



**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
BERMUDA**



**Sitting No.37- Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2026  
Order of Business  
(Standing Order 14)**

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**(a) 10:00 a.m. HOUSE CONVENES**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE IN RECOGNITION OF THE LATE HON. SIR JOHN W. D. SWAN, KBE, JP**

**(b) PRAYERS**

**(c) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES-** Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 to be confirmed.

**(d) MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

**(e) ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER OR MEMBER PRESIDING**

Member: The Hon. Wayne L. Furbert will be absent from the House of Assembly proceedings.

**(f) MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

**(g) PAPERS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS TO THE HOUSE**

“Regulatory Authority of Bermuda- Annual Report 2020-2021” lay for the information of the House of Assembly- The Hon. Alexa N. H. Lightbourne, Minister of Home Affairs

“Cost of Living (Essential Commodities) Amendment Regulations 2026” lay for the information of the House of Assembly- The Hon. Alexa N. H. Lightbourne, Minister of Home Affairs

“The Proposed Introduction of Cooperative Legislation in Bermuda” lay for the information of the House of Assembly- The Hon. Jason P. Hayward, Minister of Economy and Labour

**(h) PETITIONS**

**(i) STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS AND JUNIOR MINISTERS**

“Hurricane Preparedness for the 2026 Atlantic Hurricane Season”- The Hon. Michael A. Weeks, Minister of National Security

“Online Rental Scams and the Protection of Consumers”- The Hon. Alexa N. H. Lightbourne, Minister of Home Affairs

“Fuel Security and National Energy Risk”- The Hon. Alexa N. H. Lightbourne, Minister of Home Affairs

“Update on Google Subsea Cable Landings: Nuvem and Sol”- The Hon. Alexa N. H. Lightbourne, Minister of Home Affairs

“Update on the Implementation of Ridesharing in Bermuda”- The Hon. Owen K. Darrell, Minister of Tourism and Transport, Culture and Sport

“Department of Child and Family Services Building Capacity for Parenting”- The Hon. Tinée S. Furbert, Minister of Youth, Social Development and Seniors

“Establishment of the Electoral Reform Working Group”- The Hon. Diallo V. S. Rabain, Minister for the Cabinet Office and Digital Innovation

“Proposed Introduction of Cooperative Legislation in Bermuda”- The Hon. Jason P. Hayward, Minister of Economy and Labour

“Precautionary Guidance for the Ebola Virus”- The Hon. Kim N. Wilson, Minister of Health

“Observing HIV Awareness Month”- The Hon. Kim N. Wilson, Minister of Health

**(j) REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**(k) PREMIER’S QUESTIONS**

**(l) QUESTION PERIOD**

**The Hon. E. David G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance, to provide Written Response to Parliamentary Questions from Dr. Douglas S. J. De Couto:**

1. Will the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance please provide for this Honourable House details of any formal economic, financial services, or reputational risk assessment undertaken by the Government regarding Bermuda becoming a Full Member of CARICOM?
2. Will the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance please identify for this Honourable House all financial services stakeholders, industry bodies, international business representatives, insurers, reinsurers, and professional organizations formally consulted by the Government regarding Bermuda becoming a Full Member of CARICOM, and provide a summary of any risks, concerns, recommendations, or conditions raised during those consultations?
3. Given that Bermuda's international business success relies on regulatory certainty, jurisdictional reputation, and confidence from global markets, will the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance please confirm for this Honourable House whether Government has conducted an assessment comparing the economic benefits of Full CARICOM Membership against any potential impact on Bermuda's existing international business relationships, and if so, will the Minister table that assessment?

**The Hon. Zane J. S. DeSilva, Deputy Premier and Minister of Housing and Municipalities, to provide Written Response to Parliamentary Questions from Mr. Vance M. E. Campbell:**

1. Will the Honourable Minister please identify for this Honourable House any procurement arrangements, construction material supply chains, or housing initiatives that would become newly available under Full CARICOM Membership that are not available under associate membership?
2. Will the Honourable Minister please confirm for this Honourable House whether Government has conducted any analysis demonstrating how Full CARICOM Membership would reduce the cost of construction in Bermuda?
3. Will the Honourable Minister please identify for this Honourable House any specific construction materials that could be expected to become less expensive as a result of Full CARICOM Membership?

**Mr. Dennis J. R. Lister, Junior Minister of Justice and Spokesperson for Education, to provide Written Response to Parliamentary Questions from the Hon. Ben A. Smith: (Deferred from May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026)**

1. Will the Honourable Minister please provide a list of all senior leadership positions within the Ministry of Education and Department of Education for which the substantive holder has announced retirement, resignation, or departure effective during the 2025/26 and 2026/27 academic years, together with the anticipated vacancy date for each position?
2. Will the Honourable Minister please provide details of all formal succession planning initiatives undertaken within the Ministry of Education and Department of Education from 2020-2026?
3. Will the Honourable Minister please provide the number of senior education leadership positions filled in an acting capacity with the length of time for each acting officer, from 2020-2026?

