



SUMMARY REPORT NO. 12
OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
18th PARLIAMENT OF THE MONTSERRAT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
HELD 9th December 2025

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

(a) Honourable Financial Secretary:

- i. Schedule of Virement #1 of April – October 2025/2026
- ii. S R & O No. 47 of 2025 Customs Duties and Consumption Tax (Oliver's Construction Ltd.) (Exemption) (Amendment) Order
- iii. S R & O No. 45 of 2025 Customs Duties and Consumption Tax (Alteration of Rate of Customs Duties and Consumption Tax) (Christmas Barrel) Order.

(b) Honourable Attorney General

S R & O No. 46 of 2025 Police (Disciplinary Tribunal) (No.2) Order

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

- i. Magistrate's Court (Amendment) Bill 2025;

- First Reading 9th December 2025

The Bill seeks to amend the Magistrate's Court Act (Cap. 2.02). Clause 3 amends section 2 of the Act by inserting definitions for "possession of claim" and "possession claim against a trespasser". Clause 4 amends section 22 of the Act by deleting "illegitimate" and substituting "children born outside of marriage" in paragraph c. Section 22 is also amended by deleting \$10,000 and substituting \$20,000 in paragraph e. A paragraph (ea) is also inserted. Clause 5 amends section 27 of the principal Act by deleting \$10,000 and substituting \$20,000. Clause 6 amends section 53 of the Act by deleting \$200 and substituting \$500. Clause 7 amends section 55 by deleting section 55 and substituting - Duration of order on the person alleged to be the father. Clause 8 amends section 63 by deleting \$10,000 and substituting \$20,000. The same action is repeated in Clause 11 which amends section 75. Clause 9 amends section 64(1) of the principal Act by deleting \$2,000 and substituting \$20,000. Clause 10 of the Act amends section 64A by inserting a section which provides for possession claim. Section 12 provides for the replacement of "putative father". Section 13 provides for the replacement of "illegitimate child". Clause 14 provides for the replacement of "Juveniles Act" and "Juvenile Court".

ii. National Honours and Awards (Amendment) Bill 2025

- First Reading 9th December 2025

The National Honours and Awards Bill (“the Bill”) seeks to amend the National Honours and Awards Act. Clause 2 amends section 2 by inserting a definition for “Register”. Clause 4 amends the principal Act by inserting section 6A which provides for the “Register”. Clause 5 amends the principal Act by inserting section 8A which provides for award of medals. Clause 6 amends the principal Act by deleting section 14 and substituting the following – Revocation of Honour and Award. Clause 7 amends the principal Act by inserting section 14A which provides for reinstatement of award. Clause 8 of the principal Act is amended by inserting a paragraph which deals with the grant of awards, and deleting subsection 2.

3. The Second Reading of the following Bills took place:

i. Hotels Tax (Amendment) Bill 2025.

- First Reading 11th November 2025
- Second Reading 9th December 2025

The Bill was referred to a Select Committee. The Select Committee will report back to the Committee of the Whole House during the Sitting which is scheduled for January 2026.

ii. Police (Amendment) Bill 2025;

- First Reading 11th November 2025
- Second Reading 9th December 2025

The Bill is in the Committee stage.

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

i. Bank Interest Levy (Amendment) Bill 2025

- First Reading 11th November 2025
- Second Reading 9th December 2025
- Third Reading 9th December 2025

The Bill was passed with no amendments.

ii. Bank Interest Levy (Amendment) Bill 2025;

- First Reading 11th November 2025
- Second Reading 9th December 2025
- Third Reading 9th December 2025

The Bill was passed with no amendments

iii. Eastern Caribbean Asset Management Corporation Agreement (Amendment) Bill 2025;

- First Reading 11th November 2025
- Second Reading 9th December 2025
- Third Reading 9th December 2025

The Bill was passed with no amendments.

iv. Mined Aggregate (Export Duty) Bill 2025.

- First Reading 11th November 2025
- Second Reading 9th December 2025
- Third Reading 9th December 2025

The Bill was passed with no amendments.

v. Elections (Amendment) Bill 2025;

- First Reading 11th November 2025
- Second Reading 9th December 2025
- Third Reading 9th December 2025

The Bill was passed with a minor amendment.

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