

National Honours, Awards and Heroes Bill

[Draft bill]

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GRENADA

ACT NO. OF 2025

AN ACT to provide for and reform the grant of honours and awards to citizens of Grenada and other persons for distinguished, outstanding or meritorious services or achievements, or for gallantry and related matters.

BE IT ENACTED by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of Representatives and by the authority of the same as follows—

Part I

Preliminary

1. Short title and commencement

This Act may be cited as the

NATIONAL HONOURS, AWARDS AND HEROES ACT, 2025

and shall come into effect by a day to be fixed by the Governor-General by Notice published in the Gazette.

2. Interpretation

(1) In this Act—

“Commission” means the National Heroes Commission established pursuant to section 7;

“Committee” means the National Awards Advisory Committee established pursuant to section 20;

“Most Distinguished Order” means the Most Distinguished Order of the Nation established pursuant to section 10;

“Order” means the Order of Grenada established pursuant to section 15;

“the Orders” means the Most Distinguished Order of the Nation and the Order of Grenada.

(2) A reference in this Act to the Prestige Order of the National Hero is a reference to the Prestige Order of the National Hero described in the First Schedule.

(3) A reference in this act to any of the following—

- (a) Knight or Dame Grand Collar;
- (b) Knight or Dame Grand Cross;
- (c) Knight or Dame Commander;
- (d) Commander;
- (e) Officer; and
- (f) Member;

is a reference to the respective title of honour or award described in the Second Schedule.

(4) A reference in this Act to any of the following—

- (a) the Companion of the Order of Grenada;
- (b) the Order of Grenada Gold Award for Excellence;
- (c) the Spice Isle Award;
- (d) the Camerhogne Award; and
- (e) the Medal of Honour;

is a reference to the respective title of honour or award described in the Third Schedule.

Part II

Prestige Order of the National Hero

3. Recognition of Prestige Order of the National Hero

There is hereby established the society of honour known as the “Prestige Order of the National Hero”.

4. Constitution of Prestige Order of the National Hero

The Prestige Order of the National Hero shall consist of—

- (a) The Sovereign;
- (b) the Governor-General as its Chancellor; and
- (c) persons upon whom the Prestige Order of the National Hero has been conferred who are living.

5. Seal

(1) There shall be a Seal of the Prestige Order of the National Hero which shall be kept in the custody of the Chancellor.

- (2) An appointment to the Prestige Order of the National Hero and a revocation to the Prestige Order of the National Hero is of no effect unless it bears the Seal of the Prestige Order of the National Hero.
- (3) The affixing of the Seal of the Prestige Order of the National Hero shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chancellor.

6. Functions of the Chancellor

- (1) The Chancellor of the Prestige Order of the National Hero is responsible for the administration of the Prestige Order of the National Hero and shall have in his or her custody the Seal of the Prestige Order of the National Hero and shall affix the seal to all enactments or other instruments relating to the Prestige Order of the National Hero.
- (2) Where the Governor-General is absent the person who is performing the functions of the office of the Governor-General shall discharge the functions of the Chancellor of the Prestige Order of the National Hero.
- (3) The Private Secretary to the Governor-General is the secretary of the Prestige Order of the National Hero, and shall maintain the records of the Prestige Order of the National Hero, arrange for investitures and perform such other functions in respect of the Prestige Order of the National Hero as the Governor-General shall direct.

7. National Heroes Commission

- (1) There is established a Commission to be known as the National Heroes Commission.
- (2) The Commission shall comprise not more than seven members appointed by the Governor-General who shall be—
 - (a) three members nominated by the Prime Minister including—
 - (i) two who shall be members of the House of Representatives, and
 - (ii) the other who shall be a member of the Senate; and
 - (b) two members nominated by the Leader of the Opposition—
 - (i) one who shall be a member of the House of Representatives, and
 - (ii) the other who shall be a member of the Senate;
 - (c) two members—

