



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY BERMUDA



Sitting No. 25 – Friday, 12th July 2019 Order of Business (Standing Order 14)

- (a) 10:00 a.m. House convenes
- (b) Prayers.
- (c) **Confirmation of Minutes** - *Minutes of July 5th, 2019 to be confirmed.*
- (d) **Messages from the Governor.**
- (e) **Announcements by the Speaker or Member presiding.**

His Honour the Speaker to announce that the following Members will be absent from today's proceedings:

Ms. L. Scott and Ms. N. Place attending the 12th Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians Regional Conference.

Mr. D.V. Burgess and Mr. Scott Simmons attending the 44th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Regional Conference.

- Both taking place at the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago

Mr. M. Weeks

- (f) **Messages from the Senate.**
- (g) **Papers and other Communications to the House.**

“Posthumous Pardon granted to the Reverend Charles Vinton Monk in accordance with Section 22 of the Constitution” lay for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly – Hon. E.D.G. Burt

“Bermudian Charter of the Rights and Responsibilities of the Elderly and Adults In Need Of Long-Term Care and Assistance” lay for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly – Hon. E.D.G. Burt

“Money Service Business Order 2019” lay for the consideration of the Honourable House of Assembly - Hon. C.L. Dickinson

“The Bermuda Sport Anti-Doping Authority’s 2019 Annual Report and March 31, 2019 Audited Financial Statements” lay for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly – Hon. L.F. Foggo

“The National Training Board Annual Report for 2017/18 and 2018/19” lay for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly – Hon. L.F. Foggo

“2018 Human Rights Commission Annual Report” lay for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly – Hon. W.L. Furbert

(h) Petitions.

(i) Statements by Ministers and Junior Ministers.

“Justice” - Hon. E.D.G. Burt

“The Bermudian Charter of the Rights and Responsibilities of the Elderly and Adults in Need of Long-Term Care and Assistance” - Hon. E.D.G. Burt

“The Bermuda Sport Anti-Doping Authority Financial Statements and Annual Report 2019” – Hon. L.F. Foggo

“National Training Board Annual Report 2017-2019” – Hon. L.F. Foggo

“Land Valuation Department Update” - Hon. Lt. Col. D.A. Burch

“Bermuda Weather Radar System” – Hon. Z.J.S. DeSilva

“Exercise Tradewinds – Phase Two” - Hon. W.M. Caines

“Sale of the Guardian Police Boat” - Hon. W.M. Caines

“Gang Violence Reduction Team - Summer Update” - Hon. W.M. Caines

(j) Reports of Committees.

(k) Premier’s Questions

(l) Question Period.

The Hon. E.D.G. Burt to provide oral response to a parliamentary question from The Hon. L.C. Cannonier. (Deferred from June 21st, 2019)

*1. Will the Honourable Premier please inform this Honourable House of the names of all the Members of the Legislature from July 2017 until present who have been paid to serve on any Government Committee, Board or Quango and the remuneration paid for that service?

The Hon. C.L. Dickinson to provide oral responses to parliamentary questions from The Hon. M.H. Dunkley. (Deferred from July 5th, 2019)

*1. Will the Honourable Minister please provide to this Honourable an update on the progress of hiring an Executive Director for the Bermuda Casino Gaming Commission (BCGC), and please provide details of the recruitment process since the Minister's statement to the House on March 1st, 2019 including the dates and contents of any advertising, the number of applicants and if an applicant has been selected for the position?

*2. Will the Honourable Minister please provide to this Honourable House details of the costs to run the BCGC on a monthly basis from April 1st, 2018 through to June 30th, 2019 breaking down the total cost for each month into the following areas; salaries and wages, consultant fees, administrative costs, rent and general overhead and other expenses?

*3. Will the Honourable Minister please provide to this Honourable House details of the staff and consultants as of June 30th, 2019 at the BCGC and the remuneration including all benefits of each person?

The Hon. K.N. Wilson to provide written responses to parliamentary questions from The Hon. P.J. Gordon-Pamplin.

1. Will the Honourable Minister please advise this Honourable House the basis on which billing is initiated by Bermuda Hospital Board since the June 1st, 2019 fee for service was discontinued?

2. Would the Honourable Minister please advise this Honourable House whether the service levels at the emergency department have been cut back, thereby creating unsatisfactory,

inordinate delays for patient triage and attention, given that the hospital has been given a block grant which should allow adequate staffing?

3. Will the Honourable Minister please advise this Honourable House how many referrals to outside (including overseas) services have been made by the Bermuda Hospital Board since June 1st, 2019 in light of the commitment of funding of a \$300M block grant to provide such services in house?

The Hon. W.M. Caines to provide oral responses to parliamentary questions from The Hon. D.V. Burgess.

