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TO: Linda C. Smith, MP, Shadow Minister Environment and Seniors

FROM: The Hon. Jache A.K. Adams JP MP, Minister of Public Works and Environment

CC: Kirk Outerbridge, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Public Works and Environment
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SUBJECT: Written Responses to Parliamentary Questions dated 3 June 2026

MP Smith,

Please find below written responses to your questions dated 3 June 2026

- 1. Will the Honourable Minister please identify and list for this Honourable House all specific environmental programmes, climate resilience initiatives, sustainability projects, funding opportunities, or technical assistance that would become newly available to Bermuda under Full Membership in CARICOM that are not currently accessible under Bermuda's existing Associate Membership?**

As a small island jurisdiction, we are facing increasing environmental and climate-related challenges. As such, it is important that we carefully evaluate whether deeper regional integration through CARICOM could create additional opportunities to help mitigate these risks.

Hence the ongoing consultation process which is intended to assess the benefits of Bermuda pursuing full membership with CARICOM. At this stage, the assessment remains ongoing and therefore, the Government is not a position to provide a specific list.

- 2. Will the Honourable Minister please confirm for this Honourable House whether the Ministry has conducted any assessment demonstrating measurable environmental or financial benefits from Full CARICOM Membership and if so, will the Honourable Minister table that assessment?**

The Government's consultation process regarding the potential pursuit of full membership of CARICOM remains ongoing. As such, it would be premature to reach any conclusions before the consultation has been completed, as the purpose of the process is to inform the Government's assessment and decision-making.

Further information will be provided to the Honourable House once the consultation process has concluded and the Government has had an opportunity to consider its findings.

- 3. Will the Honourable Minister please confirm for this Honourable House whether Bermuda is currently excluded from any major CARICOM environmental programme because it is an Associate Member rather than a Full Member?**

Simply, full membership could improve Bermuda's regional influence, solidify our voting rights with the body, better participate in policy development, and ensure our ability to shape future regional environmental and climate initiatives.

With this and as stated previously, the Government is currently undertaking the consultative process regarding the question of full membership of CARICOM. As that process is ongoing, the Government has not reached final conclusions, and it would be premature to do so.

Further information will be provided to the Honourable House following completion of the consultation process and consideration of the views received from stakeholders and the public.