



**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
BERMUDA**



**Sitting No.16-Friday, 11th July, 2025
Order of Business
(Standing Order 14)**

(a) 10:00 a.m. HOUSE CONVENES

(b) PRAYERS

(c) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES- Minutes of the 27th June, 2025 to be confirmed.

(d) MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

(e) ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER OR MEMBER PRESIDING

Parliamentary Joint Select Committee- Cyberattack on Government IT systems

(f) MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

(g) PAPERS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS TO THE HOUSE

“Contributory Pensions (Amendment of Benefits) Order 2025” lay for the consideration of the House of Assembly- The Hon. Wayne L. Furbert, Junior Minister of Finance

“Water Resources (Prevention of Pollution by Sewage from Boats) Amendment Regulations 2025” lay for the information of the House of Assembly- The Hon. Jache A. K. Adams, Minister of Public Works and Environment

(h) PETITIONS

(i) STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS AND JUNIOR MINISTERS

“Red Tape Reduction Consultation Progress”- The Hon. E. David G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance

“CARICOM Heads of Government Meeting – Building on a Strong Relationship”- The Hon. E. David G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance

“Update-Domestic Abuse Specialist”- The Hon. Tinée S. Furbert, Minister of Youth, Social Development and Seniors

“The National 18+ Youth Conference 2025”- The Hon. Tinée S. Furbert, Minister of Youth, Social Development and Seniors

“Enhancing Bermuda's Cybersecurity Capabilities Through International Collaboration”- The Hon. Michael A. Weeks, Minister of National Security

“Renaming the Bermuda Youth Library as the Florenz Webbe Maxwell Youth Library”- The Hon. Diallo V. S. Rabain, Minister for the Cabinet Office and Digital Innovation

“Addressing the Use of Banners and Signs”- The Hon. Diallo V. S. Rabain, Minister for the Cabinet Office and Digital Innovation

“Amendments to the Water Resources (Prevention of Pollution by Sewage from Boats) Regulations 2018”- The Hon. Jache A. K. Adams, Minister of Public Works and Environment

“Preparing Bermuda for the Summer”- The Hon. Jache A. K. Adams, Minister of Public Works and Environment

“Building a Thriving Entrepreneurial Ecosystem in Bermuda”- The Hon. Jason P. Hayward, Minister of Economy and Labour

“Update on Google’s Subsea Cable Projects and Bermuda’s Role as a Digital Atlantic Hub”- The Hon. Alexa N. H. Lightbourne, Minister of Home Affairs

(j) REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(k) PREMIER’S QUESTIONS

(l) QUESTION PERIOD

The Hon. E. David G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance, to provide Oral Response to Parliamentary Question from Dr. Douglas S. J. De Couto:

- *1. Will the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance please confirm for this Honourable House whether or not the Tax Reform Commission has delivered its report to the Government?

The Hon. Zane J. S. DeSilva, Deputy Premier and Minister of Housing and Municipalities, to provide Written Responses to Parliamentary Questions from the Hon. Michael M. Fahy:

1. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House of the steps the Government is taking to ensure that Bermuda complies with UNESCO's World Heritage Convention and the Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention in the Municipality of St George’s?
2. Will the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House with an update on the occupancy rate of the 94 units as at 30 June 2025 at Bermudiana Beach Residences (broken down by each size of apartment i.e. studio, one bedroom, two bedroom, three bedroom), and what is the expected timeline for full occupancy?
3. Will the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House with an update on the status of the finalization of all planned amenities at the Bermudiana Beach Residences such as the restaurant and spa and the anticipated costs of same?

The Hon. Michael A. Weeks, Minister of National Security, to provide Oral Response to Parliamentary Question from Mr. L. M. Robert King:

- *1. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House when was he notified by his Permanent Secretary that the HM Customs dock on Ordinance Island was unsafe for use?

The Hon. Diallo V. S. Rabain, Minister for the Cabinet Office and Digital Innovation, to provide Oral Response to Parliamentary Question from Mr. L. M. Robert King:

- *1. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House on the updates for progressing building permit applications?

