



# THE SENATE OF BERMUDA

(SESSION OF 2025 – 2026)

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

Sitting No. 23 – Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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**SENATE CONVENES (10:00am)**

**1. PRAYERS**

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES** – Minutes of 23<sup>rd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 to be confirmed

**3. MESSAGES**

**4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

“2025 Treatment of Offenders Board Annual Report” – Senator the Hon. Kim R. Wilkerson, Attorney-General and Minister of Justice

“2025 The Parole Board Annual Report” – Senator the Hon. Kim R. Wilkerson, Attorney-General and Minister of Justice

“Review of Bermuda Department of Corrections – Panel Report” – Senator the Hon. Kim R. Wilkerson, Attorney-General and Minister of Justice

“International Cooperation (Tax Information Exchange Agreements) Common Reporting Standard Amendment Regulations 2026” – Senator the Hon. Crystal C. Caesar, Spokesperson for Finance

“Motor Taxi (Taxi Despatching Service) Amendment Regulations 2026” – Senator Mischa G. Fubler, Junior Minister of Tourism, Transport, Culture and Sport

“Motor Car (Ridesharing) Regulations 2026” – Senator Mischa G. Fubler, Junior Minister of Tourism, Transport, Culture and Sport

## **6. NOTICES OF MOTION**

## **7. PETITIONS**

## **8. STATEMENTS**

“Tabling of the Treatment of Offenders Board and the Parole Board 2025 Reports” – Senator the Hon. Kim R. Wilkerson, Attorney-General and Minister of Justice

“Corrections Reform: Accountability and Action” – Senator the Hon. Kim R. Wilkerson, Attorney-General and Minister of Justice

“The 2026 Census of Population and Housing” – Senator Lauren F. Bell, Junior Minister of Economy and Labour

“Pay Transparency Policy: Public Consultation” – Senator Lauren F. Bell, Junior Minister of Economy and Labour

## **9. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

### **10. FIRST READING - PUBLIC BILLS**

“Single-Use Plastics Act 2026”\*\*

### **11. FIRST READING - PRIVATE BILLS**

### **12. QUESTIONS/QUESTION PERIOD**

**Senator Lauren F. Bell to provide Oral Response to Parliamentary Questions by Senator David H. Rogers.**

\*1. Can the Junior Minister please provide the Senate with the Ministry of Health’s plan to systematically address chronic overcrowding in the Emergency Department at KEMH, considering that the Bermuda Hospitals Board appears to be approximately \$30 million in debt?

\*2. Can the Junior Minister please provide the Senate with what the intended patient capacity of the Emergency Department without boarding is, as well as what is the actual capacity when boarding occurs in hallways and overflow areas?

\*3. Can the Junior Minister please explain what systems and processes are currently in place to ensure that boarded patients in the Emergency Department are treated with dignity, adequate privacy and basic hygiene on a daily basis?

**Senator Lauren F. Bell to provide Oral Response to Parliamentary Questions by Senator Victoria J. Cunningham.**

\*1. Given repeated public assurances that an external operational review of the Emergency Department at KEMH is being treated as a matter of urgency, can the Junior Minister please inform

the Senate when the external operational assessment was formally commissioned, by whom, and under what terms of reference?

\*2. In relation to the external operational review of the Emergency Department, can the Junior Minister please confirm whether the scope of the review will explicitly address concerns about patient care and health being directly affected by prolonged boarding, overcrowding or delays in care?

\*3. Can the Junior Minister please inform the Senate how many acute care bed days were lost in the past year due to delayed discharges, and what the estimated financial impact was?

**Senator Lauren F. Bell to provide Oral Response to Parliamentary Questions by Senator Tarik J.D. Smith.**

\*1. Can the Junior Minister please inform the Senate how many long-term care and step-down beds are currently available island-wide, and how does this compare with BHB's projected demand over the next five years?

\*2. Can the Junior Minister please inform the Senate what surge capacity plans are in place to manage seasonal demand, infectious disease outbreaks, or mass casualty events when the Emergency Department at KEMH is already operating at full capacity?

\*3. Can the Junior Minister please provide assurance to the public, based on current operational data and safety standards, that patients attending the Emergency Department today can expect care delivered in a clinically safe environment?

**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 "Single-Use Plastics Act 2026" – Senator Mischa G. Fubler, Junior Minister of Public Works and Environment

**14. MOTIONS**

**15. CONGRATULATORY &/OR OBITUARY SPEECHES**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**