

Finance Minister and Premier pay tribute to the late Anthony Manders

Today, the Finance Minister and Premier paid tribute to the late Anthony Manders, the Financial Secretary to the Government of Bermuda.

“Anthony was a truly dedicated public servant who always focused on delivering for the people of Bermuda. His role as the Financial Secretary was an important one, and he took this responsibility seriously,” said the Minister of Finance, the Hon Curtis L. Dickinson.

“Everyone who has worked with Anthony knows that he was committed, hard-working and selfless. He was usually the first to arrive at the Ministry of Finance in the morning and the last to leave often late into the evening. Over the course of the last two years, Anthony was my most senior trusted adviser, helping me navigate the government organization and a colleague who provided valuable insights on Bermuda’s economic and financial matters. He gave his best to Bermuda, in matters domestic and international and was a key contributor to Bermuda’s successful international capital markets initiatives. He also played a key role in advising the Cabinet during the pandemic, as he and his team worked even harder to help navigate us through the unprecedented economic crisis it brought on, making sure the Government offered appropriate financial assistance to Bermudians as well as protecting our Island’s economy. I am forever grateful for his tireless commitment to our Island, his financial astuteness, and the unstinting support he gave me.”

“His passing has come as a shock to all of us at the Ministry of Finance. We are saddened, as are his colleagues within the Bermuda Government. I extend my deepest condolences to his wife and sons, his entire family, friends and colleagues. This is a great loss for the Island, and we will all miss him dearly.”

Premier the Hon E. David Burt paid tribute to Mr. Manders saying: “A family man. A gentleman. A sportsman. A professional with an incredible work ethic and a penchant for mentoring young Bermudians. These are just some of the words I use to describe the late Financial Secretary, Mr. Anthony Manders. I was extremely shocked and saddened this morning to learn of his passing and on behalf of the government, the public service and people of Bermuda I extend my heartfelt sympathies to his wife, sons and his entire family.”

“Over the years I worked with Anthony as Junior Minister of Finance, Shadow Minister of Finance, Minister of Finance and as Premier. I respected him for his dedication to his work and politically unbiased service to 5 Ministers of Finance. He was a consummate public servant who would always respond at late hours and prided himself on ensuring that Bermudians were given a chance to advance in the Ministry’s departments. His untimely passing is a tremendous loss to Bermuda as he has provided steady leadership to the Ministry of Finance team during the financial challenges of the last ten years.”

“On a personal note, I counted Anthony as a friend. Whether it was football matches on the weekends or first ball on Emancipation Day, he was often in good spirits and always willing to teach me the finer sports points - especially keeping me calm during Cup Match. He will be missed.”