



Ministerial Statement

THE ACTING MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SENIORS,

THE HON. LEAH K. SCOTT JP, MP

ON: Pink Conference on Breast Cancer

**21st June, 2013 at the
House of Assembly**

Mr. Speaker,

I rise this morning to provide this Honourable House with information on the impending Pink Conference on Breast Cancer, which is scheduled for 9th July, 2013 at the Earl Cameron Theatre at City Hall.

Mr. Speaker, I understand that this meeting has been held in California for the past six years, but with the assistance of the Deputy Mayor of Hamilton, Mr. Donal Smith, the organizers agreed to move the conference to Bermuda. The objective is to hold the conference here in Bermuda again next year with it being bigger and better.

This year, the conference will involve at least nine cancer specialists, including oncologists, surgeons and reconstructive surgical experts, who will conduct a public seminar, and will respond to public questions concerning this invasive condition. The public seminar will be free of charge and will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

Information will be made available within the next week regarding a sign up contact number, and if the demand is greater than the 278 capacity at City Hall, a different venue will be considered in order to accommodate as many interested people as possible.

Mr. Speaker, it's important to note that the surgeons have offered their services free of charge, and are hoping to also conduct a Continuing Medical Education session for doctors who treat this form of disease, including doctors who work at KEMH.

Doctors who will be participating in this information session will be from such prestigious institutions as Sloane Kettering, Beth Israel, New York Presbyterian and other notable hospitals.

Bermuda is deemed to be ideally suited for such a conference due to its proximity to the United States, and it affords medical professionals a close and easily accessible venue in which to assist with a public education platform.

We are deeply appreciative of the interest in Bermuda and look forward to welcoming the doctors who will attend.

Thank you, **Mr. Speaker**.