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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Pursuant to the adjournment, the House of Assembly met at 10.15 a.m. on Tuesday, December 5, 2006.

PRESENT

His Honour I. A. ROETT, G.C.M., B.A., Dip. Ed. (Speaker)

His Honour J. M. EDGHILL, J.P. (Deputy Speaker)

Mr. D. J. H. THOMPSON, LL.B. (Hons.) (Leader of the Opposition)

Hon. Dame B. A. MILLER, D.A. B.C.H., (Senior Minister, and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade)

Mr. G. W. PAYNE, Q.C.

Hon. R. C. EASTMOND, B.A. (Hons.) Dip. Ed., LL.B.

(Hons.) (Lon.), LL.M. (Leic.), J.P. (Minister of Labour and the Civil Service)

Hon. G. A. CLARKE, B.Sc., Dip. Ed., J.P. (Minister of Public Works and Transport)

Hon. N. A. LYNCH, B.Sc., M.B.A. (Minister of Tourism and International Transport)

Hon. A. P. WOOD, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.Phil. J.P. (Minister

of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports)

Hon. R. R. FARLEY, B.Sc., J.P. (Minister of Housing and Lands)

Hon. Miss C. Y. FORDE, J.P. (Minister of State, Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports)

Hon. Dr. J. X. WALCOTT, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), J.P. (Minister of Health)

Mr. R. D. JONES, B.A. (Hons.), M.A. Ed. J.P.

Hon. H. F. LASHLEY

Mr. R. St. C. TOPPIN, LL.B. (Hons.)

Mr. D. St. E. KELLMAN

Hon. Miss H. E. THOMPSON, LL.B. (Minister of Energy and the Environment)

Hon. Miss M. A. MOTTLEY, Q.C., LL.B. (Minister of Economic Affairs and Development)

Hon. T. A. PRESCOD, B.A. (Minister of Social Transformation)

Hon. J. J. S. ATHERLEY, B.A., B.Sc., J.P. (Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office)

Dr. D. C. ESTWICK, B.Sc., M.B., B.S.

Hon. C. A. MASCOLL, B.Sc. (Econ.) (Hons.), M.A. (Public Finance) (Minister of State, Ministry of Finance)

Hon. D. D. MARSHALL, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (Attorney General and Minister of Home Affairs)

Mr. R. L. SEALY, B.Sc., M.B.A.

Prayers were taken by Reverend Canon Ivan Harewood.

Mr. SPEAKER: The House is now in session.

MINUTES

Mr. SPEAKER: The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, November 28, 2006.

Hon. Miss M.A. MOTTLEY: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that the Minutes for the Honourable the House of Assembly for its meeting of Tuesday, November 28, 2006, which Minutes have been circulated, be taken as read.

Hon. R.C. EASTMOND: : I beg to second that, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER: If there are no corrections or observations, then let these Minutes stand confirmed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Hon. R. C. EASTMOND: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that Standing Orders Nos. 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44, be suspended for the rest of this day's Sitting.

Hon. R. R. FARLEY: I beg to second that, Sir.

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

H119/10:20

Sequence 2

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 15 – RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE GRANT OF THE SUM OF TWENTY-SEVEN MILLION, ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE DOLLARS FROM THE CONSOLIDATED FUND AND PLACE IT AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE GOVERNMENT TO SUPPLEMENT THE ESTIMATES 2006-2007 AS SHOWN IN THE SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES NO.5, 2006-2007 WHICH FORM THE SCHEDULE TO THE RESOLUTION AND THAT THE EXPLANATORY NOTES TO HEADS 13,114, 23, 28, 30 AND 32 BE AMENDED AS SET OUT IN THE SCHEDULE II TO THE RESOLUTION.

Hon. R.C. EASTMOND: Mr. Speaker, I beg to advise of the absence of the substantive Chairman of Committees, I beg to move that the Honourable Member for St. Michael South East be appointed temporary Chairman of Committees for the purpose of these proceedings.

Mr. SPEAKER: Is this agreed by Honourable Members? Agreed.

On the motion of Hon. R.C. EASTMOND, seconded by Hon. R.R. FARLEY, the House resolved itself into Committee of Supply, Mr. H.F. LASHLEY in the Chair.

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Mr. CHAIRMAN: This Honourable House is in Committee of Supply.

HEAD 13

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

\$626 000

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for St. Michael West.

Rev.J.J.S. ATHERLEY: Mr. Chairman, I would like to speak at this moment with specific reference to the

amount of \$626 000, which is requested as a supplemental vote to facilitate payment of expenses, relative to the hosting and staging of some of the events during to the celebration of our Fortieth Year of Independence. I would image that like all right-thinking Barbadians, you would feel that the occasion of the Fortieth Anniversary of Independence of a nation, is an occasion to be especially marked. I would think that, in our particular case in Barbados, you with me, have a sense of pride over the achievements of this nation, in relatively forty short years of nationhood and independence.

Sir, we speak, of course, to a record of which we are proud, with respect to institutional development in this country and institutional development of all different types - whether we speak with reference to our political institutions, our judicial institutions, and other institutions which help to govern and facilitate our economic life, our social institutions, even our disciplinary or military institutions - we have got on reflection over the past forty years, the development of an institutional framework within which national life of Barbados evolves, of which we are justly and can be justly proud.

Sir, the record of achievement, therefore, is to be lauded and celebrated. It is not only with respect to institutional development. Sir, nation building is about infrastructural development, it is about enhancement of the quality of life, it is about creating the kind of investment culture both for local and foreign capital that would help us achieve the economic goals we set, and also to be in a position to provide for the social service needs of our people. Mr. Chairman, above all else, perhaps, nation building is about people development.

Sir, certainly, with respect to those areas of Government policy, which impact most immediately and most obviously upon the well-being of our populace, it is clear, again, that over the past forty years, we have done exceedingly well in providing for our people. We have created the kind of context in which our people can achieve, and in which human development could be of the type of quality, and we can attain the levels with respect to that, such as we would be heralded, not only by ourselves at home and our neighbours in the Caribbean, but by those abroad in distant developed country context, who look on with some degree of marvel at what a country of this size, with the limited endowment of resources which we enjoy, have been able to achieve. These are the kind of things that we have been seeking this month to celebrate.

Sir, we have been celebrating a sense of the growing identity of what it is to be Barbadian, what it is to hold our heads high in a world which is not as accommodating as it was prior to independence, and certainly in the recent past, an international network, with international institutional positions, which have not been as accommodating to our

national desires, or accommodating of our pursuit, objectives, and national goals.

In spite of the fact, that the situation has brought to the fore some constraints, which did not exist in the past, still Barbados has been able to achieve, in relative and comparative terms., We have been able to succeed, and we have come to this point. Mr. Chairman, therefore, our fortieth year of celebration marks for us a time for celebrating, not only our institutions and infrastructure, but celebrating our people.

10.30 a.m.

Sequence 3

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House 119, Sequence 04, 10.30 a.m.

Rev. J.J.S. ATHERLEY: It was good to see many of those who have excelled, not only at home but abroad, playing leading roles in helping us in the business of celebration. This was a special time, and it had to be marked by special events.

Mr. Chairman, perhaps with specific reference to the life and the work of this august Chamber, the event of the 22nd of November was a momentous, as well as memorable occasion, when the West Wing of Parliament, after so many years, was reopened by public ceremony. It was well attended by Barbadians, visiting friends from abroad and, indeed, by those who were present in the country at the time for the events related to the ACP/EU arrangements, which were hosted by Barbados, during the week leading up to the 22nd November.

Sir, that occasion not only gave us the opportunity to showcase Barbadian talent and to share Barbadian hospitality but, I thought it was historic. It was historic for fact that we are talking about a major section of this Parliamentary architecture, which had been out of function for quite some time.

It was historic with reference to the fact that it will be put to uses, which will not only contribute further to the development of our national identity and sense of national pride, but will become part of the tourism product that we have to offer to the world, in terms of heritage tourism. It will become a facility and a medium through which important lessons in the political, constitutional and the national life of Barbados will be taught to those who follow us, generations to come. It will have a significant impact therefore on the education and learning process taking place in Barbados.

It was historic for the fact that it gives us the opportunity now to better and further salute our National Heroes because of the gallery which is only established at this moment, in part, but one takes a visit there and one is very easily impressed, of the evident potential attaching to the Heroes Gallery. Sir, we will now have a gallery which will house much of the sentiment revolving around the life, contribution and service of our Heroes.

It is historic because of the fact that here, right in the heart of Bridgetown and Heroes Square, we have a place which is to my mind, sacred. I expect it will be treated and maintained as such and that all who will enter those precincts will sense a solemnity, the almost sanctity which will attach to the place.

Mr. Acting Chairman, in my mind, our Heroes embody the best of those values which we want reflected in ourselves. It is good that we have this central focal point to which both visitors and locals alike can come, from time to time, and be refreshed in their own view, as to what their purpose is in life and to the level of contribution, which they can make to the development of Barbadian life, all across the communities of Barbados. Therefore, the reopening of the West Wing of Parliament is for this country, an opportunity to again achieve in greater ways and to salute our Heroes.

I understand that officially the office of Opposition will be shifted to the West Wing of Parliament. I also understand that the circumstances there are supposed to be more salubrious, and much more comfortable and impressive. My only wish today is that the Opposition, officially may long occupy those enhanced precincts in the West Wing.

Asides.

Rev. J.J.S. ATHERLEY: Mr. Chairman, a part of the Independence Celebrations this year was the hosting of an Independence Fair, which in part was designed to salute the contribution of non-national residents of Barbados, who have been here and contributed to this country over time. This was a varied programme of high quality. There was much interference by the weather and shifting of dates, but that took place last Saturday at Queens Park. There would have been price tag attached to that of more than \$200 000, which forms part of the vote being requested in this Supplementary. That would help us to take care of varied expenses associated with what was, in fact, an event free to the public of Barbados.

The 40th Year Independence Gala, a big event hosted at the National Stadium, was not sufficiently well attended in my own view, but certainly with reference to the quality of production and performances, the responses and the comments to date have been loud and glowing, in terms of the compliments.

I would really want to pay tribute to the production staff, the National Cultural Foundation. I also give credit to all those Barbadians who journeyed from far, as well as those at home, who contributed to making the afternoon a very edifying and uplifting one. We did not only celebrate our Nation's Independence but we celebrated the talents of our people and the achievements of our skilled people, in various forms of cultural expression, with song, and musical instruments.

Sir, all in all, I thought the evening was not only one of nostalgia and reminiscence but, certainly, one of an expression of the full pride of Barbados at its achievements of its sons and daughters on the home front, as well as in foreign lands. Sir, that would have had a price tag of about \$½ a million attached to it, and we need to supplement the vote with respect to that, so that we can take care of expenses.

Overall, we are talking about more than \$800 000 but the request of Parliament today is for a vote of just more than \$626 000, because there have been some contributions from Corporate Barbados to these celebratory events. I would want to take the moment as well and use the opportunity to congratulate, and to express the gratitude of this Chamber and of Government and of the people of this country, to all those private corporate citizens, who would have contributed in their multiple thousands of dollars in donations towards the celebration of this year's event.

We anticipate, Mr. Chairman, that next year, Corporate Barbados would respond just as handsomely and, perhaps, even more handsomely than they did this year. We anticipate that one of two of the events that came new to the calendar of events for this year's celebrations will be repeated, sustained and enhanced.

The finals of the Community IndepenDance Competition, which took place on Sunday night, I think were very successful. It tapped into Barbadian talent at the grass-roots level and that talent expressed in the medium, which is attracting greater interest, and for which many more are coming forward to participate. It is a medium of dance movements, which are not vulgar, even though vigorous from time to time, and movements which are varied from the sedate to the very vigorous.

I thought, all in all, that was a noble undertaking and a tremendous initiative. Credit is due principally to the

Ministry of Social Transformation, the Honourable Member for St. Michael East, who would have been the person inspiring us to take this initiative. I will give you the assurance that it would be on the calendar of events - and put in early - for next year.

I thought, Mr. Chairman, that this occasion this month was grand, and the events were of very high quality. The Independence Day Parade and the National Consultation on Societal Issues were very well attended, bringing together a wide cross-section of the Barbadian society, principally those from faith-based groups, to look at issues that are of concern to us, to propose possible solutions, et cetera.

I think overall that the celebrations were successful, and that the message that we are indeed celebrating a proud past and can contemplate a world class future, was heard by several ears and hearts across this country. I hope they would internalise this, and the anticipation and hope, which would live in their breast would be such, that it provokes them to make a meaningful contribution to the development.

Sir, with respect therefore to this specific item, I am asking that these amounts be included, as part of the Supplementary.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for St. John.

House 119, Sequence 04, 10:40:14

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Mr. D. J. H. THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, I am a bit surprised at the introduction by the Minister of State. I thought that at least on moral grounds he would have had the courage to apologise to this Chamber for the errors in the Addendum. The Addendum is grossly misleading because it speaks about covering expenses to stage events.

Sir, the Financial Rules in this country are very clear. Sir, while the Honourable Member may want us to occupy the Opposition Chambers for a long time, there are some other facilities that the Speaker spoke about that were once over in that West Wing, which I do not intend to occupy. The Honourable Member knows that according to the new Financial Rules, Ministers have to take personal responsibility for certain things.

Sir, this money is being sought after the event, and so is in breach of the Financial Rules. Sir, if the Minister is not aware of the Financial Rules, he must go and read them because this Supplementary is contrary to the laws of Barbados and is contrary to the amendments to the Financial Rules. Therefore, all of this pious posturing in

here today about events that, according to his words, were not well-attended...

Sir, I commiserate with the Minister because there was a time when those events were very well-attended, even when the Democratic Labour Party held its public meetings every year for the past 50 years. I am certain that you spoke at one or two of them, Sir.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: I spoke very well too.

Mr. D. J. H. THOMPSON: Sir, for the past 50 years an independence meeting has been part of the history of this country. Sir, that meeting never affected the Barbados Labour Party activities but all of a sudden the Opposition is irresponsible and not...

Rev. J. J. S. ATHERLEY: On a point of order. The Honourable Member is misleading the House. I have never spoken this morning in this Chamber with respect to any Barbados Labour Party activities. I spoke with reference to national events in celebration of the 40th year of independence. If the Honourable Member for St. John believes that events which celebrate the national independence anniversary of this country are to be perceived as Party events, that is a matter for him. If he were given the opportunity to lead this country and wanted to cast the events in that mould then that would be a matter for him. Mr. Chairman, I spoke with reference to national events and not Barbados Labour Party events. I also spoke with reference to three events which have never yet been a part of the calendar of events in this country. Sir, I do not understand how the Honourable Member for St. John could say that these events are normally well-attended.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for St. Michael West, your point has been taken.

Mr. D. J. H. THOMPSON: It is not taken by me, Sir, you are free to take it, but I am not taking it, it is codswallop.

Asides.

