">www.Parliament.ms</a>
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