- (i) one appointed by the Governor-General after consultation with civil society, and
 - (ii) one appointed by the Governor-General after consultation with the religious community.
- (3) The Governor-General shall, after consultation with the Prime Minister, appoint a person from among the members of the Commission to be the Chairperson of the Commission.
- (4) The office of the Chairperson shall not be a public office for the purpose of section 110 of the Constitution of Grenada.
- (5) The Governor-General shall, after consultation with the Prime Minister, appoint a person from among the members to be the secretary to the Commission.
- (6) The appointment of a member of the Commission (including the Chairperson) shall be for a period not exceeding three years, and such member shall be eligible for re-appointment.
- (7) A member of the Commission, other than the Chairperson may at any time resign his or her office by instrument in writing addressed to the Governor-General and transmitted through the Chairperson and such resignation shall take effect as from the date of receipt of the instrument of the Governor-General.
- (8) The Chairperson may at any time resign his or her office by instrument in writing addressed to the Governor-General and such resignation shall take effect as from the date of receipt of the instrument by the Governor-General.
- (9) Where a person who is a member of the Commission by virtue of subsection (2)(a) or (b) ceases to be a member of the Senate or the House of Representatives, that person shall cease to be a member of the Commission.
- (10) The names of all the members of the Commission as first constituted and every change in membership of the Commission shall be published in the Gazette.
- (11) A vacancy in the membership of the Commission shall not preclude the Commission from carrying out its functions.

- (12) A person shall not be a member of the Prestige Order of the National Hero by reason only of he or she being a member of the Commission or other official of the Prestige Order of the National Hero.
- (13) The Commission shall regulate its own procedures.
- (14) The Commission shall, after consultations with the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition, and such representatives of the civil society as the Commission may deem necessary, establish the specific criteria and guidelines for naming a National Hero in accordance with subsection (1) (a), (b) and (c) of Section 9 of this Act.
- (15) The Governor-General shall by Proclamation published in the Gazette publish the criteria and guidelines as determined by the Commission under subsection (14) of this section.

8. Functions of Commission

The Commission shall, with a view to the proper carrying out of the provisions of the Act—

- (a) make such investigations as it thinks fit to determine persons living or dead, upon whom may be conferred the Prestige Order of the National Hero; and
- (b) issue a report to the Prime Minister of the result of those investigations

9. Conferment of Prestige Order of the National Hero

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), the Governor-General may by Proclamation sealed with the Seal of the Prestige Order of the National Hero, in accordance with the First Schedule confer the Prestige Order of the National Hero upon any person who was born in Grenada or who at the time of his or her death was a citizen of Grenada and who has—
- (a) given outstanding service to Grenada where that service has altered the course of the history of Grenada;
 - (b) given service to Grenada which has been exemplified by visionary and pioneering leadership, extraordinary achievements or attainment of the highest excellence, and which has redounded to the honour of Grenada; or

- (c) through his or her heroic exploits or sacrifices contributed to the improvement of the economic and social conditions of Grenada.
- (2) The power conferred upon the Governor-General under subsection (1) shall be exercised on the advice of the Prime Minister given upon a consideration of a report of the Commission referred to in section 9(1)(b).
- (3) The Prestige Order of the National Hero may be conferred upon a person posthumously or during the lifetime of the person.

Part III

Most Distinguished Order of the Nation

10. Recognition of Most Distinguished Order of the Nation

There is hereby established the order of knighthood known as the “Most Distinguished Order of the Nation”.

11. Constitution of Most Distinguished Order of the Nation

The Most Distinguished Order of the Nation shall consist of—

- (a) The Sovereign;
 - (b) the Governor-General as its Chancellor; and
- the living holders of awards in the following grades—
- (i) Knight or Dame Grand Collar,
 - (ii) Knight or Dame Grand Cross,
 - (iii) Knight or Dame Commander,
 - (iv) Commander,
 - (v) Officer, and
 - (vi) Member.

12. Seal

- (1) There shall be a Seal of the Most Distinguished Order which shall be kept in the custody of the Chancellor.
- (2) An appointment to the Most Distinguished Order and a revocation to the Most Distinguished Order of the Nation is of no effect unless it bears the Seal of the Most Distinguished Order of the Nation.
- (3) The affixing of the Seal of the Most Distinguished Order of the Nation shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chancellor.

13. Functions of the Chancellor

- (1) The Chancellor of the Most Distinguished Order shall be responsible for the administration of the Most Distinguished Order.
- (2) Where the Governor-General is absent, the person who is performing the functions of the office of the Governor-General shall discharge the functions of the Chancellor of the Most Distinguished Order.