- *1. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House what is the total cost of the ongoing investigation (both overseas and locally) into a former Premier of Bermuda as at June 30th, 2019 in the following areas:
 - The total man hours and costs in Bermuda and overseas;
 - The total travel cost for airline and ground transportation; and the
 - Total cost for accommodation in Bermuda and overseas.
- *2. Would the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House what is the total cost of legal fees in Bermuda and overseas and the names of the local and overseas law firms involved in this ongoing investigation.
- *3. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House what is the total cost of fees for a former consultant of the former Attorney General and the cost of legal fees and other costs associated with the Lahey Clinic law suit pertaining to this ongoing investigation?

The Hon. W.M. Caines to provide oral responses to parliamentary questions from The Hon. M.H. Dunkley.

- *1. Will the Honourable Minister please advise this Honourable House if he can provide an update on the agreed budget for the Redemption Farm as highlighted in your Ministerial Statement to the House on November 23rd, 2018?
- *2. Will the Honourable Minister please provide to this Honourable House the details on the number of candidates who have been accepted into the Redemption Farm programme?
- *3. Will the Honourable Minister please provide to this Honourable House an update on the state of the Redemption Farm and whether it is fit for purpose; that is if the field has been cleared and seedlings planted?

(m) Congratulatory and /or Obituary Speeches.

(n) Matters of Privilege.

(o) Personal Explanation.

(p) Notice of motions for the Adjournment of the House on matters of urgent public importance.

(q) Introduction of Bills:

(r) Government Bills:

“Fund Administration Provider Business Act 2019” - Hon. C.L. Dickinson

“Corporate Service Provider Business Amendment Act 2019” - Hon. C.L. Dickinson

“Trusts (Regulation of Trust Business) Amendment Act 2019” - Hon. C.L. Dickinson

“Insurance Amendment Act 2019” - Hon. C.L. Dickinson

“Dental Practitioners Amendment (No 2) Act 2019” – Hon. K.N. Wilson

(s) Opposition Bills:

(t) Private Members’ Bills

(u) Notice of Motions:

(v) Orders of the Day:

1. **Second Reading of the “Children Amendment Act 2018”**
[Minister of Health, Spokesperson for Legal Affairs]
First Reading: November 30, 2018
2. **Second Reading of the “Public Service Superannuation Amendment Act 2019”**
[Minister of Finance]
First Reading: July 5, 2019
3. **Second Reading of the “Health Insurance Amendment (No. 2) Act 2019”**
[Minister of Health]
First Reading: July 5, 2019
4. **Second Reading of the “Employment (Wage Commission) Act 2019”**
[Minister of Labour, Community Affairs and Sports]
First Reading: July 5, 2019
5. **Second Reading of the “Public Access to Information Amendment Act 2019”**
[Minister of Home Affairs]
First Reading: July 5, 2019
6. **Second Reading of the “Superyachts and Other Vessels (Miscellaneous) Act 2019”**
{Governor’s Recommendation Signified}
[Minister of Tourism and Transport]
First Reading: July 5, 2019
7. **Consideration of the “Merchant Shipping (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2019”**
[Minister of Tourism and Transport]
Tabled: July 5, 2019
8. **Consideration of the “Pensions (War Service) Order 2019”**
[Minister of National Security]
Tabled: July 5, 2019
9. **Motion to be moved by Mr. H.K.E Swan, notice of which was given on July 5th, 2019:**

“WHEREAS this House ratified a resolution to establish a Parliamentary Joint Select Committee on December 1st 2017, and subsequently passed in the Senate on the 21st of February 2018, to carry out the said Inquiry into the said events of December 2nd, 2016

AND Thereafter, pursuant to Part IV of the Parliament Act 1957, that a Parliamentary Joint Select Committee be appointed to:

- (1) to inquire into the events as aforesaid as thoroughly as may be;*
- (2) to bring closure to this event by the making of all proper and necessary findings, recommendations and where required sanctions;*
- (3) and to submit its report to the House of Assembly within three to six months.” (With the approved extension)*

AND WHEREAS the Parliamentary Joint Select Committee undertook and has completed its inquiry into the events of December 2nd, 2016

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House supports the report, together with findings, the recommendations and sanctions of the Parliamentary Joint Select Committee as contained in the Report.”

10. Motion to be moved by Hon. M.H. Dunkley, notice of which was given on July 5th, 2019:

“WHEREAS there are increasing challenges faced by small business and businesses in general;

AND WHEREAS there is a declining economy lacking business confidence with escalating costs and increased regulation;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House consider initiatives that will reduce the economic pressure on businesses and protect jobs.”