Mr. D. J. H. THOMPSON: It is political codswallop, and I am not accepting it, Sir. If the Honourable Member is saying that had I attended or the Honourable Member for Christ Church East Central, or the Honourable Member for St. Michael South Central or the Honourable Member for St. Philip West or the Honourable Member for St. Lucy, we would not now be commiserating with him for spending the same amount of money...

Sir, the Government is spending the same amount of money or is making a request for a supplementary for the same amount of money for events that the Minister basically said have flopped. They have not reduced it, they

have not come in here and say that originally we thought it would cost \$500 000 but now we expect..., so he is breaching the Financial Rules by coming with a supplementary for money.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for St. John.

Mr. D. J. H. THOMPSON: He needs to say that he is on point of order because I am not giving way if he is on a point of elucidation. I am making this position abundantly clear, I am not in here to hear foolishness.

Sir, this is a breach of the Financial Rules and the Minister should be getting up to apologise and say, on a point of order, I forgot that I should have apologised to the nation. Instead of that, we are treated to a long meandering, unprepared presentation which has followed on an attack on the citizens of this country who are going about their lawful duties at independence time. Sir, people are entitled to celebrate independence how they wish. Some people go to church. I do not know if the Honourable Member went to church, he seems now to be enjoying fairs, galas and cocktail parties, but there are some of us who went to church.

Asides.

Mr. D. J. H. THOMPSON: They are some who go to church and go to carnivals.

Asides.

Mr. D. J. H. THOMPSON: They are some who go to church, parades, carnivals and cocktail parties.

Sir, it is not the Opposition's fault that this Supplementary is a breach of the Financial Rules, and it is not the Opposition's fault that the events were not successful. Sir, I commiserate with the Minister, that is the most I can say.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member...

Mr. D. J. H. THOMPSON: Is it a point of order, Sir?

Mr. CHAIRMAN: He is on a point of order.

Rev. J. J. S. ATHERLEY: On a point of order. The Honourable Member is misleading the House and I suspect he is confused and has been for quite some time. I have not said that the events of this year in celebration of our 40th year of Independence were not successful, I said that they were successful. The fact that the Opposition chose to stay away and the fact that the weather interfered will not detract from the success of the events, the events were successful, so the Honourable Member is misleading the

House. If he were present, he would have been able to see and sense that for himself.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: You have made your point. The Honourable Member for St. John.

Mr. D. J. H. THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member is wallowing in a quagmire of confusion. Members of the Opposition attended the opening of the West Wing of Parliament. Mr. Chairman, I did not speak at the event, but I want to compliment the Honourable Member for the City of Bridgetown for the work that has been done on the West Wing. I am not into the reception itself, there might be those who feel that might have been a bit too lavish.

Asides.

Mr. D. J. H. THOMPSON: The Honourable Member for the City needs not get excited, I am not criticising her. She knows that I respect the work that she has done on the West Wing. I also respect the Barbados Museum and Historical Society, Members on this side, the former Leader of the Opposition, Sir Richard Haynes who was on the Committee at one point, the workers of the Ministry of Public Works and Transport, who have done an excellent job - they have not always been paid on time - and I know that they complained about it - the Clerk of Parliament who took over in the midst of the passing of the previous Clerk, the previous Clerk and the Barbados Tourism Investment Incorporated, for the work they have done.

Mr. Chairman, I attended the opening, I was ecstatic about what I saw, and it was in conformity with what we had agreed. However, that does not take away from the fact of the matter. It is not the Honourable Member for the City's fault or mine that provision was not made on a timely basis for the expenditure that was incurred.

Mr. Chairman, that is why I am saying that the Minister needs to apologise, or it needs to be deducted from his pay in accordance with the Financial Rules because the Prime Minister said that Ministers would be personally liable, so I want to know if it is going to be deducted from the Honourable Member's pay or what sanctions are going to be applied.

Asides.

Mr. D. J. H. THOMPSON: That is what I understand personal responsibility to be in our system.

House 119 Sequence 5

10.50 a.m.

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Mr. D. J. H. THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, if the Minister said that he knows nothing about it, that it is the fault of the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Economic Affairs, or that of somebody else's, that would be fine, but the Minister came here, galloping down the road as though he owes no explanation to Parliament for the fact that these sums of money had been spent already.

Sir, has the International Fair taken place? If it has, I have seen no evidence, in the media or otherwise, but the Honourable Member for St. Michael West is quarreling because we did not attend, but if I were to leave here and go into Marhill Street and ask any of the vendors, shoppers, drivers or police when did an International Fair took place in Barbados for Independence, I doubt that twelve persons could tell me when it has taken place, or if at all it has taken place. Sir, I certainly have seen no evidence that there was an International Fair.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for St. John has four minutes more.

Mr. D. J. H. THOMPSON: Thank you, Sir. The Independence event took place on November 29th, and I say again that Barbadians are free and should be free. Barbados is still a democracy. It is not a military establishment. This is not a country in which people could be commanded under a gun to attend national events. People have different ways of celebrating and on our 40th Anniversary of Independence, the Government should be encouraging all organisations throughout the country, not just its centralised activities, to make some input.

Mr. Chairman, I was happy to have gone to a Church service in Orange Hill, St. James, at a beautiful Church that was built by its congregation. That Church has what I would say are the most comfortable chairs in which I have ever sat in a church. It was a wonderful service.

Asides.

Mr. D. J. H. THOMPSON: I did not go canvassing. I went with my children and we had a wonderful morning there. I am saying to you, that to me that symbolises Independent Barbados. Orange Hill is a small community that has the most modern, almost luxurious accoutrement. Sir, it has really impressed me to see, a small community that has built a facility on its own.

Mr. Speaker, people have different ways of celebrating. Therefore, this hue and cry about who did or did not participate, is not necessary or desirable. As I said, I commiserate with the Minister but he is not going to place the blame at the feet of the Democratic Labour Party.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member has one minute more.

Mr. D. J. H. THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, it is illegal and unlawful for that money to have been spent and Parliament deserves an apology. Secondly, as I said, I commiserate with the Honourable Member, but I am not accepting the blame and I believe, in reply that the Minister should explain to this House why we find ourselves in these circumstances today.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. D. St.E. KELLMAN: Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt that money spent in the celebration of one's country is always money well-spent, but the biggest problem facing this Parliament is one that I have been highlighting for many years. Sir, in a day and age like this and when we are dealing with high finances, I cannot see how we could continue to run the affairs of this country, based on receipts and payments.

Mr. Chairman, it is clear that the accrual system of accounting has to be implemented in this country. If we are to account accurately for the expenditure and receipts of a country, we cannot do so by payments and receipts. It is clear that it is time for that change to be made. Sir, had this Parliament listened to the advice of the former Prime Minister of this country, the Honourable Member for Christ Church South and me, we would not be here discussing these issues.

Mr. Chairman, it is known within this Parliament that the Honourable Member and I have always been strong advocates for this change and that this country is lagging behind, as it relates to advice given by the two of us. It is time that this Parliament does some catching up. It is far behind and it is not relevant and therefore the ideas given by us are far ahead of this particular Parliament.

Mr. Chairman, what is also interesting is that in Head 13, we are called to account for almost \$15 million for Cricket World Cup, 2007, a project previously budgeted to cost \$90 million. Sir, when I had told this country there was no way that bulldozing and rebuilding Kensington Oval could cost \$90 million. Sir, if we were true to ourselves, we would have realised that this project would have cost us over \$300 million.

Asides.

Mr. D. St.E. KELLMAN: Mr. Chairman, I am saying that I stand by my estimate, that the \$90 million said by this Government to the country was very much misleading and that the \$300 million, which I mentioned, might have been a more conservative figure.

Sir, this Parliament has an accounting problem for the simple reason that when they speak about Kensington, they do not realise they are not speaking about the Cricket

World Cup, 2007 and that there is a difference in financing the Cricket World Cup, 2007, and financing Kensington. They are even wrong when they proposed the figure of \$90 million for Kensington. Sir, I can put my head on any block that the cost of Kensington is going to be greater than \$90 million. Sir, anyone can bring Hansard to see the speeches I have previously made, and no one can challenge me on it.

Mr. Chairman, I am saying that there are other figures for security that will have to come before this Parliament. I also find it rather strange that more than \$15 million could not have been estimated, predicted or whatever, and that the Government did not realise it had to provide money for security.

Mr. Chairman, had we gone to the north of this country, we would have saved this country over \$200 million, but because somebody felt that project would have been too big for St. Lucy, Government has squandered over \$200 million. In addition, we would not have needed this amount of money to be spent of security because as you know, St. Lucy is the most peaceful parish in Barbados, in the world and therefore security demands would not have been so great.

Sir, because people like to play "lucy", they decided they are not going to go to the north of the country. Had persons done that, it would have allowed the workers to go in one direction, while the spectators would have gone in another. This would have resulted in no traffic congestion or confusion. Instead, Government decided that it would expand the highway, to end the same place, that is the highway, when Government could have easily widened the roads going north and it would not have cost Government this money.

Mr. Chairman, I am saying there is something called opportunity cost. I am surprised at a Government that brags of having over five economists and that there is no one on this side, who has the capacity to become an economist. Sir, let me say this, I have no apology of not being an economist. What I would say is that as long as I can understand what the economists are saying, as long as I can debate them on it, that is all I would want. Sir, none of those economists can come to this Parliament and can throw up anything which I cannot defend.

Asides.

Mr. D. St.E. KELLMAN: Mr. Chairman, I do not want to be an economist. I have never wanted to be an economist. What I always wanted in life was to have the ability to understand the economists, doctors, lawyers and everybody and once I have afforded myself that opportunity, that is all I would want.

11.00 a.m.

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(Edited)

Mr. D. St.E. KELLMAN: Sir, this country is caught up in a spin and it needs to get out of that spin. The great developers of the world were not economists, lawyers or doctors and, we must always remember that. Sir, as you would know, the social engineers were not economists, doctors or lawyers, they were normal men.

Mr. Chairman, I am saying that World Cup 2007, is going to be a reminder of an event staged in 1981 in this country. I am not saying that we will not get benefits because the benefits would be long-term but had they listened to me, the benefits would have been short-term, long-term and unmatched.

There are institutions in this country, as long as they hear north of this country, they believe they should stop. Sir, let me make the point that in order for Barbados to be developed, the north of the country must be developed. If the north of the country is not developed, this money that we are spending on a Supplementary for security, is a waste of money. It is saying that you want a body without a head. Sir, that is the problem with the people in this country, they are looking after the neck downwards and they are not looking after the head and, the head is supposed to be the thinking box. How can you develop Barbados without developing St. Lucy when St. Lucy is the head?

Mr. Chairman, you might be surprised that the Transport Board just bought 75 buses but I could bet you that they would not want to allocate any of them to St. Lucy because they believe that St. Lucy is nowhere. Sir, as you would know, the tourists believe in St. Lucy and World Cup, 2007, is all about tourists. Sir, you cannot just bring tourists to Barbados for cricket, that is the fundamental error we are making.

We are spending over \$300 million, we have not developed the manufacturing sector or the agricultural sector neither have we developed community tourism to the level that we should have developed it but we expect to get back money from World Cup, 2007, after spending \$300 million and we have not fully utilised the resources of Barbados.

Mr. Chairman, as a precursor, all the possible tour sites in Barbados should have been developed and lodged. You should be able to pick up a document when you arrive in Barbados and know where to go in Barbados. Sir, Kensington cannot be the only location of interest in World Cup 2007. Mr. Chairman, every single point of importance should have been listed and tourists should be made to go there but, Sir, you know what is interesting, instead we are

going to spend \$30 million for tourists to go on a ship, on which they already go day and night.

Mr. Chairman, this Supplementary is interesting because a few years ago, I spoke about the wasted capacity in Barbados. Sir, I will explain what I mean. There are two many houses in Barbados with waste space, some houses have as many as eight bedrooms and six bathrooms but instead of Government, in World Cup 2007, before hand, planning with those persons who have over-capacity, to use their houses as part of the pool, Government ignored the idea and now we have to pick up \$30 million in taxpayers' money and mortgage Barbados. Sir, if you look at it, it is a mortgage. It is the first time that an independent country has to put up collateral for a loan.

Mr. Chairman, had it been the Democratic Labour Party in Government, there is no way that \$30 million would have been spent on a ship because there are too many houses and rooms in Barbados for this to be happening. If Barbadians knew that the Government had \$30 million to put in a fund to develop World Cup 2007, they would have opened their doors but, Sir, they are worried about the one-off situation. Sir, even in terms of planning, the tourism planners thought that the World Cup was part of the winter season. It is only within the last few months they realised that World Cup, 2007, is not part of the winter season. Could you believe that about a country which depends on tourism?

Mr. Chairman, I fought in here and said that there was no way the Government should have agreed in having World Cup, 2007, as part of the winter season but I did not realise that neither did the Government know. Sir, based on what was put out there, the impression was given that World Cup, 2007, was coming within the winter season and the hotels were complaining and saying that they now have competition because the World Cup, 2007, players were now competing with the normal tourists.

Mr. Chairman, I want to congratulate the Government or whoever made the error in finally realising that World Cup, 2007, would be after the winter season because it is exactly what I was saying. If they suddenly realise that there is something good about it, I want to congratulate them because, at least, they are subject to change.

Mr. Chairman, the Acting Clerk of the House can bear me out on this. When we went to Nigeria, the Honourable Members wanted a way to advertise World Cup, 2007, in that international forum. We were dealing with climate change and they said asked me to find a way to get World Cup, 2007, into the debate. Sir, I did not send the Government a bill for marketing World Cup, 2007, but I said that we had to be careful how the players of the world are walking around and speaking about climate

change because, it seems to me that the ICC officials are experts on how to deal with climate. I said that we had to be careful because, in the Caribbean, we are staging World Cup, 2007, and the ICC officials can tell us when it will rain.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member has one more minute.

Mr. D. St.E. KELLMAN: Sir, I will wrap up in one minute. I said that all of a sudden the ICC officials were experts as it relates to the whether and they can tell us that it will rain after the winter season and not within the winter season and that is why they put World Cup Cricket, 2007, to come after.

Mr. Chairman, I said that it was clear to me that the ICC officials, as all international officials do, wanted to be in the country at winter time to get away from the coldness and that is why they were putting World Cup, 2007, in the winter season so that they could get away from the winter. Sir, I am glad that has been heeded and accepted and now Barbados can have the winter season, World Cup, 2007, as well as Cropover.

Mr. Chairman, if you go back to the minutes, you would find that I said that we should be getting three instead of two. Sir, this Government needs not take any credit for it because it did not think about it. The Government allowed men who wanted to get away from the winter season to change everything and that worries me.

Mr. Chairman, you would remember that I made a comment that is clear, that the Caribbean people go to international conference and international meetings and sign on the dotted line to all sorts of foolishness without taking their countries to heart.

Sir, I thank you.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member from St. Michael South Central.

