



**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
BERMUDA**



**Sitting No.44- Friday, 2nd October, 2026
Order of Business
(Standing Order 14)**

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

(b) PRAYERS

(c) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES- Minutes of the 25th September, 2026 to be deferred.

(d) MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

(e) ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER OR MEMBER PRESIDING

Members: Dr. Douglas S. J. De Couto and Mr. Paul G. E. Wilmot will be absent from today's proceedings.

(f) MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

(g) PAPERS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS TO THE HOUSE

"Ministry of Economy and Labour-Bermuda Digital Identity: Using Digital Identity to Improve Access to Services with a Focus on Privacy, Security and Inclusivity" lay for the information of the House of Assembly- The Hon. Jason P. Hayward, Minister of Economy and Labour

"Ministry of Economy and Labour-Economic Investment Residential Certificate Policy 2026" lay for the information of the House of Assembly- The Hon. Jason P. Hayward, Minister of Economy and Labour

(h) PETITIONS

(i) STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS AND JUNIOR MINISTERS

"Government Fiscal Performance Update"-The Hon. E. David G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance

"Update on the Hardship Fund"-The Hon. Tinée S. Furbert, Minister of Youth, Social Development and Seniors

"Exploring Digital Identity for Bermuda"- The Hon. Jason P. Hayward, Minister of Economy and Labour

"Updates to Bermuda's Economic Investment Residential Certificate Programme"- The Hon. Jason P. Hayward, Minister of Economy and Labour

"Consultation on the Draft Development and Planning (General Development) Order 2026"-The Hon. Diallo V. S. Rabain, Minister of Education

"Tabling of the Education Authority Act 2026" -The Hon. Diallo V. S. Rabain, Minister of Education

"The Balcony Solar Pilot Programme" -The Hon. Alexa N. H. Lightbourne, Minister of Home Affairs

(j) REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(k) QUESTION PERIOD

The Hon. Owen K. Darrell, Minister of Tourism and Transport, Culture and Sport, to provide Oral Response to Parliamentary Questions from the Hon. L. Craig Cannonier:

- *1. Will the Honourable Minister please explain to this Honourable House how the \$440,000 that he had announced was invested into the Carnival was broken down and allotted to different organizations and service providers?
- *2. Considering that he had initially estimated there would be approximately \$1.2 million in return or thereabouts, will the Honourable Minister please explain to this Honourable House whether he is now prepared to provide more definitive numbers for the return on the \$440,000 investment and how much that would be?

The Hon. Rev. Dr. Emily G. A. Dill, Minister for the Cabinet Office, to provide Oral Response to Parliamentary Questions from Mr. Dwayne V. Robinson:

- *1. Two Cabinet Ministers have previously given an undertaking to bring Electoral Reform Legislation to this Honourable House by September. Will the Honourable Minister please provide an update for this Honourable House on the current status of the Electoral Reform Legislation?

The Hon. Alexa N. H. Lightbourne, Minister of Home Affairs, to provide Oral Response to Parliamentary Questions from Mr. Dwayne V. Robinson:

- *1. The Government has incurred substantial legal fees due to the Minister's Integrated Resource Plan 2026 suspension, and the Cost-of-Living Commission Amendment (No.2) Act was not passed by the Legislature. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House what is the next step for the Government's Affordability Agenda?
- *2. The most recent Narrative Research Bermuda survey of 2026 showed that 81% of respondents supported a referendum on Full Membership of Caricom, and almost 4000 signatures have been added to a petition calling for a referendum. Will the Honourable Minister please confirm for this Honourable House whether she is still opposed to a Referendum on Full membership of Caricom?

The Hon. Jason P. Hayward, Minister of Economy and Labour, Culture and Sport, to provide Written Response to Parliamentary Questions from the Hon. Michael M. Fahy:

- 1. Will the Honourable Minister please advise this Honourable House of the number of work permits issued by the Department of Immigration currently in force (as at 23rd September 2026) broken down by (i) each work permit type and length (i.e. standard one, two, three, four, and five year work permits, global entrepreneur permits, short-term permits, occasional permits, new business permits, periodic permits, fintech permits and family office permits) and (ii) if any standard work permits issued are in a restricted category, the job category to which the work permit relates?
- 2. Will the Honourable Minister please advise this Honourable House of the average number of days it has taken the Department of Immigration to issue each category of work permit (i.e. standard one, two, three, four, and five year work permits, global entrepreneur permits, short-term permits, occasional permits, new business permits, periodic permits, fintech permits and family office permits) from the time a work permit application is received by the Department of Immigration for each of the calendar years from 1st January 2022 to 31st August 2026?
- 3. Will the Honourable Minister please advise this Honourable House of the number of civil penalties imposed by the Chief Immigration Officer pursuant to section 71A of the Bermuda Immigration and Protection Act 1956 (“the Act”) for each year from 1st January 2018 to date, including the total amount of penalties associated with each civil penalty issued and to which part of 71A of the Act the penalty related (i.e. 71A(1)(a), 71A(b), 71A(c) or 71A(d)?

(l) CONGRATULATORY AND/OR OBITUARY SPEECHES

(m) MATTERS OF PRIVILEGE

(n) PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

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

(p) INTRODUCTION OF BILLS:

(I) GOVERNMENT BILLS

“Education Authority Act 2026”-The Hon. Diallo V. S. Rabain, Minister of Education

(II) OPPOSITION BILLS

(III) PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BILLS

(q) NOTICES OF MOTION:

Motion to be moved by Mr. R. Scott Pearman, on behalf of Dr. Douglas S. J. De Couto:

“That this Honourable House requests the Premier table all outstanding Annual Reports as required by section 9 of the “Premier, Ministers and Opposition Leader Personal Staffs Act 2019”.”

(r) ORDERS OF THE DAY:

- 1) Consideration of the following motion to be moved by the Hon. Jache A. K. Adams notice of which was given on 25th September, 2026:

“BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to section 8(3) of the Public Lands Act 1984, that this Honourable House approve the vesting in the Bermuda Land Management Corporation of the Government-owned parcel of land identified on Cadastral Plan Sheet No. 4030/001/28, comprising approximately 0.801 hectares (1.979 acres) at the former Morgans Point site in Southampton Parish and bounded by lands of Caroline Bay Ltd., Sea Express Lane, Tribe Road No. 5, and the Railway Trail.”

- 2) Second Reading of the “Bermuda Land Management Corporation Amendment Act 2026”
[Deputy Premier and Minister of Housing and Municipalities]
First Reading: 25th September 2026

- 3) Second Reading of the “Health Professionals (Complaints Committees) Amendment Act 2026”
[Minister of Health]
First Reading: 25th September 2026

- 4) Motion to be moved by the Hon. Zane J. S. DeSilva notice of which was given on 25th September, 2026:

“That this Honourable House consider and approve the Ministry of Housing and Municipalities Report entitled ‘Bermuda Affordable Housing Strategy 2025-2035’.”

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