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APPROPRIATION BILL, 2024

OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill would provide for the grant of a sum of money out of the Consolidated Fund and the appropriation of the same for the service of Barbados for the Year ending 31st March, 2025.

APPROPRIATION BILL, 2024

Arrangement of Sections

1. Short title
2. Grant of \$2,091,251,364
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SCHEDULE

BARBADOS

A Bill entitled

An Act to grant a sum of money out of the Consolidated Fund and to appropriate the same for the service of Barbados for the Year ending 31st March, 2025.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Appropriation Act, 2024*.

Grant of \$2,091,251,364

2. The Accountant General may, on the warrant of the Minister or a person authorised by the Minister in writing, issue out of the Consolidated Fund and apply towards making good the supply granted for the service of the year ending 31st March, 2025, a sum not exceeding in the aggregate \$2,091,251,364.

Appropriation

3. The sum referred to in section 2 is hereby appropriated for the services and purposes set out in the *Schedule* in accordance with section 109(1) of the *Constitution* and is so appropriated as from 1st April, 2024.

Date on which grant takes effect

4. The date on which the grant of the sum referred to in section 2 takes effect, is 1st April, 2024.

SCHEDULE*(Section 3)***ABSTRACTS OF THE APPROPRIATION GRANTS**

Service	Appropriated for 2024-2025
	\$
10. Office of the President	1,848,556
11. Ministry of the Public Service	6,838,387
12. Parliament	15,493,958
13. Prime Minister's Office	188,615,510
15. Cabinet Office	23,341,824
17. Ombudsman	525,950
18. Audit	753,229
19. Treasury	54,000,000
27. Ministry of Tourism and International Transport	21,537,564
29. Director of Public Prosecutions	1,651,415
30. Attorney General	130,839,815
31. Ministry of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology	51,590,051

Schedule - (Concl'd)

ABSTRACTS OF THE APPROPRIATION GRANTS - (Concl'd)

Service	Appropriated for 2024-2025
	\$
32. Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade	61,432,345
33. Ministry of Home Affairs and Information	66,746,279
34. Ministry of Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment	185,078,652
35. Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs	104,108,989
40. Ministry of Transport and Works	120,157,770
50. Post Office	13,697,436
82. Ministry of Environment and National Beautification	73,014,753
83. Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security	85,429,960
84. Ministry of Labour, Social Security and Third Sector	10,223,131
86. Ministry of Health and Wellness	236,347,534
87. Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training	417,315,778
91. Ministry of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment	62,364,283
92. Ministry of Energy and Business Development	62,070,494
93. Ministry of Housing, Lands and Maintenance	96,227,702
	<u>\$2,091,251,364</u>

Read three times and passed the House of Assembly this
day of _____, 2024.

Speaker

Read three times and passed the Senate this _____ day of
, 2024.

President

CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (MOVEMENT OF SKILLED NATIONALS)
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 2024

OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill would amend the *Caribbean Community (Movement of Skilled Nationals) Act*, Cap. 186A to make better provision for agricultural workers, domestic workers and private security officers.

CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (MOVEMENT OF SKILLED NATIONALS)
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 2024

Arrangement of Sections

1. Short title
2. Amendment of section 2 of Cap. 186A
3. Amendment of the First Schedule of Cap. 186A
4. Amendment of Cap. 186A

BARBADOS

A Bill entitled

An Act to amend the *Caribbean Community (Movement of Skilled Nationals) Act*, Cap. 186A.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Caribbean Community (Movement of Skilled Nationals) (Amendment) Act, 2024*.

Amendment of section 2 of Cap. 186A

2. *Section 2(1) of the Caribbean Community (Movement of Skilled Nationals) Act, Cap. 186A, in this Act referred to as the principal Act, is amended by*

- (a) deleting the definitions of “agricultural worker”, household domestic” and “security guard”; and*
- (b) inserting in the appropriate alphabetical order the following definitions:*

“agricultural worker” means a person who engages in

- (a) crop farm production; or*
- (b) livestock farm production;*

“crop farm production” includes growing trees or crops, harvesting fields or trees and gathering fruits or plants;

“domestic work” includes

- (a) sweeping, vacuuming, cleaning, washing, polishing items, taking care of linen, purchasing supplies, preparing food and serving meals for a household within a private residential home;*
- (b) the provision of personal care and assistance to a person in a private residential household with his daily living activities where that person is need of such care due to ageing, illness, injury or any other physical condition; and*

- (c) the provision of care and supervision of a child in a private residential home;

“domestic worker” means a person who is employed to engage to in domestic work;

“livestock farm production” includes

- (a) the breeding and tending of animals; and
- (b) aquaculture;

“private security officer” means a person who provides services

- (a) for the protection of persons or property;
- (b) to prevent the destruction of property; or
- (c) to prevent the theft or unlawful taking of property.”.

Amendment of the First Schedule of Cap. 186A

3. *Paragraph 2 of Part B of the First Schedule is amended by deleting the words “household domestics and security guards” and substituting the words “domestic workers and private security officers”.*

Amendment of Cap. 186A

4. *The principal Act is amended by deleting the words*

- (a) *“household domestic” wherever they appear and substituting the words “domestic worker”; and*
- (b) *“security guard” wherever they appear and substituting the words “private security officer”.*

Read three times and passed the House of Assembly this
day of _____, 2024.

