



**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
BERMUDA**

TO: The Hon. Owen K. Darrell, JP, MP
Minister of Tourism and Transport, Culture and Sport

CC: Ms. Shivon Washington
Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, Transport, Culture and Sport

FROM: The Hon. L. Craig Cannonier, JP, MP
Opposition Whip, Shadow Minister of Tourism, Transport and Culture

DATE: June 3rd, 2026

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

1. Will the Honourable Minister please identify and list for this Honourable House all specific tourism marketing initiatives, cultural exchange programmes, or regional branding opportunities that would become newly available to Bermuda under full membership in CARICOM that are not currently accessible under Bermuda's existing Associate Membership?

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.

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2. Will the Honourable Minister please confirm for this Honourable House whether for each initiative identified, Bermuda already participates in or has access to similar regional or international tourism platforms, and if not, what barrier full CARICOM membership would remove?

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3. Will the Honourable Minister please confirm for this Honourable House whether the Ministry has conducted any analysis demonstrating potential for increased visitor arrivals, tourism revenue, or cultural sector growth as a direct result of full CARICOM membership, and if so, will the Honourable Minister table that analysis?

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The above questions are for Written Response on Friday, June 12th, 2026.


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