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Friday, 9th February 2018

Members Present: His Honour the Speaker, Jeanne J. Atherden, Jeffrey C. Baron, C. Walton D. Brown, Lt. Col. David A. Burch, Derrick V. Burgess, Edward D. E. Burt, Wayne M. Caines, Legay C. Cannonier, Rolfe P. Commissiong, Zane J.S. DeSilva, Michael H. Dunkley, Thomas C. Famous, Lovitta F. Foggo, , Wayne L. Furbert, Patricia J. Gordon-Pamplin, Susan E. Jackson, Dennis J. Lister III, Renee D.L. Ming, Trevor G. Moniz, Diallo V. S. Rabain, Sylvan D. Richards, Walter H. Roban, Leah K. Scott, , Michael J. Scott, W. Lawrence Scott, Scott A. Simmons, Nelson C. Simons, Ben Smith, Neville S. Tyrrell, Kim N. Wilson.

10:03 a.m. Prayers and a moment of silence was held in memory of the late Honourable Members: Hon. Ernest DeCouto and Hon. Quinton Edness.

Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes of December 8th 2017 were confirmed.

10:05 a.m.

The Speaker announced that the following Members will be absent from today's meeting: Ms. T.S. Furbert, Dr. E.G. Gibbons and Mr. Kim H.E. Swan

His Honour the Speaker expressed concern about a letter addressed to him from a Member of the House that had appeared in the local press without the Speaker having had sight of the letter, or having first been asked to meet with the Member to discuss the issues raised in the letter and to consider any appropriate action that could have been taken in house to resolve the issues. He informed Members that he considered this instance to have been disrespectful to the Speaker

and the House, and that a repeat of such an instance would not be acceptable going forward.

The Speaker also informed Members that he had reviewed the issues raised in the letter and determined an appropriate course of action to be taken to regularize the establishment of the current and future ad hoc Parliamentary Joint Select Committees and the appointment of Members to these committees. He noted that he had been in communication with the President of the Senate, and that they were in agreement on parliamentary procedure to best ensure compliance with the Standing Orders of each House, and with relevant provisions of the Parliament Act for any committee requiring the summoning of witnesses and evidence to be presented under oath.

10:10 a.m.

Papers and Communications to the House.

MR. W.H. ROBAN read the following communication to the Speaker:

TO HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER:-

I have the honour to attach and submit for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly the “Regulatory Authority Activities and Audited Financials for the Year April 1st, 2015 – March 31st, 2016.”

Mr. W.H. Roban
Minister of Transport and Regulatory Affairs

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MR. C.W.D. BROWN read the following communication to the Speaker:

TO HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER:-

I have the honour to attach and submit for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly the “Draft Exchange Agreement between the Corporation of Hamilton and HSBC Bank Bermuda Ltd.”

Mr. C.W.D. BROWN
Minister of Home Affairs

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10:12 a.m.

Statements by Ministers and/or Junior Ministers:

MS. L.F. FOGGO read a Ministerial Statement regarding the “2016 Population and Housing Census Preliminary Report”.

MR. W.M. CAINES read a Ministerial Statement concerning the “Safer Internet Day 2018”.

MR. D.V.S. RABAIN read a Ministerial Statement regarding the “Training Programme Initiatives”.

11:54am

Question Period:

Mr. E.D.G. Burt provided oral responses to parliamentary questions from Mrs. J.J. Atherden.

* 1. As per the Premier and Opposition Leader Personal Staffs Act 1983, will the Honourable Premier please provide the names of all people hired as personal staff since July 19th 2017?

* 2. Will the Honourable Premier please inform this Honourable House of the job title, responsibility and tenure of each person hired?

* 3. Will the Honourable Premier please provide the compensation and all benefits for each position?

Mrs. J.J. Atherden asked a supplementary question.

Mrs. J.J. Atherden asked a second supplementary question.

Mrs. J.J. Atherden asked a second question.

Mrs. J.J. Atherden asked a supplementary question.

Mrs. J.J. Atherden asked a third question.

10:40 a.m.