**Shernette Wolffe
Clerk to the House of Assembly**

**Sessions House
21 Parliament Street
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BERMUDA
July 12th, 2019**

Opposition



Government

<p>Mr. D .J. R. Lister III, MP <u>Constituency 28,</u> Warwick West</p> <p>Mr. H.K.E. Swan, JP,MP <u>Constituency 2,</u> St. Georges West</p> <p>Mr. C.T. Famous, MP <u>Constituency 11,</u> Devonshire East</p> <p><u>VACANT SEAT</u></p> <p>Hon. T.G. Moniz JP,MP <u>Constituency 9,</u> Smith's West</p> <p>Ms. S. E. Jackson, MP Opposition Whip, Shadow Minister of Government Reform <u>Constituency 20,</u> Pembroke South West</p> <p>Hon. J. J. Atherden JP,MP <u>Constituency 19,</u> Pembroke West</p> <p>Mr. B.A. Smith, MP Shadow Minister of Social Development and Sports, National Security <u>Constituency 31,</u> Southampton West Central</p> <p>Hon. M.H. Dunkley JP,MP <u>Constituency 10,</u> Smith's North</p>	<p>Sgt. Major Arnold E. Allen, EM Sergeant-At-Arms</p> <p>Ms. T.S. Furbert, MP <u>Constituency 4,</u> St. Georges South</p> <p>Ms. R.D.L. Ming, JP,MP <u>Constituency ,1</u> St. Georges North</p> <p>Mr. S.A. Simmons, JP, MP <u>Constituency 32,</u> Southampton West</p> <p>Mr. R.S. Pearman, MP Shadow Minister of Legal Affairs <u>Constituency 22,</u> Paget East</p> <p>Hon. L. C. Cannonier, JP, MP Opposition Leader, Shadow Minister of Public Works <u>Constituency 12,</u> Devonshire South Central</p> <p>Ms. L.K. Scott, MP Deputy Opposition Leader, Shadow Minister of Tourism and Transport and Regulatory Affairs <u>Constituency 30,</u> Southampton West</p> <p>Mr. S.D. Richards, MP Shadow Minister Home Affairs and Environment <u>Constituency 7,</u> Hamilton South</p> <p>Hon. P.J. Gordon-Pamplin JP,MP Shadow Minister for Health <u>Constituency 23,</u> Paget West</p> <p>Mr. N.H.C Simons JP,MP Shadow Minister, Education and Economic Development <u>Constituency 8,</u> Smith's South</p>	<p>Hon. L.F. Foggo, JP, MP Minister of Labour, Community Affairs and Sports <u>Constituency 3,</u> St. David's</p> <p>Hon. W. L. Furbert JP,MP Minister for the Cabinet Office <u>Constituency 6,</u> Hamilton West</p> <p>Hon. C.L. Dickinson, JP, MP Minister of Finance <u>Constituency 25,</u> Warwick North East</p> <p>Hon. K.N. Wilson, JP, MP Minister of Health <u>Constituency 34,</u> Sandy's South Central</p> <p>Hon. E.D.G. Burt, JP, MP The Premier <u>Constituency 18,</u> Pembroke West Central</p> <p>Hon. W.H. Roban, JP,MP Deputy Premier, Minister of Home Affairs <u>Constituency 15,</u> Pembroke East</p> <p>Hon. Z.J.S. DeSilva, JP, MP Minister of Tourism and Transport <u>Constituency 29,</u> Southampton East</p> <p>Hon. D.V.S. Rabain, JP, MP Minister of Education <u>Constituency 13,</u> Devonshire North Central</p> <p>Hon. Lt. Col. D.A. Burch, JP, MP Minister of Public Works <u>Constituency 27</u> Warwick North Central</p>	<p>Mr. R.P. Commissiong, JP,MP <u>Constituency 21,</u> Pembroke South East</p> <p>Mr. N.S. Tyrrell, JP, MP <u>Constituency 26,</u> Warwick South Central</p> <p>Hon. M.J. Scott, JP,MP <u>Constituency 36,</u> Sandy's North</p> <p>Hon. J.S. Simmons, JP,MP Minister Without Portfolio <u>Constituency 33,</u> Sandy's South</p> <p>Hon. W.M. Caines JP, MP Minister of National Security <u>Constituency 14,</u> Devonshire North West</p> <p>Mr. W.L.A. Scott, MP Government Whip <u>Constituency 24,</u> Warwick South East</p> <p>Mr. C.W.D. Brown, JP,MP <u>Constituency 17,</u> Pembroke Central</p> <p>Mr. M. A. Weeks, JP,MP <u>Constituency 16,</u> Pembroke East Central</p> <p>Hon. D.V. Burgess, JP,MP <u>Constituency 5,</u> Hamilton East Deputy Speaker</p>
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<p>Clerk-at-the-Table Mrs. S.M.A. Wolffe</p>	<p>Chairman of Committee</p>
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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
Hon. D.P. Lister JP, MP
Constituency 35,
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