**Mr. Dennis J. R. Lister, Junior Minister of Justice and Spokesperson for Education, to provide Written Response to Parliamentary Questions from the Hon. Ben A. Smith:**

1. Will the Junior Minister please identify and list for this Honourable House all the specific education programmes, qualifications, or institutional partnerships that would become newly available to Bermuda under full membership in CARICOM that are not currently accessible under Bermuda's existing CARICOM Associate Membership?
2. For each programme or opportunity identified, will the Junior Minister please state whether Bermuda currently has access through existing regional arrangements, including participation in institutions such as University of West Indies, and if not, what specific barrier full CARICOM membership would remove?
3. Will the Junior Minister please confirm for this Honourable House whether the Ministry conducted any analysis demonstrating measurable improvements in student outcomes, access to education, or cost efficiencies as a direct result of full CARICOM membership, and if so, will the Junior Minister table that analysis?

**Mr. Dennis J. R. Lister, Junior Minister of Justice and Spokesperson for Education, to provide Written Response to Parliamentary Questions from R. Scott Pearman:**

1. Will the Junior Minister please identify and list any legal frameworks, dispute resolution mechanisms, or judicial cooperation arrangements that would become newly available to Bermuda under full membership in CARICOM that are not currently accessible under Bermuda's existing Associate Membership?
2. For each mechanism identified, will the Junior Minister please state whether Bermuda already has access through existing legal agreements or international conventions, and if not, what barrier full membership would remove?
3. Will the Junior Minister please confirm whether the Government has conducted any legal analysis outlining the implications, obligations, or risks associated with full CARICOM membership, and will the Junior Minister table that analysis?

**Mr. Dennis J. R. Lister, Junior Minister of Justice and Spokesperson for Education, to provide Written Response to Parliamentary Questions from Mr. L. M. Robert King:**

1. Will the Junior Minister please identify for this Honourable House any corrections, rehabilitation, prison management, or prison officer support programmes that would become newly available under Full CARICOM Membership?
2. Given the recent concerns regarding prison safety and threats against prison officers, will the Junior Minister please explain to this Honourable House how Full CARICOM Membership could offer opportunities to improve conditions within Bermuda's prison system?
3. Will the Junior Minister please confirm whether the Ministry has identified any measurable correctional benefit that is unavailable today under the Associate CARICOM Membership?

**The Hon. Owen K. Darrell, Minister of Tourism and Transport, Culture and Sport, to provide Written Response to Parliamentary Questions from the Hon. L. Craig Cannonier:**

1. Will the Honourable Minister please identify and list for this Honourable House all specific tourism marketing initiatives, cultural exchange programmes, or regional branding opportunities that would become newly available to Bermuda under full membership in CARICOM that are not currently accessible under Bermuda's existing Associate Membership?
2. Will the Honourable Minister please confirm for this Honourable House whether for each initiative identified, Bermuda already participates in or has access to similar regional or international tourism platforms, and if not, what barrier full CARICOM membership would remove?
3. Will the Honourable Minister please confirm for this Honourable House whether the Ministry has conducted any analysis demonstrating potential for increased visitor arrivals, tourism revenue, or cultural sector growth as a direct result of full CARICOM membership, and if so, will the Honourable Minister table that analysis?

**The Hon. Alexa N. H. Lightbourne, Minister of Home Affairs, to provide Written Response to Parliamentary Questions from Mr. Dwayne V. Robinson:**

1. Will the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House with a detailed analysis demonstrating how full membership in CARICOM would reduce the cost of food in Bermuda, including specific categories of goods and projected price reductions?
2. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House what specific barriers currently prevent Bermuda from importing lower-cost food from CARICOM member states, and how would full CARICOM membership remove those barriers?

**The Hon. Jason P. Hayward, Minister of Economy and Labour, to provide Written Response to Parliamentary Questions from the Hon. Michael M. Fahy:**

1. Will the Honourable Minister please identify for this Honourable House all the opportunities that would become newly available to Bermudian small and medium-sized businesses under Full CARICOM Membership that are not currently available today?
2. For each opportunity identified, will the Honourable Minister please explain to this Honourable House what legal, regulatory, or commercial barrier currently prevents a Bermudian business from establishing operations in a CARICOM member state?
3. Will the Honourable Minister please confirm for this Honourable House if the Ministry identified any specific sectors in which Bermudian businesses would gain a competitive advantage under Full CARICOM Membership?