H119/11:10

Sequence 7

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. R.L. SEALY: Mr. Chairman, I just rise to make a few observations on Head 13, which is before us for a Supplementary. I too have noted that there are some fairly sizable sums required to cover expenses associated with our Independence celebration. I would start on a note that I thought was a fairly serious one. The Leader of the Opposition, who is also the Chairman of the Public

Accounts Committee, levelled an accusation at the Government of having breached the financial rule. I have not seen any Honourable Member of the Cabinet of Barbados, eleven Members present at the time, rise, to suggest that what he said was wrong or what he said was incorrect. To my mind, that is a serious allegation, to be just left out there. Sir, we are encouraging people, even now, forty years into nationhood, to practise discipline and so on. We heard all of this at a recent conference at Sherbourne. Surely, Government has to lead by example.

Mr. Chairman, I say this because I too was a little offended by remarks that were made in public, suggesting that in my capacity, as a Member of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, I have been less than loyal as a Barbadian, because I chose not to attend events that were put on by the Government of Barbados. I think I should be able to choose exactly how I want to celebrate my Independence.

Sir, I am being accused of not attending a gala at the National Stadium, but I did not receive any invitation to attend the Consultation on Societal Issues, but then, again, Members of the Government did not care to attend either, including Members of the Government that were down to participate, but did not, for whatever reason, attend that event. Sir, if I could be invited attended to the party at the National Stadium, why could I not have been invited to the event dealing with societal issues.

Rev.J.J.S. ATHERLEY: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order. It really is a bit painful to listen to submissions from the other side, which appeared to be less than honest submissions. The Opposition would have been invited to the official events marking the nation's fortieth year celebration. If for some reason an invitation did not reach the Honourable Member for St. Michael South Central to a specific event, that reality, if it does exist, does not negate the fact, that the Opposition was invited to participate in official events marking the Fortieth Year of Independence. I think the Opposition should also desist from offering what borders on a fraudulent argument. It could only be clearly intended to mislead the Parliament and the public, when it is suggested...

Mr. CHAIRMAN: Honourable Member, the word fraudulent should be withdrawn.

Rev.J.J.S. ATHERLEY: I withdraw that, less than genuine argument, when it purports the view that this Resolution is in anyway out of order, because events have already taken place.

Sir, the public of Barbados largely knows, and certainly every Honourable Member in this Parliament would ought to know, that simply because the events have taken place, does not mean that monies have been

expended, and Parliament, in fact, is being asked to vote on the expenditure to take place.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: Honourable Member, you have made your point. The Honourable Member for St. Michael South Central.

Mr. R.L. SEALY: Mr. Chairman, I think the Honourable Member misheard what I said. I was invited to the gala. I am not disputing that. I got a lovely embossed invitation. All I am saying is, if I could be invited to the party at the National Stadium, and you are having a national consultation, why could the Opposition not have been invited to participate. It is interesting to note. Sir, what the Honourable Member for St. Michael West should speak about, that every candidate of the Barbados Labour Party received two hundred tickets for that event, to give to their constituents.

I am a Member of Parliament and I did not receive one. Sir, they accused us of not participating in that event. Is that not being partisan?

Mr. CHAIRMAN: Honourable Member for St. Michael South Central, kindly take your seat. The Honourable Member for St. Michael West, on what do you risen?

Rev.J.J.S. ATHERLEY: On a point of order. Sir, it is really rather disappointing to hear the Honourable Member for St. Michael South Central, attempt to follow in the wake of the Honourable Member for St. John. I do not expect this from St. Michael South Central. We have come to expect this from the Honourable Member for St. John. The arguments offered in this House are expected to square with truth, fact and honesty. The last statement from the Honourable Member for St. Michael South Central, does not square with truth, fact or honesty.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: Honourable Member, you have made your point. The Honourable Member for St. Michael South Central.

Mr. R.L. SEALY: Mr. Chairman, the truth, fact and honest reality is, tickets were being distributed by persons connected to the Barbados Labour Party, and I did not have any tickets to distribute as a Member of Parliament, but I have been told that this is a national event. Who is being partisan here? That is the point.

Sir, the argument being put is, that the money has already been spent and this happens all the time. You are amending about ten Explanatory Notes. You could amend this one too, and say to cover the expenses of events that have already been staged, and not to staged events. That is all we are saying.

Sir, it seems as though, being a Member of the Opposition, you are supposed to sit here like a potted plant and say nothing, while this Government does whatever it feels like. Sir, could you imagine for a minute Sir Erskine Sandiford, as a Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, coming in here for \$600 000 to keep a fair, which nobody knows about, a concert at the National Stadium, or to open a construction site across the street here? Mr. Chairman, an Opposition with people like the Honourable Member for the City of Bridgetown, and St. Michael North East, would be up and down Barbados 'doing bad', accusing them of wasting money, but you are not supposed to saying anything about this Government.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: Honourable Member for St. Michael South Central, take your seat.

Mr. R.L. SEALY: I am sorry.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for St. Michael West, on what do you rise?

Rev.J.J.S. ATHERLEY: On a point of order. The Honourable Member for St. Michael South Central has taken me from a point of disappointment to one of sadness, when I can hear an Honourable Member, duly elected to this Honourable Chamber, who aspires to be returned at the call of the next election, refers to the opening of the West Wing of Parliament, as the opening of a construction site, then I understand the quality of the arguments he is seeking to put, and that is totally a sad thing. That is the point.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: Honourable Member, you have made your point. The Honourable Member, please continue. Honourable Members are testing my patience.

Mr. R.L. SEALY: Mr. Chairman, I thought that the Honourable Member was rising to his feet to give me a detailed breakdown of the \$626 000. I think that would be appropriate. How are we spending \$626 000, on an event to open the West Wing of Parliament, the partially completed West Wing? It is not a construction site, but there is still quite a bit of work to be done over there. You know that, we know that and everybody knows that. It is there to be seen. Sir, what is the issue - an international fair, that nobody knows anything about and a concert at the National Stadium, for \$626 000.

Sir, I would like them to get up on a point of order and tell me X amount was spent on catering, Y amount was spent on transport and Z was spent on entertainment, breakdown that \$626 000.

Sir, the largest event held at the Queens Park, which is where I think this international fair is supposed to take place, is something held by the Nation Newspaper, the Healthy Lifestyle Extravaganza. They spent \$200 000 on

that event, an event that is at least four times larger than that international fair. They recoup quite a bit of the cost, presumably in renting out the booth space, et cetera.

Sir, I want to know how that \$626 000 has been spent. I think it is fair. It should be information easily obtained, because apparently the money has already been spent. The Government has not disagreed with the Leader of the Opposition. In fact, the Honourable Member for St. Michael West was very quick to get on his feet to tell me that happens and it happens all the time.

11.20 a.m.

Sequence 8

Tuesday, December 05, 2006

House 119, Sequence 09, 11.20 a.m.

Mr. R.L. SEALY: I think we should get some explanation on exactly how that \$626 000 has been spent. I just want to say that we are not opposed to celebrating independence. Yes, Government should take the lead, but surely, some sort of financial priority should obtain when these events are taking place.

We are also dealing in this very Supplementary, with some very large sums of money going towards World Cup expenditure. The Honourable Member for St. Lucy is quite right when he points out that we in the Opposition have been saying all along that this expenditure just seems to be adding up, and adding up, and his comparison to an event that was held in 1981, is quite timely.

Barbados' most recent Knight will tell you that he had to engage a lot of personal criticism, much of it unfair, perhaps, because the reality of hosting events like that, is that you always have things that you cannot anticipate. But we are looking at CARIFESTA, only ten times worse, it would appear.

When we had the last Estimates debate, the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance asked for some room to carry a larger fiscal deficit than normal. He asked for some room, in terms of not being able to spend as much as he may like on lots of the social services, but because he required the room to be what he had to do for the World Cup. Now, we are in here today looking for \$10 million just to deal with security matters that, apparently, were not anticipated, and other matters relating to the World Cup.

Sir, he asked for the room to deal with World Cup but, apparently, there is enough room to spend close to \$¾ a million on a couple of independence events. We do not understand why it is that they seem to be getting it so wrong, in terms of tying down this World Cup issue, and

the expenditure for it. We are not against the event, but it just seems as though they have it so wrong.

Lots of money is needed for the immigration issue to create the single space. I think that is a victory by any standard, because we have been talking about free movement within the Caribbean region for quite a while.

I was going to use a Bajan expression since, apparently, we are into Bajan terms this morning - donkey's years.

Asides.

Mr. R.L. SEALY: Sir, that in itself is a victory. I have no difficulty in lauding the players involved in seeing that come to a reality.

I believe the Honourable Member for St. Michael North East in her previous office - and to some extent now because she holds that responsibility still - and even the Honourable Member for St. Michael West, who may have had it wrong a little bit earlier, have been working hard in that effort and I think it is good. Sir, if there is one legacy that we hope would continue beyond the World Cup. Sir, we in this region are very quick to put on our insular cloak, so that we will very well find that after the World Cup event, someone will object to some aspect of it, or some little incident may happen in some country, and we may recede to a scenario, where travel within the region is curtailed. I do hope that effort would not die with the World Cup, insofar as creating the single space, even if it is starting with only four or six territories. Sir, that could, in fact, be the start for something very big and good, as we move on.

Mr. Chairman, I am a little concerned again with these expenses, and the fact that we are now amending and/or inserting so many Explanatory Notes.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member has two more minutes.

Mr. R.L. SEALY: Thank you, sir.

The whole thing is getting a little clumsy and we do not want to be in a scenario, where we just had a lovely event, but our financial books are in a mess for many years to come.

Mr. Chairman, I am obliged to you.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Christ Church East Central.

Mr. R.D. JONES: Thank you very much, Mr. Acting Chairman. As I rise to address Head 13 and to speak to

those areas identified there, let me say that I am sympathetic - because it is my nature to be sympathetic - to the use of the words, by the Honourable Member for St. Michael West who led off this debate this morning. He said: "It is indeed painful". If he would permit me to say it is indeed great agony to feel some of the lashes, which are coming from this side this morning on the matter of which he spoke. I have never seen his face so contorted, as a disciple of Christ.

Sir, one understands these types of things. When one is given a mantle to carry, one cannot predict with any certainty, if there are going to be interventions by the Most High, in the form of rain, or if persons would choose another avenue to celebrate such a great activity on this country attaining 40 years of political independence. These are the challenges that one faces, and if I could implore him, not to tighten his girth with such agony, but to say that these things happen from time to time. He should not necessarily be hot under the collar, when the Opposition seeks to point out to him that he might have well broken the financial rule, or that some of these events did not come off as planned.

Mr. Chairman, I also plan events and I hold every part of my body tight, praying that they would be successful. In fact, we put ourselves right into the hearts of these things. Therefore, yes, as the Honourable Member for St. John said, we must commiserate with him, but at the same time when we are in positions of responsibility...

Rev. J.J.S. ATHERLEY: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order. The Honourable Member for Christ Church East Central is misleading the House. I never expressed any pain in this debate today, with respect to the success or otherwise of the events marking the 40th Year of Independence. In fact, I said with loud and glowing tones, that they have been successful. This is not only being said by me, it is being said out there, where it matters.

Sir, what I have expressed pain over, is the level of contribution coming for the other side, and utterances which do not square with fact, truth or the reality. That is the only thing that has caused me pain here today.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: Honourable Member for Christ Church East Central, please continue.

Mr. R.D. JONES: Mr. Chairman, I have never seen the Honourable Member for St. Michael West with so much momentum. He is up and down this morning. I started off by sympathising and understanding, but you cannot express sympathy - it would seem - for the Honourable Member for St. Michael West. The Honourable Member said that it is indeed painful and I am therefore...

Asides.

Mr. R.D. JONES: I can choose which part of the sentence to speak to, and the Honourable Member for St. James North, knows that because he is an articulate speaker.

I am choosing the particular word, "painful" and changing it to, "agony" which is suffering, perhaps from hearing the condemnation from this side, in relation to his mandate.

Aside.

Mr. R.D. JONES: He had a mandate. He had a challenge. He had a charge. If he did not equip himself well to handle the mandate or the charge, that is his problem. He should have gone to many of his colleagues, who had the experience in managing things of this nature and asked them for help. He could have even come to the Honourable Member who is now speaking, and ask him for some assistance. I would have honestly given the Member some of the expertise and knowledge that I would have gained over the years.

Rev. J.J.S. ATHERLEY: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order.

Asides.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Christ Church East kindly take your seat, for the point of order.

Asides.

House 119, Sequence 09, 11:30:14

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Rev. J. J. S. ATHERLEY: On a point of order. The Honourable Member for Christ Church East Central is misleading the House. He now purports to offer assistance to me with respect to the management of the affairs of the State. This offer comes from a man who has had quite some difficulty in managing the affairs of one single national association, the Barbados Football Association.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: Honourable Member, you have spoken. The Honourable Member for Christ Church East Central, continue please.

Mr. R. D. JONES: Mr. Chairman, that is the kind of foolishness that one would expect to get from the Honourable Member for St. Michael West.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: You have to withdraw the word foolishness.

Mr. R. D. JONES: Mr. Chairman, the word foolishness is withdrawn.

Sir, whenever you stand to speak on national issues and you seek to get under the skin of these individuals, they become personal and ad hominem and seek to talk the kinds of things that the Honourable Member for St. Michael West spoke about that he does not understand because he has never yet - as some of the other Honourable Members on the other side, like the Honourable Member for Christ Church East or the Honourable Member for St. Michael South East - brought off a tournament of either rounders or anything of that ilk, so he cannot speak of sports. Nowadays he does not even speak candidly about other matters for which he wears the robes.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: Honourable Member for Christ Church East Central, I would like you to withdraw that statement in relation to the robes.

Mr. R. D. JONES: My apologies. I would not want to take off any of his robes because the Honourable Member knows that I enjoy church and enjoy it well, so there is no disrespect at all to my upbringing in any form or in any fashion. It is too long a trajectory of Christian upbringing and Christian worship to even seek to defame the particular member.

Mr. Chairman, the point is that we are managing the affairs of Barbados. The Honourable Member for St. John has already complimented all of the persons, including the Honourable Member for the City, who have had some responsibility. Sir, I know that the Honourable Member for the City has other strengths but I did not know of her aesthetic values, of her construction ability or of her contracting ability, but I too would like to join with the Honourable Member for St. John in complimenting her on a work in progress. Sir, if what we are seeing thus far is an example of what is to come, then the West Wing is going to be a wonder to behold, and she must be complimented.

Mr. Chairman, those other persons who have responsibility for the affairs of the 40th anniversary must take their lashes when they are given rather than to become petulant in reflecting the kind of behaviour that they are currently reflecting.

Mr. Chairman, I am a bit down-spirited as a result of the posture which is being taken by Honourable Member for St. Michael West. He is one when I entered this Parliament that I paid some homage to. Sir, I am not one who worship mammon in any form, but I thought that he had brought a certain civility, a certain calm and a certain patience to the delivery of those things under his charge.

Mr. Chairman, if I could now change my view, it would be as a result of the behaviour of the Honourable Member for St. Michael West this morning.