The Hon. Diallo V. S. Rabain, Spokesperson for Education, to provide Written Responses to Parliamentary Questions from Mr. Ben A. Smith:

1. Will the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House with the number of students beginning the school year for each class of each public school from 2017 to 2025?

2. Will the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House with the number of students ending the school year for each class of each public school from 2017 to 2025?
3. Will the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House with the number of students that have transferred from public schools from 2017 to 2025 and which schools did they transfer to?

The Hon. Jason P. Hayward, Minister of Economy and Labour, to provide Oral Responses to Parliamentary Questions from Dr. Douglas S. J. De Couto:

- *1. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House which stakeholders were consulted with regarding the BEDC vertical farming initiative with “Growy”, and the conclusions of those consultations?
- *2. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House whether the BEDC or Government has provided or plans to provide or has discussed with “Growy” the possibility of providing any commercial incentives or concessions to “Growy” for the vertical farming initiative, and the nature of any such incentives or concessions?

The Hon. Owen K. Darrell, Minister of Tourism, Transport, Culture and Sport, to provide Oral Responses to Parliamentary Questions from Mr. Dwayne V. Robinson:

- *1. Will the Honourable Minister please provide for this Honourable House a comprehensive update on the progress of legislation to enact Ridesharing in Bermuda?
- *2. Will the Honourable Minister please inform for this Honourable House if he has engaged TCD to investigate the alleged breaches of Motor Car Act 1951 spoken about by concerned transport stakeholders in the media, such as enforcement, and illegal dispatching?
- *3. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House if there are any plans being drafted to account for the potential increase in demand on our transportation system, should Fairmont Southampton reopen as scheduled?

The Hon. Alexa N. H. Lightbourne, Minister of Home Affairs, to provide Written Responses to Parliamentary Questions from the Hon. L. Craig Cannonier:

1. Will the Honourable Minister please disclose to this Honourable House a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding entered into between the Government of Bermuda/Ministry of Home Affairs and the Rocky Mountain Institute on or about 14 November 2018, as signed by the then Ministers responsible for Transport and Energy?
2. Will the Honourable Minister please disclose to this Honourable House the number of meetings held between representatives of the Rocky Mountain Institute and Bermuda Government Ministers and/or Permanent Secretaries since the said memorandum was signed on or about 14 November 2018 to 30 June 2025 in regards to renewable energy projects and ways to build a more resilient grid, including attendees at those meetings, dates, locations and topics discussed at same?
3. Will the Honourable Minister please disclose to this Honourable House the total costs incurred by the Government of Bermuda in attending the meetings as referenced in question (2) above?

(m) CONGRATULATORY AND/OR OBITUARY SPEECHES

(n) MATTERS OF PRIVILEGE

(o) PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

(p) NOTICE OF MOTION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE ON MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

(q) INTRODUCTION OF BILLS:

(I) GOVERNMENT BILLS

“Corporate Income Tax Amendment Act 2025”- The Hon. E. David G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance

(II) OPPOSITION BILLS

(III) PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BILLS

(r) NOTICES OF MOTION:

(s) ORDERS OF THE DAY:

- 1) Second Reading of the “Land Valuation and Tax (Special Provisions and Postponement of Preparation of Draft Valuation List) Act 2025”
[Premier and Minister of Finance]
First Reading: 27th June 2025
- 2) Second Reading of the “Parliamentary Election Amendment Act 2025”
[Minister for the Cabinet Office and Digital Innovation]
First Reading: 27th June 2025
- 3) Second Reading of the “Building Amendment Act 2025”
[Minister for the Cabinet Office and Digital Innovation]
First Reading: 27th June 2025
- 4) Motion to be moved by the Hon. E. David G. Burt, notice of which was given on 28th March, 2025:

“That this Honourable House take note of the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into Historic Land Losses in Bermuda laid for the information of the House of Assembly on 10th December 2021.”

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