



DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF THE PARLIAMENT OF BARBADOS

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DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AT THE PARLIAMENT OF BARBADOS

THREE TYPES OF DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AT PARLIAMENT OF BARBADOS

- ▶ DISEMINATION OF THE ORDER PAPER
- ▶ HYBRID FORMAT WITHIN THE CHAMBER
- ▶ E-MUSEUM

DISEMINATION OF THE ORDER PAPER

In 1997 when I came to Parliament we packed 52 Envelopes for each sitting then our staff hand delivered all of those packages.

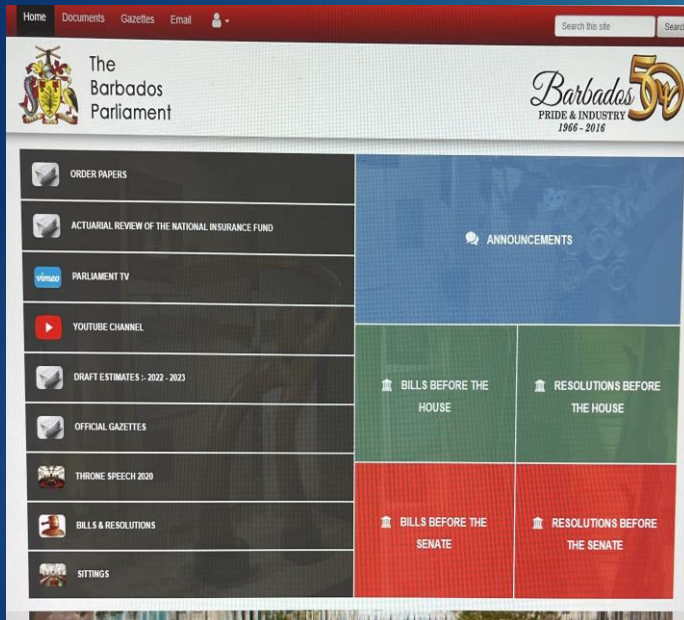
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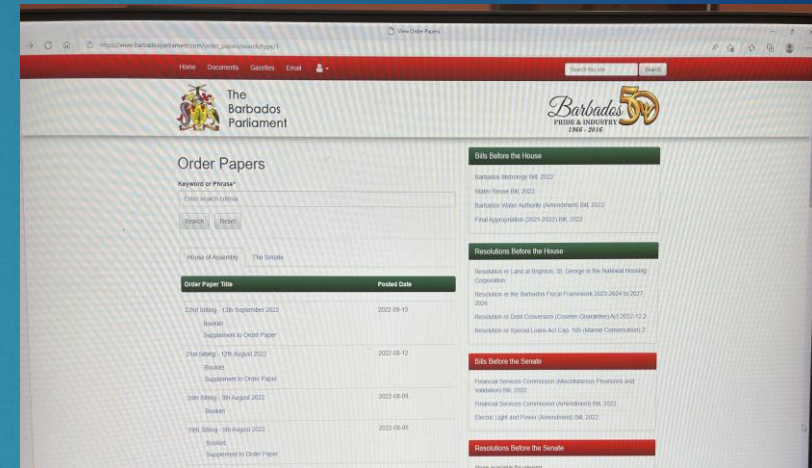
DISEMINATION OF THE ORDER PAPER CONTINUED

Fast track to 2022 we have a Order Paper where we uploaded all the documents onto our website www.barbadosparliament.com and the members access all the Bills and Resolutions from there.

DISMINATION OF THE ORDER PAPER CONTINUED



Images of our Digital Order Paper



This has saved millions of dollars and is also good for the environment.

HYBRID FORMAT WITHIN THE CHAMBER

- ▶ With the onset of the COVID Pandemic we had to change how we conducted the sittings in relation to social distancing. We were in a different building and the space was limited.



- ▶ Therefore in on 27th November, 2020 we amended our Standing Orders to enable a hybrid format where members could give their contribution to the debate remotely.

HYBRID FORMAT WITHIN THE CHAMBER CONTINUED



Picture of Hybrid Format

E-MUSEUM



Due to the environmental problems we had to close the National Heroes Gallery Museum of Parliament.



We are exploring how we can present the Museum virtually the concept of an E- Museum.



We also want to introduce headsets with multiple languages of the tour for our foreign visitors.

CHALLENGES

- ▶ **Cost** this is always a factor - One has to constantly be upgrading.
- ▶ **Persons unwillingness to change** some may wish to stay with the old ways or read from an actual document. Some didn't see our vision.
- ▶ **Learning Curve** -Training is always needed for the new technologies.

RECOMENDATIONS

- ▶ **BE INNOVATIVE** - Always try to find new, innovative and exciting options to enhance Parliament's work.
- ▶ **Be a trend-setter –DO IT!-** I therefore encourage my fellow colleagues in the region and beyond to always be innovative and look for new and exciting technologies.



Thank You!

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