

**THIRTEENTH SITTING OF THE SECOND SESSION
OF THE FOURTH HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**



**TO BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, 21ST JULY, 2020
AT THE SAVE THE SEED ENERGY CENTRE
DUFFS BOTTOM, TORTOLA
AT 10:00 A.M.**

AMENDED

ORDER OF THE DAY

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1) Prayers

2) Confirmation of Minutes

- Confirmation of Minutes for the Meeting of Friday 26th June, 2020.

3) Announcements by the Speaker

4) Statements by Ministers

5) Presentation of Papers

a) The Premier and Minister of Finance to lay on the table the following documents:

- i) Statutory Instrument 2020 No. 82 - A proclamation by His Excellency the Governor under Section 83 (1) of the Virgin Islands Constitution Order, 2007 (U.K.S.I. 2007 No. 1678) appointing the time and place at which the Thirteenth Sitting of the Second Session of the Fourth House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands shall be held;
- ii) Statutory Instrument 2020 No. 71 - Imposition of a Curfew (No. 22) Order, 2020;
- iii) Statutory Instrument 2020 No. 78 - Imposition of a Curfew (No. 23) Order, 2020;
- iv) Statutory Instrument 2020 No. 81 - Imposition of a Curfew (No. 24) Order, 2020; and
- v) National Bank of the Virgin Islands – Annual Report 2018.

6) Notices of Motions Given Orally

- a) The Premier and Minister of Finance to give notice that, at a later stage in the proceedings, he would seek leave to move the Motions standing in his name under Item 7(1)(ii) and (iii) on the Order of the Day.
- b) The Deputy Premier and Minister for Health and Social Development to give notice that, at a later stage in the proceedings, he would seek leave to move the Motion standing in his name under Item 7(1)(i) on the Order of the Day.

- c) The Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture to give notice that, at a later stage in the proceedings, he would seek leave to move the Motion standing in his name under Item 7(1)(iv) on the Order of the Day.

7) Public Business

1) Government Business

Introduction and First Reading

- (i) The Deputy Premier and Minister for Health and Social Development to move a motion for the Introduction and First Reading of the Bill entitled, **“Nurses and Midwives Act, 2020”**.
- (ii) **The Premier and Minister of Finance to move the following motion:**

WHEREAS the Virgin Islands Constitution Order, 2007 (U.K.S.I. 2007 No. 1678) came into force on 15th June 2007.

WHEREAS it was agreed between the United Kingdom Government and the Government of the Virgin Islands that the said Constitution may be reviewed after of ten (10) years after the date of which it came into force and it is now thirteen (13) years since that Constitution came into force,

WHEREAS Cabinet has agreed, subject to the approval of the House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands for the establishment of a Constitutional Review Commission comprising eleven (11) members: a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson both of whom are selected by the Premier through Cabinet after consultation with members of the House of Assembly; and six (6) other members to be nominated by the Premier and three (3) members to be selected by Her Majesty’s Loyal Opposition and appointed by the Cabinet, for the purpose of conducting a full review of the Virgin Islands Constitution Order, 2007 (U.K.S.I 2007 1678)

WHEREAS Cabinet has agreed among other things that;

- a. the overall composition of the said Commission should comprise persons selected from the main Islands of the Virgin Islands (namely Tortola, Anegada, Virgin Gorda and Jost Van Dyke) including persons drawn from the legal fraternity, academia, business, communications/public relations, and other areas of civil society and;
- b. that the Commission be provided with a Secretariat which shall consist of a Secretary and appropriate staff and resources to conduct the review and produce its report and any other

necessary documents, with the budgetary costs met by the Premier's Office;

WHEREAS Cabinet has further agreed that the Terms of Reference of the Constitutional Review Commission should be as follows:

- a. to re-examine and re-evaluate the vision of the people of the Virgin Islands, as expressed in the preamble to the Virgin Islands Constitution Order, 2007, and to amend accordingly, the continuity of the political and constitutional development of the Virgin Islands;
- b. to evaluate the current Virgin Islands Constitution Order, 2007, and determine whether it advances or facilitate the desires of the people of the Virgin Islands in achieving the revised vision in (a) above;
- c. to identify any gaps in relation to item (a) above;
- d. to make recommendations for Constitutional Reform, if necessary, based on (a), (b) and (c) above;
- e. to review the next step towards self-determination for the Territory of the Virgin Islands.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands has approved the establishment of and of the composition of the Constitutional Review Commission for the purpose of conducting a full review of the Virgin Islands Constitution Order, 2007 (U.K.S.I. No. 1678 of 2007) with the terms of reference specified above.

(iii) **The Premier and Minister of Finance to move the following motion:**

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands approves the supplementary estimate set out in the Schedule which represents monies to be expended under their respective Heads in variation of the amount appropriated by the Appropriation (2020) Act, 2019 (No. 10 of 2019) as follows:

- (a) Recurrent Expenditure of forty-seven million, seven hundred and sixty-one thousand, nine hundred and forty dollars (\$47,761,940) to be in variation of the appropriated amount from the Consolidated Fund of the Territory;
- (b) Capital Acquisition Expenditure of twelve million, nine hundred twenty-eight thousand, seven hundred dollars

(\$12,928,700) to be in variation of the appropriated amount from the Consolidated Fund of the Territory; and

- (c) Development Expenditure of fifteen million, three hundred eighty-three thousand, four hundred and eighty-three dollars (\$15,383,483) to be charged against the Development Fund of the Territory by way of funds transferred from the Consolidated Fund.

(iv) **The Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture to move the following motion:**

WHEREAS the Cabinet at its meeting of 18th September, 2019 decided that the Territorial Song “Oh Beautiful Virgin Islands”, which was composed and written by Ayana Hull and Kareem Nelson Hull, be played in place of the National Anthem “God Save the Queen”, at Regional and International Sports events where participants representing the Virgin Islands receive medals;

WHEREAS the International Olympic Committee is requesting the right to use the Territorial Song of the Virgin Islands for future editions of the Olympic Games, the Youth Olympic Games and other institutional events and/or official events of the International Olympic Committee and its affiliated entities, as well as the Paralympic Games;

WHEREAS the British Virgin Islands Olympic Committee owns the rights to or has been duly authorised and/or licensed to use and to authorise and/or sublicense the use (without any restriction of term, territory, media, format or technology) of the Territorial Song in the context of the Institutional Uses, in particular for its public performance, broadcast, communication or making available to the public, and its recording or reproduction;

WHEREAS the British Virgin Islands Olympic Committee authorises and/or sublicenses the International Olympic Committee and its affiliated entities the Rights for its own use and its further authorisation to third parties to use the Territorial Song in the context of the Institutional Uses;

WHEREAS on the 12th day of March, 2020, the International Olympic Committee confirmed the change of the National Olympic Committee Anthem by registering and updating the International Olympic Committee database;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands that the Territorial Song “Oh Beautiful Virgin Islands”, be played in place of the National Anthem “God Save the Queen”,

at Regional and International Sports events where participants representing the Virgin Islands receive medals.

- 2) **Private Members Business**
- 8) **Other Business**
- 9) **Adjournment**