



*Government of Bermuda*  
Ministry of Education  
OFFICE OF THE MINISTER

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS**

*For Written Responses on 12<sup>TH</sup> June, 2026*

- 1. Will the Junior Minister please identify and list for the Honourable House all the specific education programmes, qualifications, or institutional partnerships that would become newly available to Bermuda under full membership in CARICOM that are not currently accessible under Bermuda's existing CARICOM Associate Membership?**
- 2. For each programme or opportunity identified, will the Junior Minister please state whether Bermuda currently has access through existing regional arrangements, including participation in institutions such as University of West Indies, and if not, what specific barrier full CARICOM membership would remove:**
- 3. Will the Junior Minister please confirm for this Honourable House whether the Ministry conducted any analysis demonstrating measurable improvements in student outcomes, access to education, or cost efficiencies as a direct result of full CARICOM membership, and if so, will the Junior Minister table that analysis?**

**Please see below the response to the questions above:**

**"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."**

Senator, The Hon. Crystal Caesar, JP  
Minister of Education