Mr. Chairman, I agree as well with the Honourable Member for St. Michael South Central who spoke on Head 13 to the issues of surveillance and ensuring that the Caribbean space is protected from interlopers. We will know that historically there have been vagabonds, murderers and pirates operating within this region both in the historical past and even now within our contemporary reality.

Sir, I am told that they are six countries that have signed on. Sir, Barbados too must expend those resources to protect the land space, and to protect not only our citizens but everybody who comes within our waters or onto our land, which is our responsibility, therefore there is no quarrel in that expenditure.

Mr. Chairman, when we seek to spend the amount of money identified here, the \$373 000 for CARICOM security meetings, but more particularly the \$7.6 million under National Defence and Security to maintain the Coast Guard vessels and for pay and special allowances for the Barbados Defence Force personnel, one has to support that kind of expenditure, because it seeks to protect everybody not only within our land space or our sea space but also within the CARICOM region, because everybody is looking at this part of the world. Sir, they believe that somehow we are lax, that somehow we do not take issues of defence and security seriously, that we are too laid-back, that we are calypso people, that we are carnival people that we are gala event people.

Mr. Chairman, the Government must be complimented on this but they cannot only get compliments. Sir, it is like a child who, after all of your talking to, still persists in certain forms of behaviour, and so he/she must be scolded and must be disciplined.

Sir, I want the Honourable Member for St. Michael West to understand that it cannot be brush your hands, go ahead and do as you like and that everybody would bow before you and say yes massa, thy day has come, that is not the reality. Sir, compliments and praise and punishment when it is deserved must be given. Sir, this particular aspect of the Head must be complimented, it is sensible, it is reasonable and it is timely, but it took Cricket World Cup to galvanise this kind of surveillance and this kind of activity within the region.

Mr. Chairman, there is the grant to public institutions, the servicing and the provision of vending facilities, bathrooms and access road at the Barbarees Hill/Westbury Road and Baxter Road junction. Sir, somebody has to smile because the kind of facilities which

they are putting in place for people to go and get rid of the noxious compound out of their bodies is welcome. Sir, if it took an issue such as Cricket World Cup to galvanise that kind of behaviour, that must be complimented because the people who operate down in that area are also deserving of some of the so-called benefits, which will accrue from the hosting and staging of the Cricket World Cup here in Barbados and across the Caribbean.

Mr. Chairman, Barbados must be a piece of wonder, and if it is going to take Cricket World Cup for the beautification of the environs of Kensington Oval, so be it. Sir, one would hope that it does not stop there because when one looks across Barbados sometimes it appears to be a dump heap because we still continue to throw our wastage through our car windows and that kind of stuff.

Sir, one would hope that as this \$2.25 million is spent on the beautification of the environs of Kensington Oval that the citizens of Barbados and all those who traverse that space would respect this expenditure and would respect the work of the persons who committed their sweat to the beautification of that area and that all would look at it and expand outward so that it would bring about a sense of purpose that this is beautiful.

Mr. Chairman, we cannot just only go and compliment other people in their country or go to Bermuda and say this is a lovely place. Sir, Bermuda is a lovely place because they keep it clean. Therefore, we need to keep our space clean. Each individual has to say it is their responsibility not to litter the gutters or the streets, that they need to keep it clean to ensure that it is enjoyed by Barbadians and all of those persons who come as tourists or visitors to occupy our space, so compliments on this as well.

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11.40 a.m.

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Mr. R. D. JONES: Mr. Chairman, I believe that as we do more and more of these things, as we expend the vast amount of money of Cricket World Cup, 2007, that there will be criticisms. There will be persons who would take issues with these things.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member has one minute more.

Mr. R. D. JONES: Mr. Chairman, at the end of the day, just like the Honourable Member for St. Michael South Central said, I would have been pleased if the Honourable Member had said that for the opening of the West Wing of Parliament, Government had spent \$200

000, and that for the Independence International Fair, it was projected that Government would have spent \$180 000, but that the Fair did not come off and therefore that money was not spent on the Fair, but nevertheless was utilised for the 40th Independence Gala event on November 29, when Honourable Members and I were enjoying an excellent activity in Jubilee Gardens, one of the beautifully refurbished parts in the area.

Sir, in all this, the Honourable Member for St. Michael West would want to deny me the enjoyment of that excellent facility there at Lower Green. On the next day, 2 000 Barbadians made their way to Wildey Great House, the property of the Barbados National Trust, to enjoy the celebration of Independence of this great country. Sir, long may it live.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Honourable Member, your time is up. Honourable Members, let us have order in this Chamber.

Hon. R. R. FARLEY: Mr. Chairman, I rise to congratulate the Government and people of Barbados, first of all on the attainment of their 40th Anniversary of Independence and to give support to this expenditure, which I believe is money well-spent, for a fit and proper purpose.

I also wish to congratulate the Honourable Member for St. Michael West, for an excellent job in giving leadership and guidance to the Staff in the Office of the Prime Minister, particularly the Culture Section, not only for the events listed here, because this is not the extent of the 40th Anniversary Celebrations, but for what has been an excellent season of celebration.

Sir, it was not celebration given merely to fun, frolic and frivolity because you must remember that included in the package of expenditure, as we celebrated 40 years, was a broad range of programmes, which allowed us to reflect with pride on what we had achieved, but also seriously to stop, to take stock and to look at where we are going for the future. These celebrations would have come on the heels of debate by this Parliament, led by this Government, on the Draft National Strategic Plan for this country Barbados. Therefore, this is not about looking back and celebrating but about looking forward.

Mr. Chairman, what is this Independence all about, and I am going to speak about these items here. Independence is about a statement of who we are; an assertion of national identity; having confidence in ourselves; having pride in our history and in our present circumstances and saying to the world, this is what Barbados is about. Sir, what greater way to express that culture than through the arts. Therefore, money spent, for example, at the 40th Independence Gala, was money well-

spent. Those persons who would have attended and those who would have had the benefit of coverage in the Press but all who would have seen and commented, have been moved by the opportunity to be able, in a carefully thought-out programme, one which embraced a range of artistes, which reminded us of the richness and diversity of our cultural expression.

Sir, when I sat there enjoying this programme, I was thankful that there were so many young people in the audience. Sir, it is those young persons, at ages 10 and 15 years, who would not have known who is Tony Grazette or what is spouse, neither would they have known of the village choirs and service of songs. These youngsters were, therefore, able to be properly reminded of these realities.

Mr. Chairman, there are some youngsters, who may not be familiar with some of our folk songs and groups, such as "Sing Out Barbados", but here we were, stopping at a point in our large book of history, to reflect through artistic expression on our culture. Sir, in all this, what did we get from the other side? We got talk about money being wasted and about the fact that people should be here, there and everywhere.

Mr. Chairman, people have their right to mount alternative celebration. That is their right and I am not stopping them, and I hope they would have enjoyed themselves but they must not attempt to stand in the way of Government discharging its responsibility to have diverse expressions of national pride, at the single event of our 40th Anniversary of Independence.

Mr. Chairman, I want to congratulate all persons who would have had a hand in putting on a wide range of 40th Independence activities, some of whom are represented in this Supplementary, others would have gone before, such as the dancers. Indeed, the Honourable Member for St. Michael East is with us and the Independence competition, again brings back an important aspect. Included were dancers from the Israel Lovell Foundation and the San Fouca Drummers.

Sir, given the fact that we are bombarded everyday on our airwaves with a lot of R&B and top 40 music, and because sometimes we do not hear enough of our own musical and artistic expression on the airwaves, unless Government spends money on these kinds of activities, these musical and artistic expressions could be relegated to the pages of history. Sir, we as a Government and certainly the Honourable Member for St. Michael West, are not prepared for that to happen because it is part of that Ministry's responsibility for culture. Sir, I salute them.

Mr. Chairman, in addition to that Independence Gala, let us not forget that separate from the funds that have been voted here, we must give credit to the Office of

the Prime Minister, for not only continuing with NIFCA, but for being able to build year after year and for having it become a more and more successful programme. Sir, there was a time when NIFCA was lagging, when NIFCA no longer represented the kind of national high level activities for which it was designed.

Sir, I am very pleased that the young people of Barbados, especially, are coming out. That was part of our 40th Anniversary celebrations. It was money that was well-spent. Sir, in addition, this year, as a special activity for the 40th Anniversary, we would have had the national consultation on religious and moral matters, where the Church and interested parties would have gotten together on 27th November, for discussions on important aspects of our social development.

Sir, essentially, I believe that they would recognise, like the Government, to paraphrase part of the Bible: "What would it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose its soul". Therefore, while that activity is not in this Supplementary, provision has already been made for it. Sir, this reflects the diversity and deep thinking that would have gone into the celebrations of our 40th Anniversary of Independence.

Mr. Chairman, for those who might be Scrooges among us and for those who might say that we have gone overboard and have spent \$626 million more...

Asides.

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Hon. R. R. FARLEY: I had the great privilege of being in Botswana for the September 30th celebration of that country's 40th anniversary of Independence. Sir, just like us, it is a relatively small country, 1.7 million persons in the population, good standard of living, good stable democracy and they too recognised the importance of these signal moments. In fact, I was struck by the great similarity between our celebrations and theirs, that our thinking and the way in which we chose to celebrate the moment was very striking to me.

Indeed, we were very pleased, as part of our 40th anniversary celebrations, to have amongst our guest, an official delegation from the Government of Botswana, led by Major General Pheto, Minister of Labour and Home Affairs and, they have asked me to convey to this country their thanks and appreciation for the role of the hospitality that was extended to them by Barbadians. They have also asked me to convey to this country their deep admiration

and their astonishment at the level of development that we have been able to achieve, without any natural resources and for such a small country. Sir, their country is 1 000 miles long and

1 000 miles wide, a large portion of land. They could not quite fathom 21 by 14 and what we have been able to achieve with it.

Mr. Chairman, I am saying that every country in the world, has a duty and a responsibility to lead its citizens in celebrating important moments. Sir, the colonial powers would never squabble over their major celebrations. If there is one thing they knew how to do, is to play the games of symbols. Sir, they understood symbolism but we, as an independent country, would want to be Scrooge-like and be miserly when it comes to spending money on important matters like a gala to celebrate 40 years of cultural and artistic expression in Barbados and the opening of the West Wing of Parliament.

Mr. Chairman, it was described by the Honourable Member from St. Michael South Central as a construction site. What is this, is he an engineer?

Sir, the reality is that there can be no greater statement about the centrality of democracy and the supremacy of Parliament and the Constitution than to complete the work on that building, which has not been used for 25 years. I cannot agree with anyone in here, who would want to either describe it as opening a construction site or to suggest that we should not spend money on it.

Sir, part of the reason for the cost involved is that we took the opportunity of inviting our international guests from the African Caribbean and Pacific countries and the European Union at the Joint Parliamentary Congress that was being held. Sir, we are not going to put Barbados in the position where we have a major occasion of our 40th Anniversary of Independence, we have international guests and just give them a 'bread-and-two' and a Ju-C or some half-hearted celebration.

Mr. Chairman, these additional funds represent money well-spent. They do not represent the totality of the independence celebrations. I do not want anyone, whether in here or outside to go away with the impression that this is what it was.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member has two more minutes.

Hon. R. R. FARLEY: Sir, we would have had NIFCA and the Community Independence Celebrations. I want to congratulate the Honourable Member for St. John because his Parish Ambassadors won the competition at the gala. We had the National Church Service and the Parade. I

want to congratulate the security forces, the unarmed groups and all those who participated. I want to congratulate the Honourable Member for St. Philip West because, I have always argued that we need to ensure that there is a greater involvement of our children in these children in our celebrations and there were hundreds of children. We have Remembrance Day honouring of war veterans around that time. Since the opening of Parliament, we had the presentation of National Honours for Independence. Sir, you know that is a feature of this Administration.

We used to announce the honours on Independence Day but then they were presented two here and three there and it was this Administration, five years ago, which instituted the policy of honouring and presenting the insignia on Independence Day. Sir, those are all part of what celebrations are all about.

Mr. Chairman, as I close, I want to state categorically that I believe that celebration of our independence in formal and structural ways is important, each and every year. It assumes an even greater importance for which one can reasonably expect that we can depart from the trend line of expenditure. I would expect more money to be spent in the 40th year of independence celebrations than in the 39th year of independence. Similarly, I would expect to spend more money in the 50th year than in the 57th year of independence.

Mr. Chairman, I want to congratulate the Honourable Member for St. Michael West for a job well-done and to congratulate all of the members of staff in the Prime Minister's Office and its departments for giving us Independence celebrations of which we can be honestly and truly proud.

Mr. Chairman, I thank you.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for St. Michael North West.

Mr. C.A. MASCOLL: Mr. Chairman, I join this debate out of a sense of duty but more important to say that the cultural architecture of any country cannot be measured or determined by dollars and cents. It is too critical and too important in terms of dealing with the psyche of your citizenry for you to be able to measure in that way. I want to agree with the Honourable Member for St. Lucy that the sooner we get to the accrual system of accounting the better it would be for this country. He is assured that Government is currently on course to moving away from the cash system towards the accrual system.

Mr. Chairman, this is important because in an instance like this, where there would have been an allocation in the Estimates that proved to be inadequate, at

the time of the implementation of the programmes, it is appropriate and right to come to Parliament before the event occurs but, the reality is that the Financial Rules allow for a Government to account for an expenditure, once it is recognised, before the end of the year, such that you do not appear to be going against the wishes and the expressed desire of the Parliament. Sir, this is accounted for in the Financial Rules, the subsidiary legislation at Clause 19. I will read the Clause to make the point, which says that payment shall not be made before they are due for the purpose of utilising an anticipated saving on any item. Sir, Government is so strict that if you perceive that you could make a saving on an expenditure, according to the Financial Rules, you should not make that payment before the event occurs....

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Mr. C.A. MASCOLL: ...you should not make that payment before the event occurs, nor may the unexpected portion of any item be drawn to meet impending payments or be carried to a deposit or a suspense account.

Sir, on the other hand, and this is the important matter here, expenditure properly chargeable to the account of a given year, shall, as far as possible, be met within the year and shall not be deferred for the purpose of avoiding an excess on the amount provided in the Estimates. In short, you are saying, if you recognise that an expenditure has been incurred, it is the duty of the Government to bring that expenditure to the Parliament before the end of the year, such that you do not appear to be carrying that expenditure forward to the year coming. Sir, in fact, in that regard, therefore, there is all merit in suggesting why such should have been brought prior to the event. Sir, the thing is, there is provision in the event that such has occurred, that you ensure that the expenditure is accounted for in the given fiscal year, and so there is no impropriety. Sir, that ought to resolve this matter. It is not a major thing.

Mr. Chairman, why I said that I have to agree with the Honourable Member for St. Lucy, is simply this. In an accrual system, where you account for the expenditure at the time it has occurred, even though the payment for the event might have occurred after, then you would have allocated that expenditure where it belongs. The difference is, you do not account for an event when, in fact, you make the payment, but you account for the event when the event has occurred.