**The Hon. Michael A. Weeks, Minister of National Security, to provide Written Response to Parliamentary Questions from Mr. Jarion C. Richardson:**

1. Will the Honourable Minister please identify for this Honourable House all policing, intelligence-sharing, gang intervention, and crime reduction initiatives that would become newly available to Bermuda under Full CARICOM Membership and are not already available today?
2. For each initiative identified, will the Honourable Minister please explain to this Honourable House what measurable reduction in violent crime, gang activity or antisocial behaviour does the Government expect to achieve with Full CARICOM Membership?
3. Will the Honourable Minister please confirm for this Honourable House whether the Ministry has identified any policing benefit that cannot already be achieved through existing bilateral relationships with the United Kingdom, United States, Canada, or regional law-enforcement partners?

**The Hon. Tinée S. Furbert, Minister of Youth, Social Development and Seniors, to provide Written Response to Parliamentary Questions from Ms. Robin S. Tucker:**

1. Will the Honourable Minister please outline for this Honourable House how full membership in

CARICOM could expand educational, training, and youth mobility opportunities for Bermuda's young people, particularly through regional youth programmes, scholarships, and skills-development initiatives offered within the Caribbean Community?

2. Will the Honourable Minister please explain to this Honourable House how full CARICOM membership could support Bermuda's long-term planning for our aging population, and whether any comparative analysis has been conducted with non-Caricom alternatives?
3. Will the Honourable Minister please outline for this Honourable House how full CARICOM membership could provide access to regional programmes that support vulnerable families, including those facing financial hardship or housing instability?

**The Hon. Jache A. K. Adams, Minister of Public Works and Environment, to provide Written Response to Parliamentary Questions from Ms. Linda C. Smith:**

1. Will the Honourable Minister please identify and list for this Honourable House all specific environmental programmes, climate resilience initiatives, sustainability projects, funding opportunities, or technical assistance that would become newly available to Bermuda under Full Membership in CARICOM that are not currently accessible under Bermuda's existing Associate Membership?
2. Will the Honourable Minister please confirm for this Honourable House whether the Ministry has conducted any assessment demonstrating measurable environmental or financial benefits from Full CARICOM Membership and if so, will the Honourable Minister table that assessment?
3. Will the Honourable Minister please confirm for this Honourable House whether Bermuda is currently excluded from any major CARICOM environmental programme because it is an Associate Member rather than a Full Member?

**(m) CONGRATULATORY AND/OR OBITUARY SPEECHES**

**(n) MATTERS OF PRIVILEGE**

**(o) PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS**

**(p) NOTICE OF MOTION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE ON MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

**(q) INTRODUCTION OF BILLS:**

**(I) GOVERNMENT BILLS**

**(II) OPPOSITION BILLS**

**(III) PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS**

**(r) NOTICES OF MOTION:**

**(s) ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

- 1) Second Reading of the "Pensions (Increase) Amendment Act 2026"  
[Premier and Minister of Finance]  
First Reading: 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026
- 2) Second Reading of the "Retail Shops (Temporary Customs Duty Relief for Capital Investments) Amendment Act 2026"  
[Premier and Minister of Finance]  
First Reading: 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026
- 3) Second Reading of the "Payroll Tax Amendment Act 2026"  
[Premier and Minister of Finance]  
First Reading: 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026

- 4) Consideration of the “Tourism Investment (Rosewood Bermuda) Order 2026”  
[Minister of Tourism and Transport, Culture and Sport]  
Tabled: 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026
- 5) Second Reading of the “Bermuda Immigration and Protection Amendment Act 2026”  
[Minister of Economy and Labour]  
First Reading: 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026
- 6) Second Reading of the “Electricity Amendment Act 2026”  
[Minister of Home Affairs]  
First Reading: 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026
- 7) Motion to be moved by the Hon. Jache A. K. Adams, notice of which was given on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2026:  
  
“**I HEREBY** do give notice that I propose to move the following Motion at the next day of meeting:  
  
“**BE IT RESOLVED**, in accordance with section 2(1)(a) of the Acquisition of Land Act 1970, that this Honourable House approve the purchase of the Compass Point Building together with all land appurtenant thereto, situate at 9 Bermudiana Road, Pembroke.””
- 8) Motion to be moved by the Hon. E. David G. Burt, notice of which was given on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2026:  
  
“**I HEREBY** do give notice that I propose to move the following Motion at the next day of meeting:  
  
“That this Honourable House take note of the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into Historic Land Losses in Bermuda which was tabled for the information of the House of Assembly on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021.””
- 9) Second Reading of the “Premier, Ministers and Opposition Leader Personal Staffs and Parliamentary Election Amendment Act 2026”  
[Mr. Jarion C. Richardson]  
First Reading: 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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