14. Secretary of the Most Distinguished Order

The Private Secretary to the Governor-General is the secretary of the Most Distinguished Order and shall maintain the records of the Most Distinguished Order, arrange for investitures and perform such other functions in respect of the Most Distinguished Order as the Governor-General may require.

Part IV

Order of Grenada

15. Recognition of Order of Grenada

There is hereby established the society of honour known as the “Order of Grenada”.

16. Constitution of Order of Grenada

The Order of Grenada shall consist of—

- (a) The Sovereign;
 - (b) the Governor-General as its Chancellor; and
- the living holders of awards in the following grades—
- (i) the Companion of the Order of Grenada,
 - (ii) the Order of Grenada Gold Award for Excellence,
 - (iii) the Spice Isle Award,
 - (iv) the Camerhogne Award, and
 - (v) the Medal of Honour.

17. Seal

- (1) There shall be a Seal of the Order of Grenada which shall be kept in the custody of the Chancellor.
- (2) An appointment to the Order and a revocation to the Order of Grenada is of no effect unless it bears the Seal of the Order of Grenada.

- (3) The affixing of the Seal of the Order of Grenada shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chancellor.

18. Functions of the Chancellor

- (1) The Chancellor of the Order shall be responsible for the administration of the Order.
- (2) Where the Governor-General is absent, the person who is performing the functions of the office of the Governor-General shall discharge the functions of the Chancellor of the Order.

19. Secretary of the Order

The Private Secretary to the Governor-General is the secretary of the Order and shall maintain the records of the Order arrange for investitures and perform such other functions in respect of the Order as the Governor-General may require.

Part V

National Awards Advisory Committee

20. Establishment and membership of the Committee

- (1) There is hereby established a standing committee to be known as the National Awards Advisory Committee which shall comprise of the following members—
- (a) a Chairperson who shall be a citizen of Grenada appointed by the Governor-General after consultation with the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition;
 - (b) the Chairperson of the Public Service Commission;
 - (c) the Commissioner of Police;
 - (d) two persons representative of the public appointed by the Governor-General—
 - (i) one of whom shall be appointed on the advice of the Prime Minister, and
 - (ii) one of whom shall be appointed on the advice of the Leader of the Opposition;
 - (e) two persons appointed by the Governor-General in the following manner—
 - (i) after consultation with civil society, and

- (ii) after consultation with the religious community.
- (2) The provisions of the Fourth Schedule shall have effect as to the term of, and procedure to be followed by the Committee and otherwise in relation thereto.

21. Functions of the Committee

- (1) The Committee shall—
 - (a) in accordance with section 22, consider nominations of persons together with recommendations and supporting material received by the Committee for an award of the Most Distinguished Order of the Nation or the Order of Grenada;
 - (b) make such investigations as it thinks fit to determine persons living or dead, upon whom may be conferred the award of the Most Distinguished Order of the Nation or the Order of Grenada;
 - (c) compile separate lists in respect of each grade of awards;
 - (d) forward to the Prime Minister the lists compiled under paragraph (c) with the recommendations respecting each awards;
 - (e) undertake such other duties in relation to the Act as may be assigned by the Governor-General.
- (2) The Committee may consult with such other persons or bodies as it thinks necessary for the purpose of discharging its functions.

22. Nomination and Conferment of an award

- (1) Any person may submit to the Committee for its consideration and recommendation a nomination of a person for an award of the Orders.
- (2) Upon receipt of a nomination under subsection (1), the Committee shall consider such nomination, conduct such investigations as it may deem necessary and submit its recommendation to the Prime Minister.
- (3) The Prime Minister shall review the recommendations submitted to him or her by the Committee and may make such recommendations to the Governor-General for the conferment of awards as he or she may deem necessary.
- (4) The recommendations made to the Governor-General under subsection (3) shall be announced publicly and shall be published in the Gazette.

