



Government of Bermuda

Ministry of Tourism & Transport, Culture & Sport

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Clark Somner, Clerk to the Legislature
From: Mrs. Carlita O'Brien, Acting Permanent Secretary
Date: 23 September 2026
Re: Responses to Parliamentary Questions

Below are the responses to the Parliamentary Questions that were asked by The Hon. Ben A. Smith, MP via his correspondence dated 9 September 2026.

1. Will the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House with the most recent condition assessment of every facility, building, sporting surface, system and major asset at the National Sports Centre, stating for each the date it was last assessed or inspected, its current condition, and any maintenance, repair or replacement that has been identified as necessary?

Response:

Grandstand — structure, roof, lighting columns and electrical installation

- Last assessed: 11 December 2025
- Condition: localised deterioration of the roof structure and towers, deterioration of electrical conduits and lighting fixtures, and deterioration of the light stands.
- Works identified: localised structural repairs and painting to the roof structure and towers; replacement of conduits and lighting fixtures; light stand repairs, requiring full scaffolding; removal of banners from the western facade; and assessment of proposed LED light loading.

Aquatics Centre — Clima-Flex chiller plant (10 modules, manufactured July 2021)

- Last assessed: 21 June 2025
- Condition: a defective compressor requiring replacement; the master module not operating, with wiring disconnected by others to permit the remaining modules to run; five defective crank case heaters; indications of a refrigerant leak; missing valve caps across the equipment; condenser coil soiling and damage; corrosion to pipework and a leaking pressure reducing valve; removed and saturated pipe insulation; and heat exchangers which appear not to have been opened since installation.
- Works identified: remedial works and integration of the plant with the Building Management System.

Aquatics Centre — changing room facility

- Last assessed: no documented condition assessment
- Condition: Condemned – temporary changing rooms are in place

Aquatics Centre — pool tiling, diving tower and timing equipment

- Last assessed: no documented condition assessment
- Condition: tiling and diving tower in good condition; timing equipment has reached the end of its useful life
- Work identified: Repair and re-grouting of the pool tiling and refurbishment of the diving tower

Grandstand – passenger elevator

- Last assessed: inspected on 10 August 2026
- Condition: passed inspection and certificate is valid to August 2027
- Works identified: no remedial works needed

Solar PV Carport System

- Last assessed: no documented condition assessment
- Condition: good
- Works identified: no works identified

North Field and Southfield Floodlighting

- Last assessed: North field (December 2025) and South field (April 2026)
- Condition: significant corrosion consistent with Bermuda's maritime environment; lighting is visibly inadequate and maintenance difficulties. South field does not meet the required standard for international football or track and field.
- Works identified: North field – light replacement, installation and structural works to four lighting poles. South field light replacement, installation and structural works to eight lighting poles.

Main car park – surface condition and asphaltting

- Last assessed: no documented condition assessment
- Condition: surface has deteriorated and a continuing source of sand, grit and loose rubble
- Works identified: asphaltting of car park

2. Will the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House with the estimated cost of every outstanding maintenance, repair or replacement identified as necessary across the National Sports Centre, stating for each item the estimated cost, whether funding has been allocated, the amount allocated and, where funding has not been allocated, the amount still required?

Response:

Item	Estimated cost
Grandstand — structural inspection and assessment	\$20,000 – \$30,000

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Grandstand — under-roof repair works, roof lighting columns, banner removal	\$475,000 – \$600,000
Grandstand — electrical works (conduits and fixtures)	\$70,000 – \$100,000
Grandstand — light stand repair works	\$30,000 – \$40,000
Grandstand — project management and contract administration	\$85,000 – \$110,000
Grandstand — total range	\$680,000 – \$880,000
Aquatics Centre — chiller remedial works	\$41,964
Main car park — asphaltting and associated works	\$818,726
Aquatics Centre — pool tile repair and re-grouting	\$92,415.00
Aquatics Centre — diving tower refurbishment	\$169,803.25
Aquatics Centre — 50-metre pool timing equipment	\$84,220.00
North Field LED relight — lights, installation and structural works to four poles	\$680,000
South Field LED relight — lights, installation and structural works to eight poles	\$775,000

Item	Allocated Funding	Incurred and paid	Remaining budget
Main Car Park Asphaltting	\$818,726.00	\$212,517.82	\$606,208.18
Grandstand	\$958,550.00	\$121,490.80	\$837,059.20
Aquatics Centre – chiller remedial work	\$41,964.00	\$38,000.00	\$3,964.00
North Field lights	\$680,000.00	\$655,560.00	\$24,440.00
South Field Lights	\$775,000.00	\$284,020.00	\$490,980.00

The Aquatics Centre works (pool tiling, the diving tower and the 50-metre pool timing equipment) will be presented for funding in the 2027/28 capital budget.

- Will the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House with the planned schedule for every outstanding maintenance, repair or replacement identified across the National Sports Centre, stating for each item its priority, anticipated commencement date,

anticipated completion date and whether the affected facility or asset will remain fully operational while the work is undertaken?

Response:

Item	Priority	Anticipated Commencement Date	Anticipated Completion Date	Operational impact
Grandstand remediation, including structural inspection	High	Commenced	FY2027 programme	No night-time international matches or major events until March 2027, owing to light tower and roof maintenance. Repairs are coordinated with the South Field LED relight
Aquatics Centre — chiller remedial works	High	Commenced	31 October 2026	No impact
North Field LED relight	High	5 October 2026	Target 26 October 2026	North Field unavailable for night events during installation; night events relocated to South Field
South Field LED relight	High	Commenced	March 2027	Six of eight lighting poles operational. No international matches or major events at the South Field until March 2027
Main car park asphaltting	High	Commenced	18 September 2026	Car park turned over to public use on 5 October 2026. Parking capacity reduced during the works.
Aquatics Centre — pool tile repair and re-grouting	High	2027/28 budget	2027/28 programme	Pool out of use during the works

Yours sincerely,

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