



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY BERMUDA



Sitting No. 29 – Friday, 27th September 2019 Order of Business (Standing Order 14)

(a) 10:00 a.m. House convenes

(b) Prayers.

(c) Confirmation of Minutes - Minutes of September 13th, 2019 to be confirmed.

(d) Messages from the Governor.

(e) Announcements by the Speaker or Member presiding.

His Honour the Deputy Speaker to announce that the following Members will be absent from today's proceedings: Hon. L.C. Cannonier and Mr. N.H.C Simons

His Honour the Speaker, Mr. H.K.E. Swan and Hon. P.J. Gordon-Pamplin are attending the 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference taking place in Kampala, Uganda.

(f) Messages from the Senate.

(g) Papers and other Communications to the House.

"Future State Report dated August 23rd, 2019 by Bermuda First" lay for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly – Hon. E.D.G. Burt

"Annual Report of the Registrar General for the year ending 31st December, 2018" lay for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly - Hon. W.H. Roban

"Submarine Cables Permit and Licensing Act 2019" lay for consultation purposes only - Hon. W.H. Roban

"Submarine Cables (Protected Areas) Act 2019" lay for consultation purposes only - Hon. W.H. Roban

"Submarine Cables (Protected Areas) Order 2019" lay for consultation purposes only - Hon. W.H. Roban

"Bermuda Educators Council (Exemption) (2019 To 2020 School Year) Order 2019" lay for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly – Hon. D.V.S. Rabain

(h) Petitions.

The Petition of Washington Trust

(i) Statements by Ministers and Junior Ministers.

"Update on the Bermuda Economic Development Corporation's Initiatives to Assist Bermuda's Entrepreneurs" – Hon. E.D.G. Burt

"USD\$200,000,000 Facility Agreement between the Bank of NT Butterfield & Son Limited and HSBC Bank Bermuda Limited and the Government of Bermuda" – Hon. C.L. Dickinson

“The Annual Report of the Registry General 2018” – Hon. W.H. Roban

“Steps Population Health Survey 2019” – Hon. K.N. Wilson

“Bermuda Health Plan 2020” – Hon. K.N. Wilson

“PGA Preparations at Port Royal” – Hon. Lt. Col. D.A. Burch

“Submarine Cables” – Hon. W.H. Roban

(j) Reports of Committees.

(k) Question Period.

The Hon. E.D.G. Burt to provide written responses to parliamentary questions from The Hon. L.C. Cannonier. (Deferred from July 26th, 2019)

1. Notwithstanding, the responses provided to questions by the Honourable Premier on July 12, 2019; will the Honourable Premier please advise this Honourable House if any Members of Parliament have been paid from the public purse for any services, other than Government Committees, Government Boards or Quangos?
2. Will the Honourable Premier please identify for this Honourable House the Members of Parliament and the amounts paid or the outstanding amounts due to them?

The Hon. W.M. Caines to provide oral responses to parliamentary questions from The Hon. D.V. Burgess. (Deferred from September 13th, 2019)

- *1. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House what is the longest ongoing Bermuda Police investigation of a public official in the history of the Bermuda Police Force/Service?
- *2. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House what is the most money ever spent on a Bermuda Police investigation in Bermuda of a public official and a private resident?

The Hon. C.L. Dickinson to provide written responses to parliamentary questions from The Hon. M.H. Dunkley. (Deferred from September 13th, 2019)

1. Will the Honourable Minister please provide to this Honourable the total number of persons contributing to the Contributory Pension Fund at the end of each calendar quarter starting from December 31st 2014 and ending June 30th 2019?
2. Will the Honourable Minister please provide to this Honourable House the total number of entities (exempted and all other categories) filing payroll tax returns for each payroll tax quarter starting at the end of September 2014 ending June 30th 2019?
3. Will the Honourable Minister please provide to this Honourable House the total amount of Payroll Tax and Land Tax that were in arrears as of March 31st 2017, March 31st, 2018 and March 31st 2019, including the number of delinquent entities (persons, as well as business and all other categories) in each year owing either Payroll Tax or Land Tax?

(l) Congratulatory and /or Obituary Speeches.

(m) Matters of Privilege.

(n) Personal Explanation.

