



*Office of the Opposition Leader*

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Hon. Michael Dunkley, JP, MP  
Premier  
Cabinet Office  
105 Front St,  
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Dear Premier,

This letter is a follow up to our meeting at 1:30PM today during which you requested a written statement of the Opposition's request.

The Opposition proposal is a bid to cool the tensions surrounding the airport project, given that Members of the House of Assembly have not had access to the details of the Airport Development Agreement nor have they had the benefit of an independent review of the impact that the airport project will have on the finances of the Government. The Opposition is requesting that the Government:

1. Support a motion to commit the Bermuda Airport Authority Act 2016 to the Select Committee on the Public Accounts, with a request that the Auditor General - an ex-officio member of that committee - provide the committee with an independent assessment of the impact on Government finances and value for money;
2. Provide the necessary information to the Public Accounts Committee and/or Auditor General to enable her to make an assessment of the project before January 31, 2017; and
3. Delay the final consideration of the project by Parliament until after this review. Note that this timing will still enable the Government to achieve financial close prior to the March 31, 2017 expiry of the Airport Development Agreement.

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Opposition Leader