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**Ministry of Home Affairs**  
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**TO:** The Clerk to the Legislature

**FROM:** The Hon. Alexa N.H. Lightbourne, JP, MP  
Minister of Home Affairs

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**Parliamentary Questions for Written Response**

**Question 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?**

**Response:**

*The Government is pursuing Full Membership of CARICOM through a published process: a Green Paper, a national public consultation, and a White Paper. The public consultation on the Green Paper closed on 31 May 2026, and the Government is now reviewing every submission received. As outlined in the Green Paper, the opportunities under consideration, in areas such as care for seniors, education and training, market access for Bermudian businesses, food security, and disaster preparedness. Bermuda retains full control of its immigration and work permit framework, and the United Kingdom continues to hold authority over external affairs, defence, and security.*

*The White Paper will carry the consultation summaries, the United Kingdom's feedback, and the outcomes of the Government's meetings with the CARICOM Secretariat, and it will answer questions raised during the consultation all weighed against a clear standard: whether they benefit Bermudians, strengthen Bermuda, and protect Bermuda's ability to determine its own future. The Government will table the White Paper in this Honourable House.*



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**Question 2:**

**Will the Honourable Minister please inform the 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?**

**Response:**

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