

10. Emotions understandably ran very high as a result of this disappointment. The Members present were dispirited, tired and upset. The meeting was not conducted in any orderly fashion and there was persistent 'cross-talk' between members.

11. Very early in the meeting Messrs. Kerrie Symmonds and Trevor Prescod started trading insults. Messrs. Ronald Toppin, Kerrie Symmonds, Dwight Sutherland and the Claimant all expressed their opinion that Mr. Owen Arthur should be asked to continue as the Leader of the Opposition inspite of his very clear pronouncement on the previous Friday that he did not want the position. Some of them indicated that they did not understand Mr. Arthur to have then said that he was not willing to accept this position. Mr. Dwight Sutherland felt that Mr. Arthur should be respected for all that he has achieved in the past and should be requested to continue.

12. Miss. Mia Mottley said that Mr. Arthur had informed that he was not interested in the position. I said that I understood Mr. Arthur to have made it pellucidly clear that he was not interested in serving in the position and that I did not understand why he should still be considered. Ms. Cynthia Forde also stated that she understood Mr. Arthur's comments last Friday to be that he is no longer interested in the post.

13. Attention then started to focus on whether Miss. Mottley was a suitable person to be Leader of the Opposition and Political Leader of the BLP. Mr. Kerrie Symmonds accused Miss. Mottley of appointing his former wife to be a director of one of her companies in the aftermath of him being requested by Miss. Mottley to resign from the Senate in 2009. Mr. Symmonds also accused Miss Mottley of providing finances to his former wife.

14. Mr. Ronald Toppin said that Miss. Mottley had done some terrible things to him in the past. He however said that he had got over those demons. He acknowledged that she, more than anyone else among the group, had the support of the general public at this particular time.