



**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
BERMUDA**



**Sitting No.3- Friday, 28th March, 2025
Order of Business
(Standing Order 14)**

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

(b) PRAYERS

(c) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES- Minutes of the 21st March, 2025 to be confirmed.

(d) MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

(e) ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER OR MEMBER PRESIDING

(f) MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

(g) PAPERS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS TO THE HOUSE

“Information Commissioners Office-Annual Report 2024” lay for the information of the House of Assembly-The Hon. E. David G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance

“Office of the Information Commissioner-Audited Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2023” lay for the information of the House of Assembly-The Hon. E. David G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance

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“Financial Assistance Amendment Regulations 2024” lay for the information of the House of Assembly-The Hon. Tinée S. Furbert, Minister of Youth, Social Development and Seniors

(h) PETITIONS

(i) STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS AND JUNIOR MINISTERS

“Re-Tabling of the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into Historic Land Losses”- The Hon. E. David G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance

“Upgrade of the CCTV Network Update”- The Hon. Michael A. Weeks, Minister of National Security

“Addressing the Rising Burden of Non-Communicable Diseases in Bermuda”-The Hon. Kim N. Wilson, Minister of Health

“Dementia Care Services Pilot Programme Update”-The Hon. Tinée S. Furbert, Minister of Youth, Social Development and Seniors

“Financial Assistance Personal Care Allowance”-The Hon. Tinée S. Furbert, Minister of Youth, Social Development and Seniors

“Strategy to Combat the Cost of Living in Bermuda”- The Hon. Alexa N. H. Lightbourne, Minister of Home Affairs

“Establishment of the Energy Policy Steering Committee”- The Hon. Alexa N. H. Lightbourne, Minister of Home Affairs

“Update on the Department of Marine and Ports Services”- The Hon. Owen K. Darrell, Minister of Tourism, Transport, Culture and Sport

“Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy”- The Hon. Diallo V. S. Rabain, Minister for the Cabinet Office and Digital Innovation

(j) REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(k) QUESTION PERIOD

The Hon. E. David G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance to provide Oral Response to Parliamentary Question from the Hon. L. Craig Cannonier.

- *1. Will the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance please provide this Honourable House a list of the Senators and Members of the House of Assembly, who are currently receiving or have received any form of remuneration, separate from their parliamentary salary, for any work or advisory services in the Ministry of Finance or for public service on Statutory Boards/Committees or Quangos or other publicly-funded entities coming under remit of the Ministry, over the period from 1st September 2024 to 15th March 2025; and the amount of remuneration received?

The Hon. Zane J. S. DeSilva, Deputy Premier and Minister of Housing and Municipalities to provide Oral Response to Parliamentary Question from the Hon. Michael M. Fahy.

- *1. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House whether the municipal elections for the Corporations of Hamilton and St. George’s will be held in accordance with Section 9 of the Municipalities Act 1923 (as amended)?

The Hon. Michael A. Weeks, Minister of National Security to provide Written Responses to Parliamentary Questions from Mr. L. M. Robert King.

1. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House as to whether the Bermuda Police Service has a full complement of officers in place to meet the policing needs of this community, and if not, then how many officers are currently in place?
2. Will the Honourable Minister please explain to this Honourable House what the reason was for sending three (3) officers, including one Sergeant and two Constables, to Montserrat to help out with a St. Patrick’s Day celebration?
3. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House as to what recommendations were contained in the Report on the September 2023 Cyberattack, which was completed in November 2023?

(l) CONGRATULATORY AND/OR OBITUARY SPEECHES

(m) MATTERS OF PRIVILEGE

(n) PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

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

(p) INTRODUCTION OF BILLS:

(i) GOVERNMENT BILLS

(ii) OPPOSITION BILLS

(III) PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS

(q) NOTICES OF MOTION:

Motion to be moved by the Hon. E. David G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance

"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 laid for the information of the House of Assembly on 10th December 2021."

Motion to be moved by the Hon. E. David G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance

"I HEREBY do give notice that I propose to move the following Motion at the next day of meeting:

WHEREAS it is provided by Section 3 of the Ministers and Members of the Legislature (Salaries and Pensions) Act 1975 (the "principal Act") that Schedule 2 to the principal Act may be amended from time to time by resolution Passed by both the Senate and the House of Assembly;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that Schedule 2 to the principal Act be now amended;

"BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Honourable House of Assembly and the Senate, pursuant to the provisions of Section 3 of the Ministers and Members of the Legislature (Salaries and Pensions) Act 1975, hereby amend Schedule 2 to the said Act by

- (i) inserting immediately below the office of "Premier", the offices of "Deputy Premier" and "Attorney General"; and
- (ii) deleting the office of "Parliamentary Secretaries" and substituting the office of "Junior Ministers"."

