



**SUMMARY REPORT**  
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
**HELD ON 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**

1. The following papers were laid on the Table:

**(a) Financial Secretary**

- i. Schedule of Virement #2 of April – March 2022/2023;
- ii. S R & O No. 1 of 2023 Customs Duties and Consumption Tax (Lava Den Fitness LLC) (Exemption) Order 2023;
- iii. S R & O No. 2 of 2023 Customs Duties and Consumption Tax (Cynthia Bolden) (Exemption) Order 2023.

**(b) Attorney General**

- i. S R & O No. 3 of 2023 Police (Disciplinary Tribunal) (Repeal) Order 2023;
- ii. S R & O No. 4 of 2023 Public Service (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2023.

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

‘Supplementary Appropriation (No.7) Bill 2023’

First Reading February 28<sup>th</sup> 2023  
Second Reading February 28<sup>th</sup> 2023  
Third Reading February 28<sup>th</sup> 2023

This Bill sought to sanction certain payments from the consolidated fund in excess of the sums provided by law for the services of the Government of Montserrat for the period ending on the thirty-first day of March, 2023. The Bill was passed with no amendment.

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

‘Geothermal Resources Development Bill 2023’

First Reading February 28<sup>th</sup> 2023

This Bill seeks to provide for the development, exploration and use of the geothermal resources and related matters. Part 3 of the Bill establishes a steering committee and sets out its duties, functions and powers. Part 4 speaks to the nature, content and ownership of geothermal resources. Part 5 Provides for the management of geothermal resources and covers areas such as special geothermal zones and management of reconnaissance, exploration, use and export. Part 6 Provides for geothermal resource allocation. Part 7 covers the procedure for obtaining a geothermal resource development agreement. Part 8 Provides that Cabinet will set fees and royalties. Part 9 provides for the keeping of a register of all geothermal resource development plans, special geothermal zones, geothermal resource development applications, and geothermal resource development agreement. Part 10 Provides for inspections, administrative monetary penalties and other sanctions, as well as, alternative dispute resolution. Part 11 provides for the miscellaneous provisions of the Bill to include, regulation-making powers and consequential and transitional provisions.

4. The Second and Third reading of the following Bill took place:

‘Legal Profession (Amendment) Bill 2023’

First Reading January 17<sup>th</sup> 2023  
 Second Reading February 28<sup>th</sup> 2023  
 Third Reading February 28<sup>th</sup> 2023

The Bill was passed with a minor amendment to the numbering of the Bill. The number 5, beside Schedule 6 amended, was changed to number 6.

5. The Tax Administration Bill 2022 and the Revenue Laws Consequential Bill 2022, which had their first readings on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022, were deferred to the next Sitting of the Legislative Assembly.

6. The membership of the Special Committee to Report on Access Issues was named as follows: Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Veronica Dorsette-Hector (Chairperson), Honourable Attorney General, Sheree Jemmotte-Rodney (Member) and Honourable Donaldson Romeo (Member). The Committee is to provide interim reports for March and April, with the final report provided at the Sitting of the Legislative Assembly carded for May 2023.

Bills that have had a First Reading can be found in the following places:

Legislature Department #1 Farara Plaza Brades Montserrat	Legal Department Valley View Brades Montserrat	Public Library BBC Complex Brades Montserrat	Montserrat Legislative Assembly’s Website <a href="http://www.Parliament.ms">www.Parliament.ms</a>
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**CLERK OF THE MONTSERRAT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**