



Government of Bermuda
Ministry of Housing and Municipalities
Office of the Minister

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Clark Somner, Clerk to the Legislature

From: Ms. Jeane Nikolai, Permanent Secretary on behalf of the Minister of Housing and Municipalities

Date: 12th June 2026

Re: Written Parliamentary Questions

Please find below the responses to the questions (Received 3rd June 2026) below for written responses on Friday June 12th 2025.

Q.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 the associate membership?

Q.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?

Q.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?

Answer: *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

Sincerely,

The Hon. Zane J. DeSilva, JP, MP