Speaker

Read three times and passed the Senate this _____ day of
_____, 2024.

President

QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2024

OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill would amend the *Queen Elizabeth Hospital Act*, Cap. 54 to abolish the post of Executive Chairman, re-establish the post of Chief Executive Officer and to provide for related matters.

QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2024

Arrangement of Sections

1. Short title
2. Amendment of section 7 of Cap. 54
3. Amendment of section 9 of Cap. 54
4. Repeal of section 9A of Cap. 54
5. Repeal of section 9B of Cap. 54
6. Amendment of the First Schedule to Cap. 54

BARBADOS

A Bill entitled

An Act to amend the *Queen Elizabeth Hospital Act*, Cap. 54 to abolish the post of Executive Chairman, re-establish the post of Chief Executive Officer and to provide for related matters.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Queen Elizabeth Hospital (Amendment) Act, 2024*.

Amendment of section 7 of Cap. 54

2. ***Section 7 of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Act, in this Act referred to as the principal Act, is amended by deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following:***

“(1) The Board may delegate such of its functions as it thinks expedient for the purpose of effectively transacting the business of the Board to the Chairman, to any committee appointed or established by the Board or to any of its employees.”.

Amendment of section 9 of Cap. 54

3. ***Section 9 of the principal Act is amended by:***

- (a) ***deleting subsections (2), (3), (4) and (5); and***
- (b) ***inserting the following subsections immediately after subsection (1):***

“(2) The Board shall appoint as employees a Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operations Officer and the following executive directors:

- (a) Executive Director of Human Resources;
- (b) Executive Director of Medical Services;
- (c) Executive Director of Nursing Services;
- (d) Executive Director of Support Services;
- (e) Executive Director of Financial Services;

- (f)* Executive Director of Engineering Services; and
 - (g)* Executive Director of Clinical and Diagnostic Services.
- (3) The Chief Executive Officer shall
- (a)* be subject to the directions of the Board and perform all duties as assigned by the Board;
 - (b)* be responsible to the Board for the execution of its policy and the management of its affairs;
 - (c)* report directly to the Board;
 - (d)* have responsibility for the overall management of the Hospital including:
 - (i)* managing the day-to-day operations of the Hospital;
 - (ii)* devising and implementing policies designed to ensure that strategic goals are achieved;
 - (iii)* ensuring the efficient delivery of timely, responsive, patient-centred health care;
 - (iv)* implementing strict adherence to principles of good governance;
 - (v)* overseeing financial and budgetary operations;
 - (vi)* developing and implementing innovative methods to generate revenue;
 - (vii)* ensuring the objectives of the Hospital are met through the selection, development, organization, motivation, management, evaluation and promotion of human resources, training and organizational development;
 - (viii)* ensuring the acquisition of appropriate equipment and technologies;

- (ix) maintaining the Hospital's infrastructure, equipment and technologies;
 - (x) fostering a culture of medical research; and
 - (xi) setting targets and monitoring of implementation.
- (4) The Chief Operations Officer shall
- (a) report to the Chief Executive Officer on the operational management of the Hospital; and
 - (b) have responsibility for the operational management of the Hospital including
 - (i) maintaining external accreditations;
 - (ii) ensuring the effective planning and implementation of capital works projects;
 - (iii) ensuring there is a current plan for disaster management; and
 - (iv) maintaining an effective information technology and cyber security infrastructure.
- (5) The Executive Directors referred to in subsection (2) shall
- (a) report to the Chief Operations Officer; and
 - (b) provide support to the Chief Operations Officer in their respective technical areas.
- (6) All persons employed by the Board shall act under the general superintendence and direction of the Board in the performance of their duties.”.

Repeal of section 9A of Cap. 54

4. *Section 9A of the principal Act is repealed.*

Repeal of section 9B of Cap. 54

- 5. *Section 9B of the principal Act is repealed.***

Amendment of the First Schedule to Cap. 54

- 6. *The First Schedule to the principal Act is amended in paragraph (1) by***

- (a) deleting the words, “Subject to sub-paragraph (3), members” and substituting the word “Members” in sub-paragraph (2);*
- (b) deleting sub-paragraph (3);*
- (c) inserting the word “and” immediately following the words “nominee of that officer;” in paragraph (b) of sub-paragraph (4);*
- (d) deleting paragraphs (c) and (d) of sub-paragraph (4) and substituting the following:*

“(c) persons who possess the qualifications set out in section 5(3) in relation to the following disciplines:

- (i) accounting;
- (ii) engineering;
- (iii) finance;
- (iv) human resource management and industrial relations;
- (v) information technology;
- (vi) law;
- (vii) management operations;
- (viii) medicine;
- (ix) nursing; and
- (x) paramedical services.”; and

(e) *deleting sub-paragraph (5) and substituting the following:*

“(5) The Minister shall appoint the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman from among the members of the Board.”.

Read three times and passed the House of Assembly this
day of , 2024.

Speaker

Read three times and passed the Senate this day of
, 2024.

President