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

(p) Introduction of Bills:

(q) Government Bills:

“Incorporated Segregated Accounts Companies Act 2019” – Hon. C.L. Dickinson

“Investment Funds Amendment Act 2019” – Hon. C.L. Dickinson

“Misuse of Drugs (Hemp) Amendment Act 2019” – Hon. K.N. Wilson

(r) Opposition Bills:

(s) Private Members’ Bills

(t) Notice of Motions:

(u) 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 “Employment (Maternity Leave Extension and Paternity Leave) Amendment Act 2019”
[Minister of Labour, Community Affairs and Sports]
First Reading: July 26, 2019
3. Second Reading of the “Merchant Shipping Amendment Act 2019”
[Minister of Tourism and Transport]
First Reading: July 26, 2019
4. Second Reading of the “Economic Development Amendment Act 2019”
[Premier]
First Reading: September 13, 2019
5. Second Reading of the “Government Loans Amendment (No. 2) Act 2019”
[Minister of Finance]
First Reading: September 13, 2019
(Governor’s recommendation signified)
6. Second Reading of the “National Pension Scheme (Occupational Pensions) Amendment Act 2019”
[Minister of Finance]
First Reading: September 13, 2019
7. Second Reading of the “Digital Asset Business Amendment Act 2019”
[Minister of Finance]
First Reading: September 13, 2019
8. Second Reading of the “Casino Gaming (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act 2019”
[Minister of Finance]
First Reading: September 13, 2019
(Governor’s recommendation signified)
9. Second Reading of the “Tourism Investment Amendment Act 2019”
[Minister of Tourism and Transport]
First Reading: September 13, 2019

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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September 27th, 2019

Opposition

Ms. T.S. Furbert, MP Constituency 4 , St. Georges South	Mr. D.J. R. Lister III, MP Constituency 28 , Warwick West	Mr. T.C. Famous, MP Constituency 11 , Devonshire East	Ms. R.D.L. Ming, JP,MP Constituency 1 , St. Georges North
Hon. M.H. Dunkley JP,MP Constituency 10 , Smith's North	Hon. T.G. Moniz JP,MP Constituency 9 , Smith's West	VACANT SEAT	Mr. H.K.E. Swan, JP,MP Constituency 2 , St. Georges West

Hon. J. J. Atherden JP,MP Constituency 19 , Pembroke West	Mr. B.A. Smith, MP Shadow Minister of Social Development and Sports, National Security Constituency 31 , Southampton West Central	Ms. S. E. Jackson, MP Opposition Whip, Shadow Minister of Government Reform Constituency 20 , Pembroke South West	Mr. N.H.C Simons JP,MP Shadow Minister, Education and Economic Development Constituency 8 , Smith's South
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Mr. S.D. Richards, MP Shadow Minister Home Affairs and Environment Constituency 7 , Hamilton South	Mr. R.S. Pearman, MP Shadow Minister of Legal Affairs Constituency 22 , Paget East	Hon. P. J. Gordon-Pamplin JP,MP Shadow Minister for Health Constituency 23 , Paget West
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Ms. L.K. Scott, MP Deputy Opposition Leader, Shadow Minister of Tourism and Transport and Regulatory Affairs Constituency 30 , Southampton West	Hon. L. C. Cannonier, JP, MP Opposition Leader, Shadow Minister of Public Works Constituency 12 , Devonshire South Central
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Sgt. Major Arnold E. Allen, EM
Sergeant-Ar-Arms

Government

Mr. N.S. Tyrrell, JP, MP Constituency 26 , Warwick South Central	Mr. R.P. Commissionsg, JP,MP Constituency 21 , Pembroke South East	Mr. S.A. Simmons, JP, MP Constituency 32 , Southampton West	Mr. C.W.D. Brown, JP,MP Constituency 17 , Pembroke Central
Hon. M.J. Scott, JP,MP Constituency 36 , Sandy's North	Mr. W.L.A. Scott, MP Government Whip Constituency 24 , Warwick South East	Mr. M. A. Weeks, JP,MP Constituency 16 , Pembroke East Central	Hon. D.V. Burgess, JP,MP Constituency 5 , Hamilton East Deputy Speaker

Hon. L.F. Foggo, JP, MP Minister of Labour, Community Affairs and Sports Constituency 3 , St. David's	Hon. Lt. Col. D.A. Burch, JP, MP Minister of Public Works Constituency 27 , Warwick North Central	Hon. Z.J.S. DeSilva, JP, MP Minister of Tourism and Transport Constituency 29 , Southampton East	Hon. J.S. Simmons, JP, MP Minister Without Portfolio Constituency 33 ,
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Hon. W.M. Caines JP, MP Minister of National Security Constituency 14 , Devonshire North West	Hon. K.N. Wilson, JP, MP Minister of Health Constituency 34 , Sandy's South Central	Hon. W. L. Furbert JP,MP Minister for the Cabinet Office Constituency 6 , Hamilton West	Hon. D.V.S. Rabain, JP, MP Minister of Education Constituency 13 , Devonshire North Central
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Hon. E.D.G. Burt, JP, MP The Premier Constituency 18 , Pembroke West Central	Hon. W.H. Roban, JP,MP Deputy Premier, Minister of Home Affairs Constituency 15 , Pembroke East	Hon. C.L. Dickinson, JP, MP Minister of Finance Constituency 25 , Warwick North East
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Clerk-at-the-Table Mrs. S.M.A. Wolfe	Chairman of Committee
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE Hon. D.P. Lister JP, MP Constituency 35 , Sandy's North Central	