



**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
BERMUDA**



**Sitting No.35- Friday, 15th May, 2026
Order of Business
(Standing Order 14)**

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

(b) PRAYERS

(c) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES- Minutes of the 27th March, 2026 to be confirmed.

(d) MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

(e) ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER OR MEMBER PRESIDING

Members: The Hon. Kim N. Wilson, Mr. Curtis L. Dickinson and Mr. Jamahl S. Simmons will be absent from the House of Assembly proceedings.

(f) MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

(g) PAPERS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS TO THE HOUSE

"International Cooperation (Tax Information Exchange Agreements) Common Reporting Standard Amendment Regulations 2026" lay for the information of the House of Assembly- The Hon. E. David G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance

"Motor Car (Ridesharing) Regulations 2026" lay for the information of the House of Assembly- The Hon. Owen K. Darrell, Minister of Tourism and Transport, Culture and Sport

"Motor Taxi (Taxi Despatching Service) Amendment Regulations 2026" lay for the information of the House of Assembly- The Hon. Owen K. Darrell, Minister of Tourism and Transport, Culture and Sport

(h) PETITIONS

(i) STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS AND JUNIOR MINISTERS

"Consultation on the Proposed Process for Constitutional Reform"- The Hon. E. David. G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance.

"Independent Rating Agencies Confirm Bermuda's Fiscal Progress"- The Hon. E. David. G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance.

"City of Hamilton Ground Floor Use and Vacancy Survey 2025"- The Hon. Diallo V. S. Rabain, Minister for the Cabinet Office and Digital Innovation

"Launch of the New Government Portal"- The Hon. Diallo V. S. Rabain, Minister for the Cabinet Office and Digital Innovation

"Update on Consultative Draft National Electricity Sector Policy"- The Hon. Alexa N. H. Lightbourne, Minister of Home Affairs

" Update on the Landlord and Tenant Act reform and the National Housing Registry Framework” - The Hon. Alexa N. H. Lightbourne, Minister of Home Affairs

"Medical Cannabis Framework"- The Hon. Michael A. Weeks, Minister of National Security

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

“Bermuda Day 2026: Announcement of Grand Marshals”- The Hon. Owen K. Darrell, Minister of Tourism and Transport, Culture and Sport

"Update on National Infrastructure and Community Works Across Bermuda"- The Hon. Jache A. K. Adams, Minister of Public Works and Environment

(j) REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(k) QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. Dennis J. R. Lister, Junior Minister of Justice and Spokesperson for Education, to provide Written Responses to Parliamentary Questions from the Hon. Ben A. Smith: (Deferred from 20th March 2026)

1. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House whether formal performance evaluations are conducted for teachers, school principals, paraprofessionals, and education officers within the Ministry of Education?
2. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House how many teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, and Ministry administrators were identified as underperforming through formal evaluations, for each of the past five academic years?
3. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House how many teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, and Ministry administrators were placed on performance improvement plans, disciplinary action, reassignment, or removal from their position for each of the past five academic years?

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

1. Will the Honourable Minister please state for this Honourable House the specific statutory provision(s) of the Education Act or any regulations relied upon to justify her intervention in a disciplinary matter at Port Royal Primary School?
2. Will the Honourable Minister please confirm for this Honourable House whether her intervention was issued as a formal directive, and if so, whether that directive was made in writing or recorded in any official Ministry file?
3. Will the Honourable Minister please confirm for this Honourable House the established appeal process for student disciplinary matters was followed in this case, and if not, the basis on which it was set aside?

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

1. Will the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House with a list of all grocery stores with which the Government currently partners for the purpose of administering the Financial Assistance Programme, and the dates on which each partnership was established?
2. Will the Honourable Minister please provide for this Honourable House the total amount paid to each

participating grocery store under the Financial Assistance Programme, broken down by year and by store for the past ten years?

3. Will the Honourable Minister please outline for this Honourable House the process used to determine which grocery items qualify as essential for the purposes of the Financial Assistance Programme, including any consultation undertaken with relevant professionals, community organizations, or other stakeholders in developing this determination?

The Hon. Jason P. Hayward, Minister of Economy and Labour, to provide Oral Response to Parliamentary Questions from Dr. Douglas S. J. De Couto:

- *1. Will the Honourable Minister please explain to this Honourable House why youth unemployment almost tripled from 3.4% in November 2024 to 9.3% in May 2025, as reported by the May 2025 Labour Force Survey?
- *2. Will the Honourable Minister please explain to this Honourable House why, according to the May 2025 Labour Force Survey, the Non-Bermudian median income rose 28.1% from November 2024 to May 2025 but the Bermudian median income decreased -1.3%?
- *3. Will the Honourable Minister please explain for this Honourable House why, according to the May 2025 Labour Force Survey, the underemployment rate increased from 7.8% in November 2024 to 8.4% in May 2025?

The Hon. Diallo V. S. Rabain, Minister for the Cabinet Office and Digital Innovation, to provide Oral Response to Parliamentary Question from Mr. Dwayne V. Robinson:

- *1. Will the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House with an update on the Electoral Reform Working Group, as the stated date for its formation was March 30, 2026?

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

- *1. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House on the status of the draft Bill the Landlord and Tenant Act 2025 as consultation concluded October 31, 2025?

The Hon. Jache A. K. Adams, Minister of Public Works and Environment, to provide Oral Response to Parliamentary Question from Mr. Dwayne V. Robinson:

- *1. Will the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House with an update regarding the upkeep and maintenance planned for the Gibbs Hill Lighthouse?

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

- *1. Accepting that casuarinas trees are categorized as an invasive species, will the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House with the reasons why Penhurst Park in Smith's Parish is now being cleared of several very large old trees and other horticulture that have provided welcome cover and shade for decades, particularly on the western boundary fence line with property owned by Link Bermuda?
- *3. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House whether the Ministry has received any complaints, reports or investigated any incidents relating to sewage, wastewater, discoloured water or other possible marine pollution in Bermuda waters over the past six months, and what findings or actions resulted from those investigations?

(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

“Public Service Superannuation Amendment Act 2026”- The Hon. E. David G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance

(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 which was tabled for the information of the House of Assembly on 10th December 2021.””

(r) ORDERS OF THE DAY:

- 1) Second Reading of the “Single-Use Plastics Act 2026”
[Minister of Public Works and Environment]
First Reading: 20th March 2026

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