Motion to be moved by Mr. W. Lawrence A. Scott

"I HEREBY do give notice that I propose to move the following Motion at the next day of meeting:

WHEREAS the Government had previously established "a Joint Select Committee of both Houses to inquire into and make recommendations arising from September's cyberattack", prior to the dissolution of the Legislature in January;

AND WHEREAS the Government now desires to establish a new Joint Select Committee to resume the inquiry into the September 2023 cyberattack:

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the provisions of Part IV of the Parliament Act 1957, that this Honourable House approves the establishment of a Parliamentary Joint Select Committee to examine and review matters surrounding the cyberattack on Government IT systems in September 2023, and to report to this House its findings and recommendations in due course."

(r) ORDERS OF THE DAY:

- 1) Second Reading of the "Corporate Income Tax (Penalty Provisions) Amendment Act 2025"
[Premier and Minister of Finance]
First Reading: 21st March, 2025
- 2) Second Reading of the "Municipalities Amendment Act 2025"
[Deputy Premier and Minister of Housing and Municipalities]
First Reading: 21st March, 2025
- 3) Second Reading of the "Employment Amendment Act 2025"
[Minister of Economy and Labour]
First Reading: 21st March, 2025
- 4) Motion to be moved by the Hon. E. David G. Burt, notice of which was given on 21st March, 2025:

"WHEREAS it is provided by Section 96 of the Bermuda Constitution Order 1968 that if the Legislature is dissolved less than three months before the commencement of any financial year, the estimates for that year may be laid before the House as soon as practicable after the commencement of that year;

AND WHEREAS it is expected that the Appropriation Act in respect of the Financial Year 2025/2026 will not come into operation by 1st April 2025;

AND WHEREAS Section 97 of the Bermuda Constitution Order 1968 makes provision for the authorisation, by resolution of the House of Assembly, of expenditures in advance of appropriation;

"BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Honourable House, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 96 and 97 of the Bermuda Constitution, hereby empowers the Minister of Finance to authorise the withdrawal of moneys from the Consolidated Fund of the Government of Bermuda in an amount not exceeding twenty-five per cent (25%) of the total expenditure authorised by the Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 2024/25 for the purpose of meeting expenditure necessary to carry on the services of the Government and shall be effective from 1st April 2025 for a period not exceeding four (4) months or until the coming into operation of the Appropriation Act 2025, whichever is the earlier."

5) Motion to be moved by the Hon. E. David G. Burt, notice of which was given on 21st March, 2025:

"WHEREAS that previous resolutions of this House made pursuant to section 2 and 15A of the Ministers and Members of the Legislature (Salaries and Pensions) Act 1975 be revoked;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to section 2 of the Ministers and Members of the Legislature (Salaries and Pensions) Act 1975 the annual salaries payable to Members of the Legislature listed in Part A and Officers of the Legislature listed in Part B of the table below shall be as set out in the table below with effect from 1st January 2025."

TABLE OF SALARIES

A. MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE

Senators	\$ 36,076
Members of the House of Assembly	\$ 73,555

B. OFFICERS OF THE LEGISLATURE

(Salaries additional to salaries as Senators or Members of the House of Assembly)

President of the Senate	\$ 16,634
Speaker, House of Assembly	\$ 100,841
Vice President, Senate	\$ 3,625
Deputy Speaker, House of Assembly	\$ 14,556
Premier *	\$184,152
Deputy Premier **	\$137,499
Minister of Finance	\$158,245
(As a part-time Minister)	\$ 79,122
Attorney General	\$178,990
Other Ministers	\$122,768
(As a part-time Minister)	\$ 61,384
Opposition Leader	\$ 33,273
Junior Ministers	\$ 12,518
Government Whip	\$ 12,518
Opposition Whip	\$ 8,320

* Where the Premier is also the Minister of Finance, the additional salary shall be \$184,152

** Where the Deputy Premier is also the Minister of Finance, the additional salary shall be \$158,245

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