Sir, in that regard, let me make contact with a very popular concept, that the Honourable Member for St. Lucy repeats, almost ad nauseam, in this Chamber, and he calls it

revenue expenditure, which is, in fact, a concept in accounting, basically you are saying that there are certain costs that are repeated, like utility cost and labour cost. There are repeated over the course of the financial year, but you know that you have already made a provision within your revenue for that expenditure, which is to be incurred. In fact, it is something you can foresee, and, therefore, that is where the notion is, in fact, it sounds like a contradiction, the notion of where revenue expenditure comes from. Of course, the other side is capital expenditure.

Sir, therefore, in this debate, while there has been some contact with the whole notion that, perhaps, the presenter should have been made it known, it is not that it is going to disturb any of the accounts in Government or it would badly reflect. In fact, what is good, you have recognised that it has occurred, and, therefore, you are bringing it here to Parliament for approval.

Sir, there is far more substantial stuff, in this debate to deal with the whole question of our Fortieth Year of Independence. The thing is, it really matters because we know of the vision of the Right Excellent Errol Walton Barrow. What really matters is whether that vision has been translated into a way of life, such that our people have now embraced the educational thrust and all of those qualities, that would allow for us to look at the second stage of Independence, which is the next forty years, and really it has to do with becoming a republic. That is what it all about. That is the second stage of Independence, when we can now determine who we are as a people, by defining clearly who our Head of State is, and that is all that is really required now, to ensure that the second phase of independence is not only pursued, but is embraced, and embraced to the benefit of all Barbadians.

Sir, the recent events in celebrating Independence were all remarkably executed. In fact, I can say as a Barbadian, that for me, the events and the show at the opening of the West Wing of Parliament, was as professional as they came.

In fact, I witnessed Barbados maturing in terms of the execution of an event. I witnessed the organisers identifying four separate spots within the Parliament yard, and without the use of a MC, the synchronisation was remarkable, of course, the performances were very impressive. That is what caught my attention more than anything else. Sir, not the song, sang by John King or the beautiful rendition of many Barbadian songs, but the organisation, which is in fact the testimony as to whether you are maturing as a country. Your capacity and ability to put on events that are world class, because we have always had world class performers, whether it was in the area of cricket, body building, which is very much underestimated and understated as a sporting event in Barbados. Outside of

cricket we have produced more noted world class body builders than in any other events.

Sir, in fact, it is possible to contest that position, because in body building, we really fought above our weight. We were able to produce world class body builders and other things. For me, the real test at this stage in our history, is our capacity and ability to deal at the level of service and to provide the kind of event that we have done throughout the Independence.

Sir, I think that because this is an omnibus presentation, we are in fact losing the real substance beyond the Independence. That has to do with the preparation for the World Cup.

Sir, no young Barbadian boy, who would have played cricket from the time he was able to hold a bat, who would have represented his school and who would have represented institutions that he worked at, would object to the hosting of World Cup Barbados, because cricket for us is way beyond the boundary.

Cricket for us is not a simple question of bat and ball. It is who we are. We have been defined by cricket, the capacity to be studied, when we have to be steady. The capacity to be flamboyant when we need to be. The capacity to work as a team when we have to. The capacity, simply, to play a game of cricket, and I am talking about test cricket, not the other bastardised form called One Day Cricket. I am talking about the real cricket, where you have to show your true mettle as a cricketer.

Sir, when you study the game of cricket, you would see that as you get older, when you have lost your physical ability to play, is when you crave wanting to play. It is so, because you only really start to understand cricket, when you become a matured man. As a boy you play it for the excitement, but when you start to understand the intricacies of cricket, and how it teaches you about life and life experiences, and the ability to forego a hand, batting with a better player, as a schoolboy you batted with George Reifer and you know that the team requires you to sacrifice, in the event there is a mixup in a run out situation, you sacrifice. You know that when you are batting with a better player, you have to be a little more dogged, and stay consistent and constant in what you are doing, he would make the runs, but you are not envious, because the total runs made by the team would satisfy you regardless of whether you made a contribution or did not make a contribution.

Sir, that is why I say that cricket in that sense, therefore, is truly for me, the sport that you come to love as you get older, when you hope at that age, that you would have been younger so that you could go back and play it better. Sir, it is a very strange thing called cricket. It is

about life's experiences. It teaches you everything almost about life.

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Mr. C.A. MASCOLL: Therefore, you noticed that when I sat on the other side, I would never have objected to the expenditure on cricket World Cup, because I understand that you have to make a provision for an amount. My thing would be how effectively and efficiently you can manage those resources to deliver the good that you want. But to even begin to question hosting a World Cup, would never have been contemplated by me.

My whole psychological make up would not have permitted me to go against a game that I revere, to go against a game that has shaped me, to go against a game that remains the corner stone of the Caribbean, and to go against a game that will continue - regardless of the current circumstances - to be the linchpin across the region. I could not go against it.

My hope therefore now that it is coming closer to the hour of decision, is that we continue to execute the programme. The beautification programme which is in this Supplementary is going to mean a whole lot to the environs of Kensington. Sir, those of us who know Wharton Gap, those of us who know the Orleans, those of us who know the environs of Kensington, would know that it is really an expression of what our City used to be, and why we wish to retain that cultural element.

Sir, independence and cricket are about culture. While we need to restore that cultural element, we also see the need to upgrade what Kensington looks like because we are now bringing our visitors to our shores.

Mr. Acting CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member has two more minutes.

Mr. C.A. MASCOLL: Thank you, Sir.

It is similar to being a humble boy being raised in a chattel house, and to recognise that there is a cupboard or - there might be another name for it - a larder that contains the finest of china, where you have your best plates, your best forks, knives and plates, and you cannot touch those forks or knives or plates, until there is a major event, that is, a visit by a stranger to your doors.

Therefore, you understand it. During the course of the year, you eat with your normal fork, you eat with your normal knife and you look forward, especially at Christmas - I used to look forward to it - to eat with the best cutlery in the house. I also looked forward to having a slice of ham because contrary to what we have now, ham was only a Christmas time thing. When I saw my mother bought a salted ham in November, and put it in the roof of the house, I was tantalised until the day when I could consume some part of that leg ham.

I am saying this because we therefore need to understand that this whole thing called cricket, and this thing called independence that we hold so dearly, have more to do with defining who we are, ensuring that we are able to culturally define who we are, and these are the events that will assist in doing so. Therefore, I will support any attempt to do any amount of independence events that will redound to the benefit of our cultural landscape.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Acting CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for St. Lucy.

Mr. D. St.E. KELLMAN: Mr. Acting Chairman, it is clear to me that we have to rise to the occasion and recognise that it is without doubt that the BTII, led by that able gentleman, Mr. Charles Holder, did a wonderful job on the West Wing and no praise given by this House would be too great.

It is regrettable though that praise did not come at the opportune time, because when one considers the hard work done by the person leading that team from the BTII, the workers from the Ministry of Public Works and the Acting Clerk of this House, it is without doubt that this group of people should be congratulated, along with the workers of Parliament, who would have helped to ensure that the West Wing was available for visitors from overseas.

Sir, in the beginning I really thought that the Honourable Member for the City was preparing for her departure. It is only today I recognise, Sir, that as usual, we had some foreign guests and we had to rush everybody to ensure that we put on a show for them.

It is rather interesting, Sir, that the Honourable Member for St. Michael North West said that he always looked forward to that special day to be able to use the forks and plates. It is clear, Sir, that this Government has recognised that the forks and plates belong to urban Barbados, and the people of rural Barbados will never get the opportunity to use the forks and plates, but we are not jealous.

Sir, that is why you would have, in the City of Bridgetown, the Parliament, the West Wing, every road being repaired and even Kensington being redone, which used to be oval shaped. This is an amazing Government because this is the first Government, I know, that has been able to turn something around and still keep it oval shaped.

Sir, in rural Barbados, this Government does not understand that there is something called, being complementary. It is obvious that in order for urban Barbados to achieve what it wants and what it has, that rural Barbados will have to complement urban Barbados. If you spend all the money on urban Barbados and you do not spend the money on St. Andrew, St. Lucy, St. Peter, St. Joseph, St. Philip, St. Thomas, or St. James, then you are spending money on two main parishes of Barbados and leaving out the others. You cannot control tourists when they come to Barbados. The amazing thing is that this Government seems not to understand, is that the tourists who come to Barbados are not interested in the concrete jungle of Barbados. They are interested in the parish that they consider the natural parishes of Barbados.

Sir, instead of ensuring that the infrastructure in rural Barbados, the real attraction of Barbados, is right, this Government is ensuring that they keep the urban corridor in proper state and neglecting the rural corridor of Barbados. I am going to tell you why it worries me. I know you remember this, even though you are from urban Barbados.

Sir, the Barbados Labour Party came to Government in 1994, with a promise that rural Barbados will be given the resources to match urban Barbados or to come close to urban Barbados. I challenge anybody to deny this. I even challenge them to go back to the Minutes and they would recognise that this promise was done quickly after, by developing a Commission called, the Rural Development Commission with \$200 000 and not \$2 million. I stated at that time you could not start the rural with \$200 000.

Hon. R.C. EASTMOND: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order. Sir, before the Commission was set up, by an Act of Parliament, \$200 000 were given initially. Sir, that was before, but the first allocation for rural affairs had been \$200 000. Therefore, he is right.

Mr. D. St.E. KELLMAN: Sir, quickly after though the mandate given by the people of Barbados was to ensure that rural Barbados would be able to get the resources to come close to urban Barbados, an urban commission was also set up.

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Mr. D. St.E. KELLMAN: However, Sir, never once was the rural vote bigger than the urban vote. Sir, even though they claimed they were going to put rural Barbados on par with urban Barbados, urban Barbados continued to have the larger cake and then on top of that it got a larger share of the outside cake, hence, rural Barbados was never able to match urban Barbados.

Sir, the reason we will not get the success coming out of \$330 million that we are spending on the Cricket World Cup 2007 is because of the wrong location. Sir, how could you have a cup that is full one place and have another cup that is empty somewhere else, and you continue to pour water in the cup that is full already? Sir, that is exactly what has occurred.

Sir, Kensington Oval did not need the expansion because Kensington Oval was recognised as the place for test cricket and it had no room for future expansion. Sir, rather than Kensington Oval having room for future expansion, you have to have contraction to accommodate Kensington Oval. Sir, in rural Barbados where you had the space and room for development, they neglected to recognise that if they were going to spend \$300 million, they should have spent the \$300 million where they can find matching or more development.

Mr. Chairman, nobody on this side, as long as I am on my side, can be opposed to the hosting of the Cricket World Cup 2007. Sir, what we will be opposed to is the placement of the Oval or complex. Mr. Chairman, when you are spending \$300 million, you always look for matching investments to match the money that you are investing. Sir, nobody can show me one project next to Kensington Oval that has come about because of the \$300 million that has been spent.

Mr. Chairman, if we were to take that same project to the north of Barbados, I can identify a possible \$1 billion in investments for Barbados because there is the open land mass. I can show you how you can stage it and you would not have a situation where you have would traffic confusion because there are about 20 different ways to get to the same location. Sir, because of the location of Kensington Oval and how it has been urbanised and the development of the area, we would have this problem.

Sir, in Canada, when you are looking to place a mall, you do not look where malls are, you go out and you build the mall in areas that are not developed and attract investment to suit. Sir, Greece did not go back to their old stadium, they built a new stadium because they understood the importance of matching investments.

Mr. Chairman, in Barbados we like copying but we seem not to know what to copy. That is why I hope now that the Transport Board has these 75 new buses that they

would not keep all in urban Barbados but would recognise that Pie Corner would like to get back the bus service that I have written them about since 1999 and that Josey Hill and places like Connell Town would be able to appreciate that they too can have some of these new buses, and they will not have to wait to go on an excursion.

Sir, now that we have home-porting, I have asked the Minister of Tourism to ensure that when the tourists come to the airport that we take them on an excursion throughout Barbados so that they would see Barbados and will spend some money within Barbados, but they will not do that. Sir, what they did is to take the tourists, drive them from the airport straight down the highway and they do not see one piece of Barbados.

Mr. Chairman, in contrast, when my constituents finished working so hard and they leave Bridgetown they have to go on an island tour through St. Peter and St. Andrew to get to St. Lucy. Sir, we cannot get the tourism planners to understand that situation is for tourists and not for the normal people of Barbados.

Asides.

Mr. D. St.E. KELLMAN: This is under Head 13, Cricket World Cup 2007, and making sure that the workers are healthy to work in the Cricket World Cup 2007.

Sir, one is hearing about all the planning for Cricket World Cup 2007, about what is happening in Oistins, about what is going to happen in Baxters Road and the whole of urban Barbados, but you cannot hear of one project that will be done in rural Barbados in places like St. Joseph, St. Andrew or even in St. Peter, the Prime Minister's constituency, or even in the Pine. Mr. Chairman, you are urban, so they might put a plan for you.

Asides.

Mr. D. St.E. KELLMAN: The Honourable Member is telling me that I am getting a tourism project in Mount Poyer.

Asides.

Mr. D. St.E. KELLMAN: No, I am talking about Cricket World Cup 2007.

Sir, what is interesting is that the private sector of Barbados recognised that after Oistins - because of a lack of parking in Moon Town - the best possible place to organise anything is in Moon Town, but do you know that you cannot get a car park for Cricket World Cup 2007.

Sir, I believe that the Barbados Tourism Investment Incorporated would put those plans in place because I trust

the people at the Barbados Tourism Investment Incorporated. Sir, what is amazing is that the organisation at the Barbados Tourism Investment Incorporated seems to be more outreaching and have a better planning capacity than some others. Sir, I hope that the budget for the Barbados Tourism Investment Incorporated is not only spent in urban Barbados but they will continue to understand their commitment to developing Barbados and community tourism.

Sir, there is no doubt that the solution to tourism in Barbados will not be condos or villas, but will be community tourism. Sir, the reason I could say that is that the multiplier effect from community tourism is much greater than any money spent at Sandy Lane or at Royal Westmoreland. Sir, when money is spent at Sandy Lane or Royal Westmoreland, there are two steps, but when it is spent in the communities of Barbados, there are many steps to the final step.

Mr. Chairman, if you want to see the real engineering of money, all you need to do is to mark a one dollar bill and spend it in rural Barbados and tell me if that same dollar bill does not end up in urban Barbados. Sir, if you spend that one dollar bill at Sandy Lane, you will not see that dollar bill in rural Barbados, but if you spend it in rural Barbados, you might find it at Sandy Lane. Sir, I hope the Honourable Members understand what I am saying.

Mr. Chairman, the problem with tourism in Barbados is that we have not been able to study what occurred in the 1960s and the 1970s and why Barbados was so buoyant in those days. Sir, Barbados was buoyant in those days because you had the French Canadians and so on and they knew how to spend the money with the vendors, the good-looking men of Barbados, and that money was filtered within the society and it got to the right location.

