



**MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY
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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

**RESPONSES BY
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**TO QUESTIONS TABLED BY
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Friday, 12th June, 2026

Question 1:

Will the Honourable Minister please identify for this Honourable House all policing, intelligence-sharing, gang intervention, and crime reduction initiatives that would become newly available to Bermuda under Full CARICOM Membership and are not already available today?

Question 2:

For each initiative identified, will the Honourable Minister please explain to this Honourable House what measurable reduction in violent crime, gang activity or antisocial behaviour does the Government expect to achieve with Full CARICOM Membership?

Question 3:

Will the Honourable Minister please confirm for this Honourable House whether the Ministry has identified any policing benefit that cannot already be achieved through existing bilateral relationships with the United Kingdom, United States, Canada, or regional law-enforcement partners?

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.