

*Finance (Administration) Act – Resolution of Parliament to borrow
for capital expenditure – Coronavirus Disease 2019 Emergency
Response Support Loan*

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STATUTORY INSTRUMENT, 2020, No. 120

[27th July, 2020]

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS it is provided by section 39(1) of the Finance (Administration) Act, Cap. 15:01 that the Minister of Finance may, by Resolution of Parliament, borrow money from a bank or other financial institution for the capital expenditure of Government;

AND WHEREAS it is further provided under section 42(1) of the said Act that there shall be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund all debt charges for which the Government is liable;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Finance considers it necessary to borrow an amount of US\$10,700,000.00 from the Caribbean Development Bank's Special Fund Resources (SFR), to meet the Ordinary Capital Resources (OCR) debt service obligations to the Caribbean Development Bank for a period commencing from the 1st day of October, 2020 and terminating on the 30th day of September, 2021, in order to preserve fiscal space and to be used to —

- (a) finance immediate essential emergency COVID 19 pandemic-related health expenditure;
- (b) bolster economic and social recovery;

AND WHEREAS interest is payable quarterly, at a rate of one per cent per annum on the amount of the principal withdrawn and outstanding from time to time;

AND WHEREAS the loan is repayable in eighty equal or approximately equal and consecutive quarterly instalments on each due date of the 1st day of January, 1st day of April, 1st day of July and 1st day of October, commencing on the first due date immediately following the expiration of five years after the date of the Loan Agreement, or on a later due date that the Caribbean Development Bank specifies in writing;

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BE IT RESOLVED that Parliament authorizes the Minister of Finance to borrow US\$10,700,000.00 from the Caribbean Development Bank’s Special Fund Resources (SFR), to meet the Ordinary Capital Resources (OCR) debt service obligations to the Caribbean Development Bank for a period commencing from the 1st day of October, 2020 and terminating on the 30th day of September, 2021, in order to preserve fiscal space and to be used to —

- (a) finance immediate essential emergency COVID 19 pandemic-related health expenditure;
- (b) bolster economic and social recovery;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that —

- (a) interest is payable quarterly, at a rate of one per cent per annum on the amount of the principal withdrawn and outstanding from time to time;
- (b) the loan is repayable in eighty equal or approximately equal and consecutive quarterly instalments on each due date of the 1st day of January, 1st day of April, 1st day of July and 1st day of October, commencing on the first due date immediately following the expiration of five years after the date of the Loan Agreement, or on a later due date that the Caribbean Development Bank specifies in writing.

Passed in the House of Assembly this 21st day of July, 2020.

ANDY G. DANIEL,
Speaker of the House of Assembly.

Passed in the Senate this 23rd day of July, 2020.

JEANNINE GIRAUDY-MCINTYRE,
President of the Senate.