



MINUTES

OF THE

HONOURABLE JAMAICA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

At a meeting of the Members of the House of Representatives held pursuant to adjournment at Gordon House in the City and Parish of Kingston on Wednesday, the

20TH DAY OF MAY, 2026

The House met at 2:26 P.M. o'clock.

PRAYERS

Prayer was read by Mrs. Heatha Miller Bennett.

The Deputy Speaker welcomed all to sitting for the continuation of the Sectoral Debate, featuring contributions from the Honourable Ambassador Audrey Marks, Minister without Portfolio in the Office of the Prime Minister, and Mr. Omar Newell, Member of Parliament for St. Mary, Central. He extended a special welcome to their guests; persons seated in the Gallery; persons viewing the proceedings live on the Public Broadcasting Corporation of Jamaica live stream; Dr. Morais Guy, former Member of Parliament; and the Honourable Audley Shaw, former Member of Parliament.

He advised persons in the Gallery not to disturb the proceedings by reacting to the speeches.

CALL OF THE ROLL

PRESENT WERE:

Mr. Heroy Anthony Clarke, MP, Deputy Speaker (St. James, Central)

The Honourable Floyd O'Brian Green, MP, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Mining, and Leader of the House

Dr. the Most Honourable Andrew Michael Holness, ON, PC, MP, Prime Minister and Minister of Defence and Minister of Economic Growth and Infrastructure Development

The Honourable Fayval Shirley Williams, MP, Minister of Finance and the Public Service

The Honourable Edmund Curtis Bartlett, OJ, CD, MP, Minister of Tourism

The Honourable Olivia Atavia Grange, OJ, CD, MP, Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport

The Honourable Desmond Anthony Augustus McKenzie, CD, MP, Minister of Local Government and Community Development

The Honourable Pearnel Patroe Charles, Jr., MP, Minister of Labour and Social Security

The Honourable Robert Nesta Morgan, MP, Minister without Portfolio in the Ministry of Economic Growth and Infrastructure Development with responsibility for Works

The Honourable Ambassador Audrey Patrice Marks, OJ, MP, Minister without Portfolio in the Office of the Prime Minister with responsibility for Efficiency, Innovation and Digital Transformation

The Honourable Matthew Peter Samuda, MP, Minister of Water, Environment and Climate Change

Dr. the Honourable Andrew O'Brien Wheatley, MP, Minister without Portfolio in the Office of the Prime Minister with responsibility for Science, Technology and Special Projects

The Honourable Juliet Samantha Cuthbert Flynn, OD, MP, Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security and Peace

The Honourable Marisa Colleen Dalrymple Philibert, CD, Minister of State in the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs

The Honourable Kerensia Alicia Morrison, MP, Minister of State in the Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport

The Honourable Donovan St. Ledger Williams, MP, Minister of State in the Ministry of Labour and Social Security

The Honourable Zavia Taze Mayne, MP, Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service

The Honourable Delroy Hugh Williams, MP, Minister of State in the Ministry of Local and Community Development

The Honourable Tova Tené Hamilton, MP, Minister of State in the Ministry of Tourism

The Honourable Delano Orlando Seiveright, MP, Minister of State in the Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce

Mr. Christopher Rew Brown, MP, St. Mary, South Eastern

Mr. Isat Aquaba Buchanan, MP, Portland Eastern

Mr. Peter Murcott Bunting, MP, Manchester, Southern

Ms. Nekeisha Shernicka Burchell, MP, St. James, Southern

Dr. Dayton Ricardo Campbell, MP, Westmoreland, Eastern

Mr. Lothan Cousins, MP, Clarendon, South Western

Mr. Damion Orande Crawford, MP, St. Catherine, North Western

Miss Joyce Denise Daley, MP, St. Catherine, Eastern

Dr. Alfred Patrick Dawes, MP, St. Catherine, South Eastern

Mr. Dennis Junior Gordon, MP, St. Andrew, East Central

Mr. Wavell Wayne Hinds, MP, Clarendon, Northern

Mr. George Anthony Hylton, CD, MP, St. Andrew, Western

Mr. Fitz Arthur Jackson, CD, MP, St. Catherine, Southern

Ms. Zuleika Amadie Jess, MP, St. Elizabeth, North Eastern

Mrs. Marlene Patricia Malahoo Forte, KC, MP, St. James, West Central

Mrs. Heatha Mavarie Miller Bennett, MP, Hanover, Western

Mrs. Natalie Gaye Neita Garvey, MP, St. Catherine, North Central

Mr. Omar Anthony Newell, MP, St. Mary, Central

Mr. Phillip Feanny Paulwell, CD, MP, Kingston, Eastern and Port Royal

Mr. Mikael Asher Phillips, MP, Manchester, North Western

Mr. James Rudolph Edward Robertson, MP, St. Thomas, Western

Dr. Kenneth Alphanso Russell, MP, St. Ann, South Eastern

Ms. Yvonne Rose Marie Shaw, MP, St. Thomas, Eastern

Mr. Duane Charles Edward Smith, MP, St. Andrew, North Western

Mr. Dwayne Francois St. Michael Vaz, MP, Westmoreland, Central

Mr. Clifford Everaldo Errol Warmington, CD, MP, St. Catherine, South Western

At 2:41 p.m., the House suspended its sitting.

At 2:57 p.m., the House resumed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clerk laid on the Table of the House a copy of:

Integrity Commission's
Investigation Reports into concerns that, the following Officers employed to the Firearm
Licensing Authority, failed to file their Statutory Declaration with the Commission for the year
2023, contrary to law
and their indicative ruling:

1. Mr. Donat Robinson, a Public Procurement Officer;
2. Mr. Clive Brown, an Investigator;
3. Mr. Dale Walker, an Investigator; and
4. Ms. Dawn Dickenson, a Director, Corporate Planning & Client Relations
[Integrity Commission]

PUBLIC BUSINESS

SECTORAL DEBATE

The Honourable Ambassador Audrey Marks, Minister without Portfolio in the Office of the Prime Minister, continued the debate on the motion:

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House of Representatives approve the plans and programmes being pursued by the Government in respect of ministries which were not included in the debate on the Appropriation Bill and further approve the policy projections as announced for the Financial Year 2026/2027.

(The Honourable Alando Nathaniel Terrelonge, MP, Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, entered and took his seat).

Mr. Omar Newell also spoke on the motion.

Pursuant to the agreement of the House on April 21, 2026, a Minister contributing in the Sectoral Debate was allotted 45 minutes to speak, with a further extension of 15 minutes. An Opposition Spokesperson was allotted 30 minutes, with an additional five minutes permitted. All speakers were granted their respective extensions.

Further debate on the substantive motion was, by leave, deferred.

The Deputy Speaker reminded Members of Standing Orders Nos. 26 and 35(2).

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:51 p.m., the Honourable Robert Morgan, Minister without Portfolio in the Ministry of Economic Growth and Infrastructure Development and Deputy Leader of the House, moved that the House do now adjourn to a date to be fixed.

Seconded by: Mrs. Marlene Malahoo Forte
Agreed to

The House adjourned accordingly.

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Heroy Clarke, MP
Deputy Speaker