Sir, I am saying that we have to go back and study those things. These things about villas and condos sound good, but they do not have the same expansionary policies to them as if you have community tourism. Sir, we need to understand that a country like Barbados must put some money to ensure that community tourism takes off in this country because it is the saviour to our tourism, it is not the villas and the condos which are owned by the outsiders who will leave the money outside. Sir, when you have the money in community tourism, you can be assured that the money is there for one and all to have a feel and a touch of.

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I am begging the planners not to neglect community tourism because if we want Barbados to be prosperous again in tourism, money must be spent on developing community tourism. Sir, the amount of money given to all-inclusives, and to the people who own the villas and the condos will not benefit this

country in the same way as if that money was taken and spent on community tourism. Sir, had we done that, we would not now be paying a foreign owner \$30 million for a ship, we would have enough rooms in Barbados to keep all of that money here.

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Mr. D. St.E. KELLMAN: Mr. Chairman, if you were to ask me how much money would be spent on Cricket World Cup, 2007, I would start with \$30 million, the money paid for the rental of one ship but had you asked me had we spent that money here, what the development would have been for Barbados, I could tell you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member has two minutes more.

Mr. D. St.E. KELLMAN: Mr. Chairman, as the Honourable Member ended, the forks and plates cannot be a Sunday thing. They can be a daily thing in Barbados, if that money had been spent on community tourism.

Mr. Chairman, I also want to say that those workers, who worked on the West Wing, are the same workers who would have worked on the Prison. Therefore, I think it is unfair that those workers, whom we praise for working and for doing such a good job on the West Wing, who also did wonderful work at Harrison Point, have not received their overtime money.

Mr. Chairman, in the same way that Government could bring a Supplementary here for \$27 million, to ensure that facilities are done for the International Cricket Council, Global Cricket Corporation and the ship owners, it is time that Government brings a Supplementary, so that those workers could be paid. Sir, I see in Head I3, there is a heading National Defence and Security. Therefore, the work that these workers would have done, would fall under that heading. Therefore, we should have had the Supplementary for money owed to them because these workers are deserving of that money owed. I thank you, Mr. Chairman.

On the motion of Hon. R. C. EASTMOND, seconded by Hon. R. R. FARLEY, Mr. CHAIRMAN reported progress to His Honour the SPEAKER and sought leave to sit again.

MR. CHAIRMAN vacated the Chair. MR. SPEAKER assumed the Chair.

SUSPENSION

Hon. R. C. EASTMOND: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that this Sitting be suspended until 1.45 p.m.

Hon. R. R. FARLEY: I beg to second that, Sir.

The question that the Sitting be suspended until 1.45 p.m. was put and resolved in the affirmative without division and MR. SPEAKER suspended the Sitting accordingly.

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RESUMPTION

Mr. SPEAKER: This Sitting is resumed. When the Suspension was taken, this Honourable House was in Committee of Supply and to that it will now revert.

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

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Mr. CHAIRMAN: This Honourable House is now in Committee of Supply. The Honourable Member for St. Michael North East.

Hon. Miss M.A. MOTTLEY: Mr. Speaker, I rise to make a few comments in relation to the preparations for World Cup 2007, and to indicate in reporting to this Honourable Chamber, that we have now reached the point of execution in the final stages of preparation in respect of the security component of World Cup 2007.

Mr. Chairman, this Honourable Committee may be aware that I carry the responsibility for chairing the Regional Committee for preparation for security and only this weekend in Trinidad & Tobago, the Bureau of Ministers would have been meeting all weekend to continue to put matters in place. I would have indicated via a Press Conference to the region on Saturday that we anticipate that as of December 15, 2006, we shall be issuing the Common CARICOM Visa, which as you know, would be required by the citizens of all countries with the exception of citizens of CARICOM States and then 11 countries across the world, namely, United States of America, Canada, United Kingdom, France, Spain, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Ireland, Japan and South Africa.

Mr. Chairman, the arrangements have been put in place recognising the percentages equally of tourists that would normally come from our traditional partners but, at the same time, taking into account that we need to have two

levels of security, if we are capable of meeting the obligations to allow for the movement of persons, the large numbers of persons that we expect but, at the same time, in no way to compromise the security of the region. The visa, therefore, represents the first tier of the security measures. The second tier is represented by reason of the Advanced Passenger Information System, which we anticipate would equally be operational by the time that the single domestic space comes into operation, namely, January 15, 2007.

Mr. Chairman, in the circumstances, I believe that we have a situation, which would see us being able to accommodate the thousands of persons, who are anticipated. In Barbados' own case, we expect that in that final week, just for the Port alone, that we will have nearly 14 000 passengers resident, in and out of the Port. We also anticipate in excess of over 5 000 yachts as opposed to cruise ships or floating hotels and, of course, then the numbers that would be accommodated by the land-based destinations and hotels.

Mr. Chairman, we will also have operationalised by the beginning of World Cup 2007, a team of military and police personnel, 400 to be exact, that will help meet any deficiencies that would exist on the part of host countries in relation to their obligations to meet the security requirements for World Cup 2007.

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Hon. Miss M.A. MOTTLEY: When we combine the arrangements for the visa, for the Advance Passenger Information System, for the standing military and police entity, which has commonly become known as COPAS, along with the establishment of a Regional Intelligence Fusion Centre, which allows us to take intelligence from all of the participating countries and analyse this intelligence, such that we can more appropriately deploy the law enforcement personnel to areas where they are likely to be difficulties or challenges, when we take all of these things in conjunction, the total sum, which has been approved by the CARICOM Heads of Government, for the staging of the security component of Cricket World Cup, is US\$20.8 million, of which Barbados' share is US\$3.2 million. Therefore, the sum which has been included in this Supplementary before this Chamber today, is to allow Barbados to pay its part towards the regional preparation for security to Cricket World Cup next year.

In addition to that, we have put in place arrangements, and are seeking to do so, to facilitate the movement of personnel through airports, because of the single domestic space, it means that persons who travel

from any of the nine host countries and Dominica to another one of those nine host countries or Dominica, will be treated as domestic passenger. Persons coming from outside of those ten countries, will be treated as an international passenger. Domestic passengers will not have their passports stamped. International passengers must have their passports stamped at the first port of entry, and thereafter, if they are travelling within the single domestic space, would not be required to have their passports stamped again.

The issuing sites for the visa are Toronto, New York and Miami, where the Jamaica Consulate will be issuing the common CARICOM Visas; the United Kingdom, London to be more specific, where the Government of Barbados and its High Commission would be issuing visas there, and the High Commission at New Delhi, India, and a Consulate in Sydney, Australia, where the Government of Trinidad and Tobago will be issuing visas from those sites.

Sir, of course, we have already received from Cricket World Cup the names and email addresses of all persons who have applied for tickets. A mass email would have gone to all of those applicants, a week ago Friday, indicating what would be the requirements for those needing visas and where they could get them. I am happy to report, as a result of that email, we have had over 90 000 hits from forty-two countries in just over a week, in relation to the arrangements for Cricket World Cup.

The security arrangements also extend to public health and port health concerns. I would imagine that under the next Head, which is before us, the Honourable Minister of Health, who has the responsibility for the regional preparations, will speak more to this matter., suffice it to say, however, that their work is integrated into our committee, along with disaster preparedness. We are in a position to try to minimise the risk, which the region will face as a result of the mass influx of personnel to World Cup.

Mr. Chairman, we also believe that the issue of a successful staging will ultimately depend, not just on the efforts of the law enforcement personnel or, indeed, even the personnel at Kensington Oval, but from here on in, until April 28, 2007, I really do believe that every Barbadian has a vested interest in helping to ensure that we as the smallest country every to stage a global sporting event, is in no way embarrassed, but moreso is capable of delivering the best show and the best form of hospitality, but in a safe and secure environment. If we can do that as a nation, we will do ourselves proud, but more important, we will lay a platform for further economic development, in my view, since the world's eyes will be on us and will be looking to see how can this, small nation or this small set of nations in the region, seek to successfully host, what is essentially the third largest global sporting event.

Sir, it is not a time for a lot of talk. It is a time for us to put our heads down, and to simply get the job done within the limited time that is available to us. I thank Honourable Members for the generous support which they have given to the resources, which are needed for us to be able to complete this action. It is also important for me to stress that in relation to the issue of the benefits, that Honourable Members, as well as Barbadians, need to remember, that apart from the financial benefits that will accrue from the sale of tickets and other investments, there are significant economic benefits that will accrue.

Mr. Chairman, you may recall that a few years ago, when we last hosted India, there were complaints by Indian journalists about the quality of Kensington Oval, and, indeed, what is significant, that with countries like Grenada and St. Lucia building modern stadia, it would only be a matter of time, where the ability to host major international tests or One Days, would have been compromised at Kensington Oval, had we not taken the decision to significantly renovate and refurbish the facilities there.

Sir, I need not remind you that our experience, even take for example, when you have the British here, because West Indies are playing England, you have in excess on the last occasion of 12 000 people, with an average spend of over US\$1 000 within a finite period of two weeks, would have meant that US\$12 million, at least would have been circulated into the economy, during that period of time.

Mr. Chairman, I am satisfied that just simply doing what we had to do, to ready ourselves for World Cup, has placed us at the top of people's minds globally, in relation to the sport. I believe that it is not only going to be a bounty when England is playing in the West Indies, but in the future, that we should be able to get significant numbers of people attending with other countries playing, particularly given the numbers that I have seen in the Indian and Pakistani diaspora in the United States of America, Canada and United Kingdom, many of whom have already signalled their intention to come to the region during the games.

We already have indications that there are significant numbers that will come from Australia. Therefore, the benefits to be reaped from the investment in Kensington Oval, will accrue long past World Cup. There has already been discussion as to whether the West Indies will host the ICC World Championship in 2010, and, therefore, without doing much more, the opportunities are there.

In relation to other investments, which we are making in respect to law enforcement and security, I can say without fear of contradiction that these improvements will significantly enhance the security of the region, particularly given the establishment of the Caribbean

Single Market this year, and the continued work towards the establishment of a single economy.

Sir, as I have said in this Chamber on many an occasion, not only legal people move across the Caribbean. Therefore, the ability to have cooperation in intelligence matters, for the first time in an independent Caribbean, such that we can now share intelligence across law enforcement entities, from as far north as Jamaica to as far south as Guyana and Suriname, to as east as Barbados to as far west as Belize, will significantly enhance the capacity of local law enforcement entities.

Sir, the ability to have a Regional Intelligence Fusion Centre, will also enhance that ability to be able to analyse intelligence. Of course, the establishment of SISNET, which is the intelligence sharing network.

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House 119, Sequence 19, 2.00 p.m.

Hon. Miss M.A. MOTTLEY: Equally, Mr. Chairman, we never had a security Assistance Treaty among Caribbean countries that allowed other countries, outside of the Regional Security System (RSS) to come to the aid of individual countries, if there is a threat to national security, or a natural disaster that requires resources, beyond the national law enforcement authorities.

One only needs to think back as recently as to the Hurricane Ivan in Grenada, to know the extent to which a country may need resources, in the context of a natural disaster is absolutely key, because you have to maintain order, within the first 72 to 96 hours after a major natural disaster.

In our own instance in Barbados last year, we called on the Regional Security System for the first time. It was ever present in my mind that if the situation persisted for any time much longer, the resources of the RSS would have been insufficient to meet Barbados' needs at the time. Therefore, the ability now to be able to make approaches to Jamaica, Guyana and Trinidad and Tobago, the combined forces of which are many, will significantly enhance our ability to keep our citizens safe and secure, not just during Cricket World Cup but, indeed, from here onward.

Mr. Chairman, I believe that the investment is worth it. I believe that there are significant benefits across a whole raft of areas, such as security and international transport. We are working with the airlines - I met with

them all last Friday - to be able to ensure that they can meet their obligations, in terms of the movement of people.

We are also working with the Ministers of International Transport at the regional level. While it is regrettable that the meeting was cancelled three times before, it was eventually held three weeks ago in Guyana. The reality is that we are now working with them to see how we can improve the processing of passengers, across each and every airport and seaport, within the nine countries, plus, Dominica.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member has two minutes.

Hon. Miss M.A. MOTTLEY: Thank you, Sir.

Apart from the obvious benefits in relation to tourism, in relation to the improvement of the public infrastructure of our countries, and the improvement of the sporting facilities, I do believe that there is a wide range of other benefits, as I have said, in security, international transport, and public health, which will significantly enhance our ability to provide better quality of services and security to our Nation and, indeed, to the citizens of the region, as a whole.

Therefore, I have great pleasure in supporting the amount that is being requested here. I believe that it will get the job done, and that come May, we can hold our heads up with a level of pride that we, as the smallest Nation in the world to have hosted a global sporting event, have done so with efficiency and, indeed, with a level of detail to ensuring that the visitor satisfaction and the national pride, have been uppermost in our minds, as we have done so.

I beg to move, Sir, that Head 13 stand part.

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 14 - THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE - \$523 000

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for St. Michael North West.

Mr. C.A. MASCOLL: Mr. Chairman, I rise to present this Supplementary. It is a very simple case of two items. We are looking to hire some additional staff for Cricket World Cup in the Customs Department, as well as to refurbish the facility that houses Central Purchasing Department, to the tune of \$43 968. This is to put some paint on the facade on the Central Purchasing Department, which is obliquely opposite Kensington Oval.

It is believed that we cannot upgrade that entire area, without making this particular Government Department looking as though it belongs to the area. There has been an assessment of the facility, and it has been determined that a small total of some \$43 000 would be appropriate to make the necessary refurbishing happen at that facility.

In addition, there will be some temporary staff at the Customs Department to facilitate the increased traffic that will accompany the hosting of World Cup. An allocation of \$480 000 is being sought here in this Supplementary. This is really the extent of the Ministry of Finances asking of a Supplementary, which would be just less than \$½ a million.

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 15 - CABINET OFFICE - \$623, 000

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for St. Michael North East.

Hon. Miss M.A. MOTTLEY: Mr. Acting Chairman, this sum being requested also relates to Cricket World Cup. The sum of \$373 000 is required in order to allow us to meet the cost of attendance at the security meetings, at the regional level, for Cricket World Cup.

Apart from myself Chairing, of course, the Attorney-General has been handling all the legislative and treaty work. The Commission of Police, the Chief of Defence Staff, the Chief Immigration Officer, those technical Heads of Agencies have been like me, travelling every month, and will continue to do so right up to April.

Of course, this request will only carry us until the 31st March, 2007. Indeed, the Conference and Delegations vote has been the vote, which is required to help pay these expenses, since the Estimates have not accommodated for the full scale of the meetings, at the time when they were settled.

In relation to the \$260 000, Mr. Chairman, the Government is required to be able to meet expenses for the hosting of a special meeting of the Inter Agency Governmental Committee. I believe the next meeting is scheduled for the 15th December, where all of the Ministries that are involved in the World Cup planning process, would, discuss, report progress and deal with obstacles. Therefore, a significant number of personnel, will be involved in that meeting.

