



MINISTRY OF YOUTH, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND  
SENIORS

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS**  
**Shadow Minister Robin Tucker, MP**  
*(written response)*

**June 12, 2026**

- 1. Will the Honourable Minister please outline for this Honourable House how full membership in CARICOM could expand educational, training, and youth mobility opportunities for Bermuda's young people, particularly through regional youth programmes, scholarships, and skills-development initiatives offered within the Caribbean Community?**

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.

- 2. Will the Honourable Minister please explain to this Honourable House how full CARICOM membership could support Bermuda's long-term planning for our aging population, and whether any comparative analysis has been conducted with non-Caricom alternatives?**

As above (see # 1).

- 3. Will the Honourable Minister please outline for this Honourable House how full CARICOM membership could provide access to regional programmes that support vulnerable families, including those facing financial hardship or housing instability?**

As above (see #1).