Ms. L.F. Foggo provided oral responses to a parliamentary questions from Mr. M.H. Dunkley.

* 1. The 2016 Population and Housing Census Preliminary Report was recently released. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House what was the final cost of the 2016 Census and how this compared to the budget for the census?

* 2. On page 1 in the Preliminary Report under the technical note section it states the completion rate was 98%. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House the completion rate for the 2010 Census?

* 3. On page 1 under the technical note section it states the imputation process differed between the 2010 Census and the 2016 Census. Will the Honourable Minister please explain the difference?

Mr. M.H. Dunkley asked a supplementary question.

Mr. M.H. Dunkley asked a second question.

Mr. M.H. Dunkley asked a supplementary question.

Mrs. P.J. Gordon-Pamplin asked a supplementary question.

Mr. M.H. Dunkley asked a second supplementary question.

Mr. M.H. Dunkley asked a third question.

Mr. M.H. Dunkley asked a supplementary question.

Mr. M.H. Dunkley asked a second supplementary question.

Mrs. P.J. Gordon-Pamplin asked a supplementary question.

Mrs. P.J. Gordon-Pamplin asked a second supplementary question.

Ms. L.F. Foggo provided written responses to parliamentary questions from Mr. B.A. Smith.

Q1. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House the total number of Government employees at August 31st, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017? The member agreed on February 6th, 2018 to modify the original questions and accept response data on a financial Year basis.

A1. Total number of Government employees at August 31st, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2017, are as follows:

For the year Ended	Total No. Employees on Payroll
March 31, 2012	5,258
March 31, 2013	5,262
March 31, 2014	5,104
March 31, 2015	5,001
March 31, 2016	4,707
March 31, 2017	4,607

Q2. Will the Honourable Minister please inform the Honourable House how much overtime was paid during the periods September 1st, 2011 to August 31st, 2012, September 1st, 2012 to August 31st, 2013, September 1st, 2013 to August 31st, 2014, September 1st, 2014 to August 31st, 2015, September 1st, 2015 to August 31st, 2016? September 1st, 2016 to August 31st, 2017? The member agreed on February 6th, 2018 to modify the original questions and accept response data on a financial Year basis.

A2. Total amount of overtime paid during the periods September 1st, 2011 to August 31st, 2012, September 1st, 2012 to August 31st, 2013, September 1st, 2013 to August 31st, 2014, September 1st, 2014 to August 31st, 2015, September 1st, 2015 to August 31st, 2016? September 1st, 2016 to August 31st, 2017, are as follows:

For the year Ended	Overtime
March 31, 2012	\$9,888.017
March 31, 2013	\$14,344.934
March 31, 2014	\$13,407,319
March 31, 2015	\$16,738,829
March 31, 2016	\$15,995.458
March 31, 2017	\$20,900.493

Q3. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House the total gross wages/salaries and overtime paid during the periods September 1st, 2011 to August 31st, 2012, September 1st, 2012 to August 31st, 2013, September 1st, 2013 to August 31st, 2017, September 1st, 2014 to August 31st, 2015, September 1st, 2015 to August 31st, 2016, September 1st, 2016 to August 31st, 2017? The member agreed on February 6th, 2018 to modify the original questions and accept response data on a financial Year basis.

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For the year Ended	Gross Wages/Salaries
March 31, 2012	\$391,883.282
March 31, 2013	\$405,306.087
March 31, 2014	\$393,362.879
March 31, 2015	\$383,247.725
March 31, 2016	\$371,790.991
March 31, 2017	\$366,542.037

Ms. K.N. Wilson provided a written response to a parliamentary question from Ms. S.E. Jackson.

Q1. Will the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House with a short written description for each affected Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code listed below:

- CPT code short description
- 2016-2017 Diagnostic Imaging (DI) fee
- 2017-2018 DI fee
- New supplemented fee ("Technical Recommended Fee")

A1. [The written answer to this question is lengthy; a copy of the answer is available on the Parliamentary website.]

10:50 a.m.

Ms. K.N. Wilson provided oral responses to parliamentary questions from Ms. S.E. Jackson.