- (5) In the exercise of the powers of the Governor-General under this Act, the Governor-General shall act on the advice of the Prime Minister.
- (6) Subject to the provisions of this Act, each year on Independence Day, the 7th day of February, or at such other times as may be expedient, the Governor-General may confer awards on persons, living or dead who have rendered distinguished and meritorious service to Grenada or who are otherwise deemed worthy of such awards.
- (7) An award granted by the Governor-General under this Part shall be granted by Proclamation, sealed with the Seal of the Most Distinguished Order of the Nation or the Seal of the Order of Grenada and shall have effect from the date of the Seal unless another effective date is specified in the Proclamation.
- (8) An award granted under this section may be granted posthumously but a deceased recipient shall not become a member of the Orders

23. Conferment of awards on persons not citizens of Grenada

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), a distinguished citizen of a country other than Grenada may be the recipient of the Orders on an honorary basis and that person shall be an honorary member of the Orders.
- (2) The Prime Minister may, after consultation with the Committee advise the Governor-General to confer an award of the Orders on a person who is not a citizen of Grenada and the Governor-General may in accordance with the provisions of this Act grant the award.
- (3) The Governor-General may, acting on the advice of the Prime Minister, grant the Most Distinguished Order of the Nation to foreign heads of state or leaders.
- (4) Awards granted under subsection (3) of this section shall not count towards the number of awards allowed in any given year pursuant to section 9 of the Second Schedule.

24. Termination of membership

- (1) A person ceases to be a member or honorary member of the Order upon—
 - (a) his or her death;

- (b) his or her resignation from the Order which shall have effect on the date on which a resignation in writing is accepted by the Governor-General; or
 - (c) the revocation of his or her award by the Governor-General which the Governor-General as Chancellor of the Most Distinguished Order of the Nation and the Order of Grenada is hereby empowered to effect for cause appearing to him or her to be just or sufficient after consultation with the Committee and the Prime Minister.
- (2) The termination of membership of the Orders under subsection (1) (a) shall not affect the entitlement of the name of the person upon whom the award had been conferred to be styled appropriately to the position of the Orders to which he or she would have belonged had he or she not died.

Part VI

Offences

25. Unauthorised use of insignia etc.

- (1) A person shall not—
- (a) without authority, use any warrant or certificate authorised in connection with any award;
 - (b) without authority, wear any insignia, decoration or medal supplied or authorised in connection with any award;
 - (c) falsely represents himself or herself to be a person who is or has been, entitled to use any such warrant or certificate or wear any such insignia, decoration or medal as aforesaid; or
 - (d) without lawful authority or excuse, supply or offer to supply any such warrant or certificate, insignia or decoration or medal as aforesaid, to any person not authorised to use or wear the same.
- (2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months.

26. Abuse in connection with grant of awards

- (1) A person shall not accept or obtain or agree to accept or obtain from another person for himself or herself or for any other person or for any purpose, any gift, money or valuable consideration, as an inducement or reward for procuring or assisting or endeavouring to procure the grant of an award to any other person.
- (2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence and is liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months.
- (3) A person shall not offer or give or agree or propose to give to another person, any gift, money or valuable consideration as an inducement or a reward for procuring or assisting or endeavouring to procure the grant of an award under this Act.
- (4) A person who contravenes subsection (3) commits an offence and is liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months.

Part VII

Miscellaneous

27. Expenses

Expenses incurred under this Act shall be a charge on the Consolidated Fund and shall be paid out of the monies allocated for that purpose by Parliament.

28. Amendment of Schedules

The Governor-General may by Order amend the Schedules.

29. Regulations

- (1) The Governor-General may make regulations for the better carrying out of the purposes and provisions of this Act and in particular may make regulations—
 - (a) prescribing all matters that are necessary or required to be prescribed;
 - (b) in relation to the seals, mottos, motifs, insignia or regalia; and
 - (c) in relation to investitures.

- (2) Regulations made under this section shall be subject to an affirmative resolution of both Houses of Parliament.
- (3) All regulations made by the Governor-General before the commencement of this act pursuant to section 28 of the Grenada National Honours Act, 1994 or section 23 of the National Honours and Awards Act, 2007 shall continue to be valid.

30. Recognition of issued awards

- (1) Honours or awards issued to any person under the Grenada National Honours Act, 1994 or the National Honours and Awards Act, 2007 shall not be altered, affected or lost by virtue of this act.
- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), any person appointed to the Most Distinguished Order of the Nation under section 4 (a) (vi) of the National Honours and Awards Act, 2007 shall be regarded as no longer being a member of the Order of Grenada but rather a member of the Most Distinguished Order of the Nation as established by section 10 of this act, with the same rank, title and dignity as enjoyed under the National Honours and Awards Act, 2007.

