

THE SENATE OF BERMUDA

(SESSION OF 2025 - 2026)

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Sitting No. 9 – Wednesday, 2nd July 2025

SENATE CONVENES (10:00am)

- 1. PRAYERS
- 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES Minutes of 3rd June 2025 to be confirmed Minutes of 4th June 2025 to be confirmed Minutes of 5th June 2025 to be confirmed
- 3. MESSAGES
- 4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
- 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Ombudsman for Bermuda Annual Report for 2024" – Senator the Hon. The President

"Privacy Commissioner Pre-Implementation Annual Report, January 2020 – December 2024" – Senator Mischa G. Fubler, Junior Minister of the Cabinet Office & Innovation

"Chartered Professional Accountants of Bermuda Amendment By-Laws 2025" – Senator the Hon. Crystal C. Caesar, Spokesperson for Finance

"Electricity Amendment Act 2022 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2023" – Senator Lindsay K. Simmons, Junior Minister of Home Affairs

"Electricity (Innovative Licence) Regulations 2023" – Senator Lindsay K. Simmons, Junior Minister of Home Affairs

"Bermuda Airport Authority Annual Report 2022-2023" – Senator Mischa G. Fubler, Junior Minister of Tourism, Transport, Culture and Sport

"Factors Driving Emigration in Bermuda Report, January 2025" – Senator Lauren F. Bell, Junior Minister of Economy and Labour

"Department of Statistics May 2024 Labour Force Survey Report" – Senator Lauren F. Bell, Junior Minister of Economy and Labour

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

"Tourism Investment (Clearwater Community Event Venue) Order 2025"** – Senator Mischa G. Fubler, Junior Minister of Tourism, Transport, Culture and Sport

7. PETITIONS

8. STATEMENTS

"Clarification on Legal Status of Cannabis Possession" – Senator the Hon. Kim Wilkerson, Attorney-General and Minister of Justice

"May 2024 Labour Force Survey and Development and Training Update" – Senator Lauren Bell, Junior Minister of Economy and Labour

"Factors Driving Emigration in Bermuda" – Senator Lauren Bell, Junior Minister of Economy and Labour

9. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

10. FIRST READING - PUBLIC BILLS

"Insurance Amendment Act 2025"**

"Trade Marks Amendment Act 2025"**

11. FIRST READING - PRIVATE BILLS

12. QUESTIONS/QUESTION PERIOD

Senator Mischa G. Fubler to provide Oral Responses to Parliamentary Questions from Senator Marcus J.A. Jones.

- *1. Will the Junior Minister please inform the Senate as to how many of the 600 taxi permits in circulation are actively in use; and whether there are plans to increase the numbers considering the overwhelming pressure on the taxi industry to service locals and visitors?
- *2. Will the Junior Minister please inform the Senate as to how many dispatch companies or services are currently active in the taxi industry, and whether the Ministry has identified any companies or services operating outside of the relevant provisions of the Motor Car Act 1951?

Senator Mischa G. Fubler to provide Oral Response to a Parliamentary Question from Maurice E. Foley.

*1. Following the EY Culture Review commissioned by the Bermuda Tourism Authority (BTA), can the Junior Minister please inform the Senate as to what actions the Government is taking to address the concerns raised and to ensure that public funds are being managed under a culture of accountability and professionalism?

Senator Mischa G. Fubler to provide Oral Response to a Parliamentary Question from Senator Maurice E. Foley.

*1. Several publicly owned buildings across Bermuda, including the former Clearwater Middle School in St. David's, remain underutilized or vacant. Can the Junior Minister please inform the Senate as to the Government's plan for the adaptive reuse of these vacant facilities, and whether any are being prioritized for redevelopment into community hubs that address social isolation among seniors and provide services for youth and working families?

Senator the Hon. Crystal C. Caesar to provide Oral Response to a Parliamentary Question from Senator Victoria J. Cunningham.

*1. Can the Honourable Minister please provide the Senate with an update on the development and finalisation of the Signature Learning Programme curriculums for the Signature Schools, including the timeline for when these curricula will be fully implemented, and whether they have been accredited or reviewed by any external educational standards bodies to ensure quality and relevance?

Senator the Hon. Crystal C. Caesar to provide Oral Response to a Parliamentary Question from Senator Victoria J. Cunningham.

*1. Will the Honourable Spokesperson for Finance please provide the Senate with the number of companies currently in arrears with their Social Insurance contributions and what steps are being taken to recover the outstanding amounts?

13. ORDERS OF THE DAY

[**Items that may be considered under the Provisions of S.O. 25 or Suspension of S.O. 71(2)]

- (1) Second Reading of the "Insurance Amendment Act 2025" Senator the Hon. Crystal C. Caesar, Spokesperson for Finance
- (2) Second Reading of the "Trade Marks Amendment Act 2025" Senator Lauren F. Bell, Junior Minister of Economy and Labour
- (3) Consideration of the draft Order entitled the "Tourism Investment (Clearwater Community Event Venue) Order 2025" Senator Mischa G. Fubler, Junior Minister of Tourism, Transport, Culture & Sport

14. MOTIONS

15. CONGRATULATORY &/OR OBITUARY SPEECHES

16. ADJOURNMENT