The other aspect of it, is for the acquisition of a hospitality suite at Kensington Oval. We already have information of certain Heads of Government, from outside of the region and within the region, who are likely to be

here and, therefore, the Government of Barbados is the official host. This Government has to ensure that it has the capacity to host the visiting Heads of Government and Heads of State, who will be here for both the Super Eight matches and during the Final itself. In the circumstances, these are the combined amounts that I have outlined.

I beg to move, Sir, that Head 15 stand part.

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 23 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - \$1 239 235

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Christ Church South.

Hon. Dr. J.X. WALCOTT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Ministry of Health, under this Head is seeking a Supplemental of \$1 239 235 to meet certain requirements for the Ministry of Health's activities in connection with the hosting of Cricket World Cup 2007.

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Dr. the Hon. J. X. WALCOTT: As referred to earlier by the Honourable Member for St. Michael North East, at this point in time I have responsibility for CARICOM as Chairman in terms of coordinating the health activities and the public health activities in relation to coordinating and hosting the Cricket World Cup next year. Mr. Chairman, I should say at the outset that it comprised of various components in terms of public health requirements in preparation for the Cricket World Cup 2007.

Sir, perhaps, in all of the discussions about security and the preparation of stadia, a number of persons are overlooking the significant role which the Ministries of Health throughout the region have to play in terms of hosting this activity. There are a number of requirements, as part of the Bid Book from the International Cricket Council Cricket World Cup, which have to do with certain hospital requirements in terms of being able to provide emergency care in the hospital.

Sir, a number of hospitals in the region as a result need upgrades to various aspects. In addition, there is a commitment to have special VIP facilities in these various hospitals and so many countries have gone about trying to upgrade and have these facilities prepared. The accident and emergency facilities of many of these institutions also need to be upgraded and in some territories they have invested in temporary facilities so as to meet the requirements of the Cricket World Cup. In addition, a number of countries require ambulances, and in this

supplemental we are speaking about a figure of \$20 000 to help defray the cost of an ambulance that has been ordered, to provide a number of ambulances which we have committed to.

Mr. Chairman, at the various stadia, there are provisions for emergency first aid stations in each of the stands. In addition, Cricket World Cup requires that there be an emergency medical facility at each of these stadia, which would operate akin to a clinic in which x-rays will be provided and basic medical care and attention can be provided. Sir, this has certain cost implications, and in terms of this, we are requesting \$110 846 to provide medical supplies to be used at Kensington Oval and the other venues where Cricket World Cup activities would be hosted.

Sir, there are also the public health issues which, unfortunately, have not been highlighted and have not received the prominence which you would expect. Sir, these are our main concerns in terms of the countries of CARICOM realising that there are certain public health issues that must be addressed. Sir, in some cases, we are wondering if they have waited too late in terms of addressing these activities.

Mr. Chairman, in hosting the Cricket World Cup, we expect thousands of persons to come to this region, several of them from countries in which certain diseases which are not endemic to this region are prominent, and so we have to be careful and we have to have heightened public health surveillance in terms of the possibilities of these diseases and infections entering into our region and being transmitted among our populations.

In addition, there are certain aspects in connection with food health where you have thousands of persons coming into the region again - and I am sure that the Honourable Member for St. Lucy would be very familiar with some of these concerns - and in terms of having a large number of persons preparing meals in various locations and having them being displayed and offered for sale in various locales. Mr. Chairman, these are matters that have to be addressed.

Sir, in terms of food safety, we in Barbados have embarked on a project where our environmental health officers have devised a plan, an 18-day programme, in which they have registered food handlers, and have shown and taught how food should be handled, how it should be displayed at the various temperatures and the controls that are necessary. We in Barbados have undertaken to train some 4 000 persons in terms of food safety and food handling. Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to say, as I speak, that some 2 750 persons have been trained, but we are aiming to train some 4 000 by March of next year.

Mr. Chairman, other countries in the region are using the Barbados manual, that we are using here, as a means of implementing this project in their countries. In terms of disease surveillance, in addition to the Port health surveillance which currently obtains primarily at the Grantley Adams International Airport. We have realised that a large number of yachts and cruise liners will come to Barbados and it is expected and realised that we have to have heightened disease surveillance at the Bridgetown Port, at Port St. Charles and at Fort Willoughby, which are expected to be used primarily by those persons who are using yachts and we would have to place and station persons there both from an environmental health point of view and also in terms of port health nurses.

Mr. Chairman, included in this supplementary is a request for \$50 290 to provide for the assembly of surveillance teams. In addition, we are seeking additional funds to provide for equipment and furniture which is expected to be utilised in the offices which these nurses would utilise. As I said, we would be strengthening port surveillance at the airport and we also will be implementing it at these three ports which will be utilised during the Cricket World Cup activities.

Mr. Chairman, the Environmental Health Officers have certain requirements in terms of inspecting the foods which are coming into Barbados not only through the airport but through the seaports and also in terms of inspections to the cruise liners. Therefore, we are also requesting funds for the hiring of additional environmental health assistants, who can be deployed to assist the Environmental Health Officers in carrying out these various tasks in the island in terms of food safety, in terms of vector control, in terms of institutional hygiene and in terms of the general environmental health conditions, which they are required to perform as part of their functions on any day.

Mr. Chairman, there is also the issue of the large number of ocean liners coming into Barbados and the issue of the disposal of solid and liquid waste. Indeed, the Environmental Health Officers would be responsible for monitoring these activities.

Mr. Chairman, in hosting large number of persons at these games, we must also be aware that there is always the possibility of having a mass casualty situation or a mass disaster situation. Therefore, throughout the region we have been having discussions as how we will deal with this and to how we would assist each other if such a situation were to occur in any one country. In terms of Barbados, we have made provision in this year's Estimates for the outfitting of the Nightengale Home, across from the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, which was formerly occupied by the nurses and medical students in terms of accommodation. Sir, a certain amount of money was earmarked in terms of this facility

for outfitting it to provide accommodation if there is a disaster.

Certainly, God forbid, the plan is that if there is a mass casualty situation or a disaster situation the Queen Elizabeth Hospital would be in a position to transfer those persons who are stable or who have chronic illnesses, who are currently hospitalised, to that facility and so free up space for those persons who would be in need of acute attention, who would be transferred from the stadia for whatever reason to that facility.

Mr. Chairman, in this supplementary, we are requesting the sum of \$260 236 to meet additional cost associated with the refurbishment of the Nightengale Home. Mr. Chairman, in terms of the work that had to be done, as they attempted to refurbish the roof they discovered that this building which was constructed some 70 years ago had no rim beam and this had to be put in place. In addition, it required termite treatment.

Mr. Chairman, the sum of \$328 00 is also required in terms of providing professional services associated with the renovation of this Nightengale Home, which will be utilised, if necessary, as a mass casualty facility. Mr. Chairman, after the Cricket World Cup in terms of its legacy value, this refurbished Nightengale Home will be available to provide accommodation for nurses, for medical students and perhaps for persons who have come to Barbados with relatives who have been transferred to seek medical attention.

Mr. Chairman, if I may, I will quickly go through some of the other requests in terms of the surveillance. House 119 Sequence 20

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Hon. J. X. WALCOTT: Mr. Chairman, I have mentioned the Port health and the environmental health surveillance, but I should also say that in conjunction with the various Ministries of Health throughout the region, CAREC has devised a mass surveillance programme. It also has certain requirements, in terms of having a dedicated health surveillance officer available to collate data. This officer will communicate with CAREC, in terms of identifying or picking up new diseases or outbreaks of illnesses, and so try to minimise and reduce the possible threats, which might become active or which might come to the region as part of this venture.

Mr. Chairman, I am requesting the sum of \$21 204 to provide for the recruitment of this person. I have already spoken about the funds required for the Kensington Oval already and also certain equipment, which are required for

public health surveillance. In addition, \$85 000 was allocated and we require an additional \$17 000 to assist us in the purchasing of that ambulance. In addition, there are funds available for the installation of a generator at the Black Rock Polyclinic. This Clinic will obviously be used in terms of Cricket World Cup, 2007, in terms of handling those minor non-hospital emergencies, which might have to be dealt with.

Sir, with that I want to say it is indeed a major undertaking, in terms of the health resources of the country and indeed in terms of the health resources of the entire region. We have been having meetings, as the Honourable Member for St. Michael North East said. We have had meetings, along with that Committee, with personnel from Defence and Security, and have been trying to combine our resources as we prepare for the challenges in Cricket World Cup, 2007. We have identified how we could work together in terms of disaster preparedness and disaster management, if that were to happen.

I must say that we have been improving. We have been providing for these facilities that are necessary, and I dare say that in term of disease surveillance and strengthening our port health and port surveillance, that this will all enure to the benefit of the region post-Cricket World Cup, 2007. There will certainly be clear legacy benefits, in terms of port facilities, port health and public health facilities in this region.

Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that Head 23 stand part.

Hon. R. C. EASTMOND: I beg to second that, Sir, and reserve my right to speak.

Mr. D. St.E. KELLMAN: Mr. Chairman, it is clear that after hearing the Honourable Member, that if we ever needed a legacy in Barbados to be left after Cricket World Cup, 2007, the Honourable Member has demonstrated there is a clear need for a second hospital in Barbados.

Sir, based on the information just given by the Honourable Member and considering the number of temporary stands and the capacity of these stands within the Caribbean region, in relation to the Cricket World Cup, 2007, one wonders what would happen if we were to have one of these stands collapsing. Sir, what facilities would be available within the region, to handle a mass casualty like this, especially here in Barbados, where I believe we might have a stand with a capacity of 18 000. Sir, one wonders where we would take these persons to have healthcare, considering, at the present moment, that the corridors of the hospital are fully occupied.

Mr. Chairman, as you know, the Opposition is very much in the belief that a country like Barbados, which

believes in services, especially as it relates to tourism, one who believes that a healthy country is a wealthy country. Sir, we would have been very supportive if the Minister of Health had come to this Parliament about two or three years ago and had asked for the capital expenditure to set up the second hospital or to renovate the current one at St. Joseph, in light of the planning for Cricket World Cup, 2007.

Mr. Chairman, had the Honourable Member done that, we would not have quarrelled over an expenditure like that, based on information, which the Minister of Health has on file at his office. We, on this side, know that the Honourable Member has information to show that the present hospital, as it stands, is not suitable for having patients. We also know that the last report given to the Honourable Member, is that there is information to the fact that the hospital is making patients sick, especially the new wing that has been added.

Mr. Chairman, one would have thought that this type of charge would have been given...

Hon. J. X. WALCOTT: On a point of order. Mr. Chairman, I have been listening to the Honourable Member for St. Lucy, and I am at a lost as to the reference the Honourable Member is making. I have no document, have not been shown any document, I do not know of any evidence or information whatsoever, indicating what the Honourable Member has just alluded to. The statement of the Honourable Member is so alarming and ludicrous, that I really do not want to repeat it, but I would like the Honourable Member to share the title or the name of this document, which the Honourable Member apparently has alluded to. If the Honourable Member cannot do that, he should, therefore, be asked to withdraw that statement.

Mr. D. St.E. KELLMAN: Mr. Chairman, you need not worry about that. I am forgetting there is a Board at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and that the Honourable Member has no charge of the Board and that this type of information will not now have to come to the Honourable Member. Therefore, when the Honourable Member says that he is not aware, we cannot hold him responsible for that. Sir, the hospital now has a Board and therefore this type of information was prepared for the Board, and not the Honourable Member.

Mr. Chairman, you would now understand why we cannot afford to have virement as part of the financial rules for the hospital, because here it is, the Honourable Member is in this House, voting money for a Board, over which he has no control. The Honourable Member is voting money for a Board that has done a report on the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, and the Honourable Member is not aware of that particular report.

Mr. Chairman, do you see why it is going to be difficult for me, who was planning to support this Head one second ago, not to do so now? Sir, I cannot support this Head because I am not aware whether or not the hospital would be buying a helicopter, a battleship or anything else with this money, because of the system of virement.

Sir, once money is voted in this Honourable House, we are not sure how the Board would spend that money. Therefore, we cannot hold the Honourable Member responsible for anything at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, because of the setting up of a Board. Sir, this is the second Board where we have seen that type of behaviour and today we have confirmation from the Minister of Health, that he has no control over what is going on at that institution, and it is all because of a Board.

Hon. J. X. WALCOTT: On a point of order. The Honourable Member for St. Lucy has said that I have admitted not having any knowledge of what is happening at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Sir, I have never said that. The Honourable Member could perhaps speak but he should not be allowed to continue to associate me with comments that I have not made. Indeed, he is now going into the realm of thoughts, perhaps.

Mr. D. St.E. KELLMAN: Man, you were in here when the Minister said he was not aware of any reports that were done. I am telling you, Mr. Chairman, a report was done.

Asides.

Hon. J. X. WALCOTT: Mr. Chairman, I am saying that the Honourable Member has to tell me the title of the report from which he is quoting, if not you would have to rule, Mr. Chairman.

Asides.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Honourable Member, if you cannot produce the document, you would have to withdraw the statement.

Mr. D. St.E. KELLMAN: Mr. Chairman, what is the rule?

Asides.

Mr. D. St.E. KELLMAN: Come on, you all know better than that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Honourable Member.

Mr. D. St.E. KELLMAN: Mr. Chairman, the point that must be ruled on is whether or not the Honourable Member knows of the report. Sir, I know of the report. I

have not quoted from a report. If I had quoted from a report, I would have had to produce it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please continue, Honourable Member.

Mr. D. St.E. KELLMAN: Mr. Speaker, I am saying that we have to be very careful in this country, as it relates to the setting up of Boards. Sir, the Minister of Health has always made the point in this Honourable House, after I have made it, that the Honourable Member for St. Lucy has said that we need a second hospital, because we need to have room to clear one floor, so that we could service the other. Sir, I have always listened very carefully to the Honourable Member.

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Mr. D. St.E. KELLMAN: Sir, I have always listened to the Minister very well on this particular point. The Minister also makes the point that the Honourable Member for St. Lucy has been making the point for a long time and it not by accident that he makes that point. The Honourable Member knows that it is going to come a time when the capacity of hospital, as it stands now, would not be able to service the patients of Barbados and the Minister wants to be able to tell the public that it is not his fault because the Honourable Member for St. Lucy has been saying it all the time and that he has always concur.

Mr. Chairman, the Minister does not want to be blamed for not having a second hospital because he has ensured that the records of the House have reflected that the point was made before the Honourable Member became Minister of Health. The Minister wants the House to know that it was not of his making that the country does not have a second hospital. I can understand well why the Honourable Member for Christ Church South, even though I did not quote from a document, wanted me to produce the document because the Honourable Member Christ Church South has made sure that he is not blamed for anything dealing with the closure of the St. Joseph Hospital but has also admitted that there is need for capacity as it relates to health care and that there is a need for a second hospital in Barbados.

