

*By the Senator Norland Cox, Member of the Standing Orders Committee:*

**MOTION TO AMEND THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE SENATE PURSUANT TO  
STANDING ORDER 79**

**WHEREAS** section 50 (1) of the Constitution makes provision for each House of Parliament to regulate its procedures and make rules for orderly conduct of its proceedings;

**AND WHEREAS** such procedures and rules were provided for in the Senate April 9<sup>th</sup> 2002;

**AND WHEREAS** a Standing Orders Committee was elected by the Senate during the Sitting of the Fourth Session of the Tenth Parliament on Tuesday November 10, 2020, in accordance with Standing Order 63 of the Standing Orders of the Senate;

**AND WHEREAS** the Standing Orders Committee constituting the Honourable Chester Humphrey as Chairperson, Honourable Norland Cox and Honourable Tessa St Cyr as members, convened on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2021, at the Office of the Houses of Parliament.

**AND WHEREAS** the Standing Orders Committee deliberated and agreed that amendments to the existing Standing Orders were necessary to further regulate the procedures of the Senate;

**AND WHEREAS** the President of the Senate directs that the amendments recommended by the Standing Orders Committee be put before the next sitting of the Senate for consideration, debate and approval;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the following amendments contained in the Schedule be now approved by this Honourable House:

**SCHEDULE**

**AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE**

The Senate Standing Orders is hereby amended in Standing Order No. 80 as follows—

1. Definition should become **Definitions**.

2. Include a paragraph **(3)** to read - **The term "Circulate" wherever used in the Standing Orders, shall mean to communicate traditionally or electronically**
3. Include a paragraph **(4)** under **Definitions** to read - **The term "Written Communication" wherever used in the Standing Orders, shall mean to include any communication written by hand or printed or delivered by fax transmission or by any electronic medium or in any other manner approved by the Clerk, in consultation with the Presiding Officer from time to time.**