



Ministry of Justice

June 12, 2026

Parliamentary Question – Ministry of Justice

1. Will the Junior Minister please identify for this Honourable House any corrections, rehabilitation, prison management, or prison officer support programmes that would become newly available under Full CARI COM Membership?

Answer:

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. Given the recent concerns regarding prison safety and threats against prison officers, will the Junior Minister please explain to this Honourable House how Full CARICOM Membership could offer opportunities to improve conditions within Bermuda's prison system?

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3. Will the Junior Minister please confirm whether the Ministry has identified any measurable correctional benefit that is unavailable today under the Associate CARICOM Membership?

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