Mr. Chairman, this thing about mass casualty for World Cup 2007 and so on is really a slip through the back door for additional accommodation...

Hon. J.X. WALCOTT: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order. I have not slipped anything through any door. I have said it clearly in here that the Nightengale Home would be

refurbished, that it could be utilised, if necessary, in terms of providing accommodation, if there was a mass casualty situation. I said that patients, who were stable, who were in hospital, longstay patients, would be transferred to that area, so that we would be in a position to accommodate those persons, who need acute care. I then went to say for the benefit of the House, that after World Cup 2007, that there would be legacy benefit in terms of the refurbishment of the Nightengale Home, in terms of providing accommodation for nurses, for medical students and also if his relatives are referred from Dominica, St. Kitts or wherever they are, and wanted accommodation while their relatives were receiving care and attention in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, they would be accommodated there so, it would have some legacy benefit. Sir, it is not to be utilised as a hospital.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: You have made your point of order.

Mr. D. St.E. KELLMAN: Mr. Chairman, anything said by the Minister of Health today is only for this day because after it has been passed today, it then goes to the Board and the Minister has no control over the Board. I am taking it as a speech made for the House and not for health care of Barbados because once it gets to the Board, the Minister has no more control, it is over the Chairman and others on the Board. If you go back to the Minutes when we debated the Board in here and you check the speech of the Minister, he has admitted that his hands are clean after September and that it is now all over to the Board so, likewise today. After we have passed this money, the Minister has no more control and the Honourable Member is not accountable anymore because he cannot assure anybody that this money would be spent on what the Honourable Member is before the House because there is something called virement which gives the Chairman of the Board the right to buy anything the Chairman wants as it relates to health care in this country. If it goes to the Board and they figure that instead of using an ambulance that they want a helicopter, they can do it and the Minister of Health has no control because of the Board.

Hon. J.X. WALCOTT: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order. Sir, I just want to enlighten the Honourable Member for St. Lucy or perhaps to correct a misconception or misunderstanding on his part. Sir, in the Estimates document 2006/2207, page 77, for the benefit of the Honourable Member for St. Lucy, not under the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Board, there is provision for World Cup Barbados health care. The amounts are under the Ministry of Health, they are not under the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. It speaks specifically to Structures \$2.365 million being allocated in terms of the Nightengale Complex; \$85 610 in terms of the ambulance, which I spoke to earlier and in terms of Plant, Equipment and Furniture \$732 000, all

under the Ministry of Health, not under the responsibility of the Board.

Mr. D. St.E. KELLMAN: Mr. Chairman, I am very grateful to the Minister. The Minister is now telling this House that in order to get away from the Board, that the Honourable Member now has to vote money under the Minister of Health, that he cannot allocate money to the hospital because if it goes to the hospital that he has no control over that money. I am very grateful to the Minister for that admission.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for St. Lucy has three more minutes.

Mr. D. St.E. KELLMAN: Mr. Chairman, this means that from here on now, that you would see a situation when the Minister wants control over the hospital that he would not now vote money for the hospital anymore but would vote money for the Minister of Health. It is not surprising to see that the Minister of Health now voting money for an ambulance when one would have thought that it would be the hospital to look after the financing for an ambulance in this country.

Sir, I am a bit surprised about this because it is an admission by the Minister and he is actually telling this House that because of virement he can ensure that he gets what he wants for the Minister of Health and for the patients of Barbados that he now has to come to the House and put the money under the Ministry of Health to ensure that he gets the equipment that he wants to ensure that the money would not be caught under virement.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member has one more minute.

Mr. D. St.E. KELLMAN: Mr. Chairman, I think that in all fairness to the Minister that he needs to explain to this House what is virement, the impact of virement on the Board and so on.

Mr. Chairman, I thank you.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member Christ Church South will wind up in two minutes.

Hon. J.X. WALCOTT: Mr. Chairman, I only to reiterate how important health matters are in terms of hosting World Cup 2007. In terms of the ambulance that the Honourable Member for St. Lucy referred to, it is being purchased as part of the Bid Book requirements for Barbados with the cricket World Cup Committee. We have undertaken to provide two ambulances at Kensington Oval. Sir, one would be coming from the Defence Force and one from the Ministry of Health. After World Cup 2007, this ambulance now becomes part of the legacy and part of the

plan of the Ministry of Health in terms of the further decentralisation of the Ambulance Service.

The Honourable Member for St. Lucy already has been benefiting in terms of the decentralisation of ambulances to the northern part of this country, in terms of those persons who have ventured to his establishment and other establishments and, who have been struck by severe gastroenteritis in terms of the ability of ambulances to respond to them in ten minutes and sometimes in less than ten minutes to those who seek medical attention. This is part of the legacy in which we would be looking to provide a decentralisation ambulance service post-World Cup, in terms of the northern part of Barbados so that persons in that country can have a shorter response time, which he knows is also very critical.

Sir, in terms of him trying to allude to the fact that there is somehow a need for a second hospital, today he did not say it but in previous debates, he has identified that this hospital should be sited in St. Lucy. Sir, he wants an airport in St. Lucy, he wants Kensington Oval moved to St. Lucy, he wants the main hospital moved to St. Lucy...

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Mr. D. St.E. KELLMAN: On a point of order. The Honourable Member is misleading the House by saying that I would like Kensington Oval relocated to St. Lucy, and the main hospital to be relocated to St. Lucy. I would like to correct the Honourable Member. The truth is, we have the land mass in St. Lucy for a second hospital and a second airport. Sir, had the Government placed the new cricketing complex in the north of Barbados, they would have saved \$200 million and there would be no traffic congestion.

Dr. J.X. WALCOTT: Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member wanted a new hospital in St. Lucy so that the Queen Elizabeth Hospital could be refurbished, and he goes on. He now admits that he wants the prison there.

Mr. D. St.E. KELLMAN: On a point of order. The Honourable Member is misleading the House. I have never asked for the prison to be in St. Lucy. Furthermore, I have stated to this country and the world that the prison was put in St. Lucy in less than twenty-four hours, without my notice, even though I asked for many other things, I got it in less than twenty-four hours, but we will accommodate it for the time being, until it is rightfully placed.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: Honourable Members, I do not want you to take advantage of the good and charitable

nature of this Chair. The time has expired for this debate. The time has expired.

Dr. J.X. WALCOTT: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that Head 23 stand part.

Hon. R.C. EASTMOND: I beg to second that, Sir.

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

Hon. D.D. MARSHALL: I beg to move that Head 28 stand part.

Hon. R.C. EASTMOND: I beg to second that, Sir.

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

Hon. D.D. MARSHALL: I beg to move, that Head 30 stand part

Hon. R.C. EASTMOND: I beg to second that, Sir.

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

Hon. R.C. EASTMOND: I beg to move that Head 32 Stand part.

Hon. R.R. FARLEY: I beg to second that, Sir.

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

Hon. Miss. H. E. THOMPSON: I beg to move that Head 49 stand part.

Hon. R.C. EASTMOND: I beg to second that, Sir.

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

ORDER NO. 12

RESOLUTION TO GRANT THE SUM OF \$90 087 FROM THE CONSOLIDATED FUND AND TO PLACE IT AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE GOVERNMENT TO SUPPLEMENT THE ESTIMATES 2006-2007 AS SHOWN IN THE SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES NO. 3, 2006-2007 WHICH IS FORM THE SCHEDULE TO THE RESOLUTION

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Christ Church South.

Dr. J.X. WALCOTT: Mr. Chairman, I have already alluded to the aspect of this request, in terms of providing \$90 087 for salaries, National Insurance payments and travelling, in terms of the twenty Environmental Health Assistants, who will be recruited for the five-month period leading up to and right after Cricket World Cup.

I beg to move that Head 23 stand part.

Hon. R.C. EASTMOND: I beg to second that.

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

On the motion of Hon. R.C. EASTMOND, seconded by Rev.J.J.S. ATHERLEY, Mr. CHAIRMAN reported to His Honour the SPEAKER the passing of one Money Resolution in Committee of Supply, and Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motions of Hon. R.C. EASTMOND, seconded by Rev.J.J.S. ATHERLEY, the Resolutions were read a first, second time and agreed to.

Hon. R.C. EASTMOND: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that Order No. 12 be read a first time.

Rev.J.J.S. ATHERLEY: I beg to second that, Sir.

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

On the motion of Hon. R.C. EASTMOND, seconded by Rev.J.J.S. ATHERLEY, Mr CHAIRMAN reported to His Honour the SPEAKER the passing of one Money Resolution in Committee and Supply and Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motions of Hon. R.C. EASTMOND, seconded by Rev.J.J.S. ATHERLEY, the Resolution was read a first and second time and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Miss M.A. MOTTLEY: Mr. Speaker, this brings us to the end of Government Business today, and beg to move that this Sitting do now adjourn Tuesday, December 12, 2006 at 10.00 a.m.

Hon. R.C. EASTMOND: I beg to second that, Sir.

The question that the House do now adjourn until Tuesday, December 12, 2006 was put and resolved in the affirmative without division and Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House accordingly.

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EDITORIAL NOTES — NOT PART OF THE REPORT

Prepared with the transcript; for checking against the recording and the Minutes.

EDITORIAL QUERIES

Points noted while preparing this report from the edited transcript. The text has not been altered except where stated.

Q1. Masthead. The session is not stated in the source, so no session line is printed.

Q2. Dates in the text. The source gives ‘Tuesday, December 3, 2006’ (3 December 2006 was a Sunday). The weekday and date do not agree; printed as in the source.

Q3. Heading, Order No. 15. The title reads ‘THE SUM OF TWENTY-SEVEN MILLION, ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE DOLLARS’ and ‘AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE GOVERNMENT’, and lists ‘HEADS 13, 14, 23, 28, 30 AND 32’; in Committee, Heads 14, 15 and 49 were also taken. Printed as in the source.

Q4. Committee of Supply, Head 15. The Head is given as ‘\$623, 000’, but Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley explains it as \$373 000 for security meetings and \$260 000 for the Inter Agency Governmental Committee meeting and hospitality suite, which together make \$633 000. Printed as in the source.

Q5. Committee of Supply, Head 13, Mr. D. J. H. Thompson. One paragraph of Mr. Thompson’s speech breaks off mid-word (‘Sir, I certainly h’) before Mr. Chairman’s time warning. Printed as in the source.

Q6. Take-slip H119/12:00, Sequence 12. Mr. C. A. Mascoll’s sentence breaks off (‘...such that you do not appear to be going against the wishes and th’) before the take-slip, and the next take resumes with ‘...you should not make that payment before the event occurs’; some words appear to be missing. Printed as in the source.

Q7. Order No. 12. The title reads ‘THE SUM OF \$90 087’ and ‘TO PLACE IT AT THE DISPOSAL IT AT THE DISPOSAL’. Dr. J. X. Walcott moves ‘that Head 23 stand part’ on this Resolution, and the motion that Order No. 12 ‘be read a first time’ is recorded after the Chairman’s report on Order No. 15. Printed as in the source.

Q8. Resumption. The heading ‘COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY’ appears twice in succession after the Sitting resumed. Printed as in the source.

Q9. Committee of Supply, Head 23. The Minister of Health’s speech label appears as ‘Hon. Dr. J.X. WALCOTT’, ‘Dr. the Hon. J. X. WALCOTT’, ‘Hon. J. X.

WALCOTT’ and ‘Dr. J.X. WALCOTT’. Printed as in the source.

DEBATE SUMMARY

(Editorial summary — not part of the record.)

The House of Assembly met at 10.15 a.m. on Tuesday, 5th December, 2006, with Mr. Speaker, His Honour I. A. Roett, in the Chair; prayers were taken by Reverend Canon Ivan Harewood. The Minutes of 28th November, 2006 were confirmed, and on the motion of Hon. R. C. Eastmond Standing Orders were suspended. In the absence of the substantive Chairman of Committees, the House agreed that the Member for St. Michael South East be temporary Chairman, and it went into Committee of Supply, Mr. H. F. Lashley in the Chair, on Order No. 15, the Resolution for Supplementary Estimates No. 5, 2006-2007.

On Head 13, Prime Minister’s Office, Rev. J. J. S. Atherley asked for \$626 000 to meet the cost of events marking the Fortieth Anniversary of Independence, among them an Independence Fair and the opening of the West Wing of Parliament. The Leader of the Opposition, Mr. D. J. H. Thompson, said the Addendum was misleading, that the money had been spent before it was sought in breach of the Financial Rules, that it was ‘illegal and unlawful’ and that Parliament deserved an apology; Rev. Atherley twice rose on points of order to say he was being misrepresented. Mr. D. St.E. Kellman called for accrual accounting and said Head 13 sought almost \$15 million for Cricket World Cup 2007, against a Kensington Oval project budgeted at \$90 million that he estimated would cost over \$300 million.

Mr. R. L. Sealy asked for a breakdown of the \$626 000 and said he had not been invited to the Consultation on Societal Issues; Rev. Atherley was required by the Chairman to withdraw the word ‘fraudulent’ in a point of order against him. Mr. R. D. Jones was made to withdraw ‘foolishness’ and a remark about the Member’s robes. Hon. R. R. Farley supported the spending as money well spent, recalling Botswana’s own 40th anniversary celebrations, and Mr. C. A. Mascoll quoted the Financial Rules to argue that expenditure recognised within the year should be brought to Parliament before the year ended. Progress was reported and the Sitting was suspended until 1.45 p.m.

On resumption, Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, who chaired the regional security committee for World Cup 2007, described the Common CARICOM Visa to be issued from 15th December, 2006, the Advance Passenger Information System, the single domestic space and a

Regional Intelligence Fusion Centre, and Head 13 was agreed. Mr. Mascoll explained Head 14, Ministry of Finance, \$523 000, for temporary Customs staff (\$480 000) and refurbishing the Central Purchasing Department (some \$43 000). Miss Mottley explained Head 15, Cabinet Office, as \$373 000 for regional security meetings and \$260 000 for an Inter Agency Governmental Committee meeting and a hospitality suite at Kensington Oval.

On Head 23, Ministry of Health, \$1 239 235, Dr. J. X. Walcott described port health and disease surveillance with CAREC, \$21 204 for a surveillance officer, an extra \$17 000 towards an ambulance and a generator for the Black Rock Polyclinic. Mr. Kellman argued that the case showed the need for a second hospital, and several points

of order followed over a report he cited, the Chairman ruling that a statement must be withdrawn if the document could not be produced. Heads 23, 28, 30, 32 and 49 were agreed without division.

Order No. 12, a Resolution for \$90 087 under Supplementary Estimates No. 3, 2006-2007, was explained by Dr. Walcott as salaries, National Insurance and travelling for twenty Environmental Health Assistants recruited for five months around Cricket World Cup, and was agreed. The Resolutions were reported, read and agreed to, and on the motion of Miss Mottley, seconded by Mr. Eastmond, the House adjourned until Tuesday, 12th December, 2006 at 10.00 a.m.