*2. Will the Honourable Minister please explain to this Honourable House when this CPT code arrangement started and how much has been paid thus far to each of the below service providers, and were those payments approved by the Health Insurance Committee?

- Bermuda Hospitals Board
- Brown-Darrell Clinic
- Bermuda Health Care Services

*3. Will the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House with the legal mechanism by which funds have been paid to private medical service providers?

Ms. S.E. Jackson asked a second question.

Ms. S.E. Jackson asked a supplementary question.

Mrs. J.J. Atherden asked a supplementary question.

Mr. T.G. Moniz asked a supplementary question.

Mr. T.G. Moniz asked a second supplementary question.

Mrs. J.J. Atherden asked a second supplementary question.

Ms. S.E. Jackson asked a third question.

Mr. T.G. Moniz asked a supplementary question.

Mr. T.G. Moniz asked a second supplementary question.

Mrs. P.J. Gordon-Pamplin asked a supplementary question.

Mrs. J.J. Atherden asked a supplementary question.

Ms. S.E. Jackson asked a supplementary question.

11:07 a.m.

Mrs. P.J. Gordon-Pamplin asked a question to Ms. L.F. Foggo on her Ministerial Statement regarding the “2016 Population and Housing Census Preliminary Report.”

Mr. L.C. Cannonier asked a question.

11:08 a.m.

Mr. N.H.C. Simons asked a question to Mr. D.V.S. Rabain on his Ministerial Statement regarding the “Training Programme Initiatives”.

Mr. N.H.C. Simons asked a supplementary question.

Mr. N.H.C. Simons asked a second question.

Mr. N.H.C. Simons asked a supplementary question.

Mr. N.H.C. Simons asked a second supplementary question.

Ms. S.E. Jackson asked a supplementary question.

11:16 a.m.

Ms. L.F. Foggo provided an oral response to a question from Mrs. J.J. Gordon-Pamplin.

11:17 a.m.

**Congratulatory and /or Obituary Speeches:
(Please refer to the House Hansard)**

12:20 p.m.

The Speaker acknowledged the presence of Senate President, Mrs. J. Dillas-Wright in the Chamber.

12:21 p.m.

Personal Explanation:

MR. J.S. SIMMONS made a Personal Explanation entitled “Clarification to Media Article- the Casino Gaming Commission.”

12:25 p.m.

Introduction of Bills:

MS. K.N. WILSON introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “Health Insurance Amendment Act 2018.”

12:27 p.m.

Mr. E.D.G. Burt moved that the House adjourn for lunch, which was agreed to.

The House adjourned for lunch.

2:00pm

The House resumed

Orders of the Day

On the motion of MR. C.W.D. BROWN the Draft Order entitled the “Tucker’s Point Resort Residential Development (Hamilton and St. George’s Parishes) Special Development Amendment Order 2017”, was then taken under consideration.

2:12pm- Mr. N.H.C. Simons

2:18pm- Mr. J.S. Simmons

2:20pm- Mr. T.G. Moniz

2:24pm- Ms. S.E. Jackson

2:26pm- Mrs. J.J. Atherden

2:28pm- Mr. M.H. Dunkley

2:32pm- Mr. C.W.D. Brown

2:36 p.m.

MR. C.W.D. BROWN moved that the said draft Order be approved and that the following message be sent to His Excellency the Governor:

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MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The House of Assembly, having had under consideration the draft Order entitled the “Tucker’s Point Resort Residential Development (Hamilton and St. George’s Parishes) Special Development Amendment Order 2018” proposed to be made by the Minister responsible for Planning under the powers conferred by Section 15(2)(a) of the Development and Planning Act 1974 has the honour to inform Your Excellency that the House approved the said draft Order.

-which was agreed to and ordered accordingly.

2:37 p.m.

Mr. J.S. Simmons moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

2:37pm- Mr. W.L.A. Scott

2:57pm- Mr. D.V. Burgess

3:17pm- Mr. L.C. Cannonier

3:23 p.m.

The House adjourned until Friday, 16th February 2018 at 10:00am.