



SUMMARY REPORT
PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
HELD ON 19th & 20th DECEMBER 2023

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

‘Tourism Authority Bill 2023’

First Reading 20th December 2023

The Bill seeks to establish a Tourist Authority to regulate tourism and for connected purposes.

Part 2 of the Bill provides for the establishment, functions and powers of the Authority and covers: establishment of the authority, seal of the Authority, functions of the Authority, general powers of the Authority, business plan and powers of Minister. Part 3 of the Bill provides for the establishment and powers of Boards of Directors of the Authority and covers: establishment of Board of Directors, composition of the Board, appointment of Chairperson, resignation of members of the Board, publication of membership of the Board, power to appoint committees and power to delegate. Part 4 provides for meetings and proceedings of the Board and covers the following: meetings of the Board, disclosure of interest, pecuniary interest, validity of decisions, protection of members of the Board, remuneration of members of the Board and secretary to the Board. Part 5 provides for financial provisions and related matters and covers: funds and resources of the Authority, vesting of property in the Authority, borrowing powers, accounts and annual report and estimates. Part 6 provides for staffing arrangements and covers: appointment of officers and agents and secondment of public officers. Part 7 deals with miscellaneous and provides for the regulations.

2. The Introduction, First, Second and Third Reading of the Bill:

‘Supplementary Appropriation (2023) (No. 4) Bill 2023’

First Reading 20th December 2023

Second Reading 20th December 2023

Third Reading 20th December 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 amendments, a list of which can be obtained from the Legislature Department.

The Second and Third Reading of the following Bills took place:

(i) 'Revenue Laws (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2023'

First Reading 5th December 2023
Second Reading 19th December 2023
Third Reading 19th December 2023

The Bill was passed with amendments, a list of which can be obtained from the Legislature Department.

(ii) 'Tax Administration Bill 2023'

First Reading 5th December 2023
Second Reading 19th December 2023
Third Reading 19th December 2023

The Bill was passed with amendments, a list of which can be obtained from the Legislature Department.

(iii) 'Proceeds of Crime (Amendment) Bill 2023'

First Reading 5th December 2023
Second Reading 20th December 2023
Third Reading 20th December 2023

The Bill was passed with amendments, a list of which can be obtained from the Legislature Department.

(iv) 'Companies Bill 2023'

First Reading 5th December 2023
Second Reading 19th December 2023
Third Reading 19th December 2023

The Bill was passed with amendments, a list of which can be obtained from the Legislature Department.

(v) **‘Immigration (Amendment) Bill 2023’**

First Reading 5th December 2023

Second Reading 19th December 2023

Third Reading 19th December 2023

The Bill was passed with amendments, which can be obtained from the Legislature Department.

3. The following Bills were deferred to the next Sitting of the Legislative Assembly:

i. **‘Merchant Shipping (Registration) (Amendment) Bill 2023’**

First Reading 5th December 2023

ii. **‘Port Authority (Amendment) Bill 2023’**

First Reading 5th December 2023

iii. **‘Info-Communications Development (Amendment) Bill 2023’**

First Reading 5th December 2023

iv. **‘Police (Amendment) Bill 2023’**

First Reading 5th December 2023

v. **‘Fisheries (Amendment) Bill 2023’**

First Reading 5th December 2023

vi. **‘Montserrat Utilities Limited (MUL) (Amendment) Bill 2023’**

First Reading 5th December 2023

4. The Montserrat Legislative Assembly did not approve a Resolution Regarding the Prompt Restoration of the “What’s on Your Mind” Call Show

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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