31. Repeal

The Grenada National Honours Act, 1994 and the National Honours and Awards Act, 2007 are hereby repealed.

First Schedule

NATIONAL HONOURS, AWARDS AND HEROES ACT

Prestige Order of the National Hero

[Sections 2, 25 and 29.]

1. A person upon whom the Prestige Order of the National Hero has been conferred—
 - (a) is entitled to wear as a decoration the prescribed insignia of the Prestige Order of the National Hero;
 - (b) is entitled to wear the same at all ceremonial occasions;
 - (c) shall be conferred with the style, title and dignity of Sir or Dame for life;
 - (d) shall be referred to as “The Right Excellent”; and

- (e) shall have the letters NH placed after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary.
2. The Sovereign and the Governor-General shall be entitled to wear only the badge of the Prestige Order of the National Hero suspended from the riband of the Prestige Order of the National Hero and worn on the chest as a medal.
 3. A Governor-General shall on retirement, resignation or on relinquishment of the office of Governor-General not be entitled to wear any insignia of the Prestige Order of the National Hero.

Second Schedule

NATIONAL HONOURS, AWARDS AND HEROES ACT

Most Distinguished Order of the Nation

[Sections 2 and 29.]

1. The Most Distinguished Order of the Nation may be awarded to a person who has rendered distinguished and outstanding service to Grenada.
2. The Sovereign and the Governor-General shall be entitled to wear the insignia of a Knight or Dame Grand Collar of the Most Distinguished Order of the Nation.
3. A Governor-General shall on retirement, resignation or on relinquishment of the office of Governor-General be entitled to wear only the Star and the Badge of the Most Distinguished Order of the Nation suspended from the riband of the Most Distinguished Order of the Nation and worn round the neck.
4. The Most Distinguished Order of the Nation may be awarded posthumously but the name of a deceased recipient must not appear in the current list of members at the time of the award notwithstanding his or her membership of the Most Distinguished Order.
5. The Most Distinguished Order of the Nation shall comprise the following six grades—
 - (a) Knight or Dame Grand Collar;
 - (b) Knight or Dame Grand Cross;
 - (c) Knight or Dame Commander;
 - (d) Commander;

- (e) Officer; and
 - (f) Member.
- 6. The grade of the Knight or Dame Grand Collar, Knight or Dame Grand Cross, Knight or Dame Commander shall confer the style, title and dignity of Sir or Dame for life and the spouses of such Knights shall be accorded the style and title of Lady for life.
- 7. A member of the Most Distinguished Order of the Nation is entitled in the case of—
 - (a) a Knight or Dame Grand Collar to have the letters KGN or DGN placed after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary;
 - (b) a Knight or Dame Grand Cross to have the letters KGCN or DGCN placed after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary;
 - (c) a Knight or Dame Grand Commander to have the letters KCN or DCN placed after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary;
 - (d) a Commander to have the letters CN placed after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary;
 - (e) an Officer to have the letters ON placed after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary;
 - (f) a member to have the letters MN placed after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary.
- 8. A member of the Most Distinguished Order of the Nation is entitled to wear the insignia prescribed for his or her grade by the Chancellor.
- 9. The Most Distinguished Order of the Nation may be awarded to two persons in any year.
- 10. Every two years after commencement of this Act, the Leader of the Opposition may submit to the Committee for its consideration and recommendation a person for an award of the Most Distinguished Order of the Nation.

Third Schedule

NATIONAL HONOURS, AWARDS AND HEROES ACT

Order of Grenada

[Sections 2 and 29.]

