

4. The successful BLP candidates first met on the afternoon of Friday, 22nd February, 2013. That meeting, which was chaired by the Party's then Political Leader Mr. Owen Arthur, resolved that the Parliamentary Group would again meet on the morning of Monday, 25th February, 2013, for the purpose of choosing a Leader of the Opposition.

5. Mr. Arthur clearly and unambiguously informed that the Parliamentary Group he was not interested in serving in that position any more. Among the reasons which he gave were that he needed to earn a greater income by way of consultancies, particularly since he was committed to paying \$2,600.00 each month for his father's care in a nursing home. He also indicated that he would not seek re-election as a Parliamentarian at the end of this term but that he did not intend to resign during the term.

6. Mr. Arthur informed that he will not be attending Monday's meeting, since he felt that other Members of Parliament should have the opportunity to choose a Leader of the Opposition in his absence and without his influence.

7. The meeting of 25th February, 2013, commenced at about 10.25am. It was agreed that Mr. Dale Marshall, as the Party's then Deputy Political Leader, would be the meeting's chairman. Mr. Ronald Toppin sat at the head of the table. Persons to Mr. Toppin's left were Mr. Gline Clarke, myself, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Jeffrey Bostic, Miss Maria Agard and Mr. Dwight Sutherland.

8. The persons to Mr. Toppin's right were Mr. Kerrie Symmonds, the Claimant, Ms. Santia Bradshaw, Ms. Cynthia Forde, Miss. Mia Mottley and Mr. Trevor Prescod.

9. The meeting was permeated by an atmosphere of discord and acrimony. It was held four (4) days after the BLP's defeat in the General Elections. Prior to the Elections there was a general view among the public as well as members of the BLP that the BLP would win the Elections. The pre-election polls, too, predicted a win for the BLP.