



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

BERMUDA



Sitting No.23-Friday, 12th December, 2025

Order of Business

(Standing Order 14)

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

(b) PRAYERS

(c) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES- Minutes of the 5th December, 2025 to be confirmed.

(d) MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

(e) ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER OR MEMBER PRESIDING

Members: Mr. Ben A. Smith and Mr. Curtis L. Dickinson will be absent from the House of Assembly proceedings.

(f) MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

(g) PAPERS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS TO THE HOUSE

“Bermuda Public Accountability Board (BPAB) – Annual Report to the Minister of Finance March 31, 2024” lay for the information of the House of Assembly- The Hon. E. David G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance

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“Limited Liability Company (Forms) Amendment Regulations 2025” lay for the information of the House of Assembly, the Hon. Jason P. Hayward, Minister of Economy and Labour

“Companies (Forms) Amendment Rules 2025” lay for the information of the House of Assembly, The Hon. Jason P. Hayward, Minister of Economy and Labour

“Benefit Entities Act 2025 Commencement Day Notice 2025” lay for the information of the House of Assembly, The Hon. Jason P. Hayward, Minister of Economy and Labour

Registry General Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2024-Births, Marriages, Domestic

Partnerships and Deaths, lay for the information of the House of Assembly, The Hon. Jason P. Hayward, Minister of Economy and Labour

“Water Resources (Pollution Discharge Reporting, Abatement and Remediation) Regulations 2025” lay for the information of the House of Assembly - The Hon. Jache A. K. Adams, Minister of Public Works and Environment

(h) PETITIONS

(i) STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS AND JUNIOR MINISTERS

“On the Protection of Public Officers” - The Hon. E. David G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance

“Government of Bermuda Fiscal Update” - The Hon. E. David G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance

“Heritage Month Theme 2026” – The Hon. Owen K. Darrell, Minister of Tourism, Transport, Culture and Sport

“Release of the 2025 Annual Report of the Bermuda Drug Information Network (BerDIN)” - The Hon. Michael A. Weeks, Minister of National Security

“Personal Safety and Security During the Holiday Period”- The Hon. Michael A. Weeks, Minister of National Security

“Promoting Mental Wellness During the Holidays” – The Hon. Kim N. Wilson, Minister of Health

“Labour Advisory Council 2025” – The Hon. Jason P. Hayward, Minister of Economy and Labour

“The 2024 Annual Report of the Registrar General” – The Hon. Jason P. Hayward, Minister of Economy and Labour

“Affordable Bermuda Agenda Update”- The Hon. Alexa N. H. Lightbourne, Minister of Home Affairs

“Updates to the National Electricity Sector Policy”- The Hon. Alexa N. H. Lightbourne, Minister of Home Affairs

“Electoral Reform Update” – The Hon. Diallo V. S. Rabain, Spokesperson for Education, Minister for the Cabinet Office and Digital Innovation

“Bermuda Government’s Digital Transformation Programme”-The Hon. Diallo V. S. Rabain, Spokesperson for Education, Minister for the Cabinet Office and Digital Innovation

“Water Resources Pollution (Discharge Reporting, Abatement and Remediation) Regulations”- The Hon. Jache A.K. Adams, Minister of Public Works and Environment

“Anti-Bullying Week 2025” – The Hon. Tinée S. Furbert, Minister of Youth, Social Development and Seniors

(j) REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(k) PREMIER’S QUESTIONS

(l) QUESTION PERIOD

The Hon. Kim N. Wilson, Minister of Health, to provide Oral Response to Parliamentary Question from Dr. Douglas S. J. De Couto:

*1. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House whether any additional Government financial grant or assistance to the Bermuda Hospitals Board (BHB) may be needed to support the recent pay rise agreement between BPSU and the BHB?

The Hon. Diallo V. S. Rabain, Minister for the Cabinet Office and Digital Innovation, to provide Oral Response to Parliamentary Question from Dr. Douglas S. J. De Couto:

*1. Will the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House with a list of all Senators and Members of the House of Assembly who are currently receiving or have received any form of renumeration or compensation over and above their Parliamentary or Ministerial salaries for any work or services performed or consultancy or employment contract with any Government ministries, quangos, Statutory Boards or other publicly-funded entities or agencies, from 1 September 2024 to 30 November 2025; and the amount of remuneration or compensation received?

