



29th January, 2021

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

We have recently ushered in the beginning of the First Session of the Eleventh Parliament, in circumstances where the COVID-19 global pandemic has compelled the world to adopt new practices, designed to promote the safety and protection of all.

In that regard, the parliamentary proceedings for the upcoming debate on the Appropriation Bill commencing on 1st February, 2021, will be conducted in accordance with the Covid-19 Health Protocols set out by the Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment.

Accordingly, the following will apply:

1. Seating arrangements for parliamentarians have been adjusted to allow for greater physical distancing of the Members in the Assembly Chamber.
2. No more than a maximum number of 6 elected and/or nominated parliamentarians, (4 members of the Government and 2 members of the Opposition) shall be permitted in the House at any given time, **save and except** in the limited circumstance of the vote on a passage of a Bill or Motion respectively, where a greater number of members will be permitted, for the sole purpose of the vote. Upon the completion of the said vote, the above total maximum number of 6 members shall be immediately restored.
3. Both Government and Opposition (each side) will be allowed to rotate persons for the purpose of making contributions to the Budgetary debate, while observing the above-mentioned maximum number of 6 members.
4. Members are required to wear and have been provided with masks which must be worn at all times while in the Chamber save and except when a member is making his or her contribution to the debate.

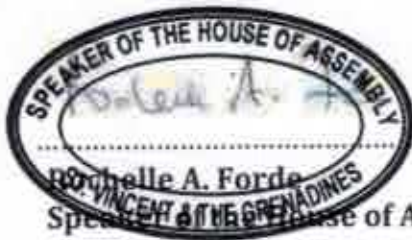
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5. There will be no inspection of the Guard prior to the delivery of the Throne Speech either by the Prime Minister or Her Excellency the Governor General. The police parade is cancelled.
6. Members of the public will not be allowed in the Chamber as the Public Gallery remains closed.

We thank you for your understanding and support as we all do our part in the fight against the COVID-9 pandemic.



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Speaker of the House of Assembly