AWARDS

Companion of the Order of Grenada

1. The Companion of the Order of Grenada may be awarded to any person who by his or her distinguished achievements has brought international prestige to Grenada.
2. The Companion of the Order of Grenada may be awarded only in Gold and the recipient shall be vested with a Collar to which will be affixed the badge of the Order of Grenada.
3. The Sovereign and the Governor-General shall be entitled to wear the insignia of a Companion of the Order of Grenada.
4. A Governor-General shall on retirement, resignation or on relinquishment of the office of Governor-General be entitled to wear only the Badge of the Order of Grenada suspended from the riband of the Order of Grenada and worn round the neck.
5. The Companion of the Order of Grenada may be awarded to only one citizen of Grenada in any year.
6. A person to whom the Companion of the Order of Grenada is granted is entitled—
 - (a) to have the letters COG placed after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary;
 - (b) where that person is the Governor-General, to use the title “His or Her Excellency” before his or her name.

The Order of Grenada Gold Award for Excellence

1. The Order of Grenada Gold Award for Excellence may be awarded to any person who has rendered excellent exemplary and outstanding service to Grenada tending to promote unity whether domestically in Grenada or as between Grenada and any other country.
2. The Order of Grenada Gold Award for Excellence may be awarded only in Gold.

3. The Order of Grenada Gold Award for Excellence may be awarded only to one citizen of Grenada in any year

The Spice Isle Award

1. The Spice Isle Award may be awarded to any person who has rendered truly emulative service to Grenada in any field of human endeavour or for other humane action.
2. The Spice Isle Award may be awarded only in Silver.
3. The Spice Isle Award may be awarded to a maximum of two citizens of Grenada in any year

The Camerhogne Award

1. The Camerhogne Award may be awarded to any person who has rendered meritorious service to Grenada; in furtherance of national prestige or for gallantry.
2. The Camerhogne Award may be awarded only in Silver.
3. The Camerhogne Award may be awarded to a maximum of two citizens of Grenada in any year.

The Medal of Honour

1. The Medal of Honour may be awarded to any person for meritorious and productive service to Grenada in any field of human endeavour including but not limited to agriculture, business, sports and protection of the environment.
2. The Medal of Honour may be awarded only in Bronze.
3. The Medal of Honour may be awarded to a maximum of three citizens of Grenada in any year.

Fourth Schedule

NATIONAL HONOURS, AWARDS AND HEROES ACT

Tenure and Procedure of the National Awards Advisory Committee

[Section 20.]

1. Subject to the provisions of this Schedule, the appointment of a member of the Committee (including the Chairperson) shall be for a period not exceeding three years, and such member shall be eligible for re-appointment.
2. (1) Any member of the Committee, other than the Chairperson may at any time resign his or her office by instrument in writing addressed to the Governor-General and transmitted through the Chairperson and from the date of the receipt by the Governor-General of such instrument such member shall cease to be a member of the Committee.
(2) The Chairperson may at any time resign his or her office by instrument in writing addressed to the Governor-General and such resignation shall take effect as from the date of the receipt of such instrument by the Governor-General.
3. If any vacancy occurs in the membership of the Committee, such vacancy shall be filled by the appointment of another member who shall, subject to the provisions of this Schedule, hold office for the remainder of the period for which the previous member was appointed, so, however, that such appointment shall be made in the same manner and from the same category of persons, if any, as the appointment of the previous member.
4. The names of all members of the Committee as first constituted and every change in the membership thereof shall be published in the Gazette.
5. The validity of the proceedings of the Committee shall not be affected by any vacancy amongst the members thereof or by any defect in the appointment of a member thereof.
6. The Committee shall meet at such times as may be convenient or expedient for the transaction of business and at such places as it may deem fit.
7. The Chairperson shall preside at meetings of the Committee and in the case of his or her absence from any meeting the members present shall elect one from amongst their number to preside at that meeting.
8. The decisions of the Committee shall be by a majority of votes of the members present and voting and, in addition to an original vote, the Chairperson or any

other person presiding at the meeting shall have a casting vote in any case in which the voting is equal.

9. The quorum of the Committee shall be the members thereof.
10. The Governor-General shall appoint a person to be the Secretary to the Committee, but the Secretary shall not be a member of the Committee.
11. Minutes in proper form of the proceedings of the Committee shall be kept by the Secretary.
12. Subject to the provisions of this Schedule, the Committee shall have power to regulate its own proceedings, and may delegate to any member or committee thereof the power and authority to carry out on behalf of the Committee such duties as the Committee may determine.
13. Any expenses incurred by the Chairperson and other members of the Committee in the performance of their duties shall be paid out of money provided for the purpose by Parliament.