The Hon. Zane J. S. DeSilva, Deputy Premier and Minister of Housing and Municipalities, to provide Written Response to Parliamentary Questions from The Hon. Michael M. Fahy:

1. With respect to the recently announced procurement of one- and two-bedroom capsule units and expandable container home units, will the Honourable Minister please advise this Honourable House of the identity and address of the vendor of each unit and the total cost of each unit, broken down by (i) purchase cost per unit (ii) shipping and freight costs to Bermuda of the said units (iii) other costs directly related to the procurement of the said units, including any travel costs of the Minister and/or public servants incurred in visiting the vendor's manufacturing and/or sales site?
2. Will the Honourable Minister please advise this Honourable House of the procurement methodology followed regarding the purchase of the units, including what other vendors were considered for the units and specifications requested of the vendor for the units?
3. Will the Honourable Minister please advise this Honourable House of the identity of those Government Departments/ quangos/ agencies and/or non-Government persons / entities that were consulted or gave input to the Ministry of Housing and Municipalities and/or other Government agencies / quangos before purchasing the units?

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. Given the recent Ministerial Statement by the Minister of Health with respect to protection against the potentially fatal Leptospirosis disease spread by rats, will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House as to what measures (including trash collection and management of horticultural waste) his Ministry uses to compile quantitative or anecdotal information for estimating the rat population and its increase or decrease over periods of time?
2. Given that the primary effort to control the rat population is the use of poison and bait boxes, will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House as to whether the Ministry, perhaps through the Department of Environment and National Resources, has studied or considered other methods for better control of the rat and rodent pest problem, such as sterilization instead of poison and/or a controlled increase of the Barne Owl population, a natural predator of rodents?
3. Will the Honourable Minister please advise this Honourable House as to whether Government would consider more holistic approaches to managing the rat/rodent pest problem, as well as the large feral chicken population, through stronger waste management and enhanced controls over those environments that foster the breeding of pest species?

The Hon. Michael A. Weeks, Minister of National Security, to provide Oral Response to Parliamentary Questions from The Hon. L. M. Robert King:

*1. On 7th November 2025, the Honourable Minister advised this Honourable House that the Government had an engineer in consultation regarding the repair of critical infrastructure on the HM Customs and Immigration Dock located on Ordinance Island. Will the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House with the planning number and estimated costs of the repair works?

*2. In November 2025, only a very small number of vessels arriving in St. George's were physically inspected by HM Customs, with a prohibited weapon being found on board one vessel. Will the Honourable Minister please advise this Honourable House what specific and increased measures are being taken to protect Bermuda from dangerous weapons, people and drugs entering this island?

*3 Will the Honourable Minister please advise this Honourable House when a boat will be made available on a fulltime basis to HM Customs and Immigration to facilitate safeguarding our borders?

The Hon. Owen K. Darrell, Minister of Tourism, Transport, Culture and Sport, to provide Oral Response to Parliamentary Questions from Mr. Dwayne V. Robinson:

*1. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House how he intends to address the potential shortage of the Bermudian workforce in the Hospitality and Tourism Industry?

*2. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House what course of action will he take if Hotels fall below the 70% Bermudian employment requirement for concessions due to a shortage of Bermudian workforce available?

*3. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House whether he or his Ministry request any periodic feedback or progress on the Management Trainee programs within the hospitality and tourism industry, especially those tied to concessions?

(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 “Land Valuation and Tax Amendment Act 2025”
[Premier and Minister of Finance]
First Reading: 5th December 2025

2) Second Reading of the “Bermuda Monetary Authority Amendment Act 2025”
[Premier and Minister of Finance]
First Reading: 5th December 2025

3) Second Reading of the “Beneficial Ownership Amendment Act 2025”
[Premier and Minister of Finance]
First Reading: 5th December 2025

4) Second Reading of the “Insurance Amendment (No.2) Act 2025”
[Premier and Minister of Finance]
First Reading: 5th December 2025

5) Consideration of the “Supplementary Estimate No. 1 for Financial Year 2025/2026”
[Premier and Minister of Finance]
Tabled: 5th December 2025

6) Second Reading of Opposition Bill “Absentee Voting Act 2025”
[Mr. Dwayne V. Robinson]
First Reading: 26th September 2025

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