

**Proceedings**  
**of the**  
**Honourable House of Assembly**  
**Session of 2016-2017**

**No. 2**

**Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2016**

**Members Present:** His Honour the Speaker, Jeanne Atherden, Kenneth L. Bascome, Walton D. Brown, David E. Burt, Derrick V. Burgess, L. Craig Cannonier, Rolfe P. Commissiong, Shawn G. Crockwell, Zane J. S. DeSilva, Michael H. Dunkley, Lovitta F. Foggo, Wayne L. Furbert, Dr. Edmund G. Gibbons, Patricia J. Gordon-Pamplin, Suzann Roberts-Holshouser, Susan E. Jackson, D.P. Lister, Trevor G. Moniz, Nandi S. Outerbridge, Mark J. Pettingill. Everard T. Richards, Sylvan D. Richards, Walter H. Roban, Michael J. Scott, R. Wayne E. Scott, , W. Lawrence Scott, Jamahl S. Simmons, N.H. Cole Simons, Glenn C. Smith, Jeff Sousa, M.A. Weeks, Kim N. Wilson.

**10:03 a.m.**

Prayers

**Confirmation of Minutes:**

The minutes of the Meeting of 7th November were confirmed.

**10:04am**

**Announcements by the Speaker:**

His Honour the Speaker announced the absence of Ms. L.K. Scott and Mr. D.V.S. Rabain from the meeting

His Honour the Speaker also announced that he had received a letter of resignation from former Opposition Leader Marc Bean.

His Honour the Speaker announced that the 2016 Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast is to be held on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> , November at the Hamilton Princess hotel.

**10:05am**

**Papers and Communications to the House:**

The introduction of two items for consideration by the House of Assembly entitled the “Bermuda Health Council (Health Service Providers) (Licensing) Regulations 2016”, and the “Bermuda Health Council (Health Service Providers) (High Risk Health Technology) Regulations 2016”, was deferred until the next meeting on Monday 21st, November, 2016.

**10:06am**

**Statements by Ministers and Junior Ministers:**

MR.M.H.DUNKLEY made a Ministerial Statement concerning the “2016 Census of Population and Housing”.

MRS. J.J.ATHERDEN made a Ministerial statement regarding the “Measures to Make Bermuda’s Health System Sustainable”.

**10:18am**

**Question Period:**

MR. M.H.DUNKLEY provided oral responses to parliamentary questions from the Hon. D.V. Burgess.

\* Will the Honourable Premier please inform this Honourable House the total amount spent to purchase

and install security equipment and any other costs associated with the residences of Senator the Honourable Michael Fahy and the Honourable Premier Michael Dunkley?

2. \* Will the Honourable Premier please inform this Honourable House who ordered the investigation of the former Premier, the Honourable Dr. Ewart Brown; which has cost the taxpayer over \$2 million dollars as of June 2016?

MR. D.V.BURGESS asked a supplementary question

MR. D.V.BURGESS asked a second supplementary question.

MR. D.V.BURGESS asked a third question.

MR. M.H.DUNKLEY provided written responses to parliamentary questions from Mr. W.H. Roban.

Q1 Will the Honourable Premier please inform this Honourable House what existing equipment of the Bermuda Fire and Rescue Service is not operational; and please cite its value, cost of repair and the reasons why the equipment is not operating?

A1 One vehicle at the airport is out of service due to a data panel power distribution box. This vehicle is known as Red 3 and is part of our airport crash firefighting fleet. The vehicle being out of service does not put the airport capabilities at risk as there is sufficient redundancy to operate at the required levels to cover airport crash and fire suppression at the airport with the present operational vehicles. The part is on order and the cost of this part is \$6,321.89 shipping is \$400. The vehicle is a 2009 Rosenbauer bought for \$800,000. (replacement cost of approximately 1 million dollars.)

A vehicle at the Hamilton Station has a damaged fire pump bearing which is being ordered. The vehicle out of service in Hamilton again does not have an impact on the day to day emergency operations as there is sufficient redundancy built into the fleet along with operational procedures. This vehicle is a 2006 Spartan bought for \$375,000.

Q2 Will the Honourable Premier please inform this Honourable House why the government did not repair the Bermuda Fire Service ladder truck and what is the total approved figure (TAF) to complete the repairs?

A2 This truck has been repaired and has already been put to use after the recent hurricane. The Bermuda Fire Service after recent talks with the manufacturer was able to negotiate with the company and had an expert on ladder trucks come to the island free of charge and worked with local staff to complete repairs at no cost to the country. The visiting mechanic did report that the Bermuda Fire and Rescue Service should make plans to purchase a new vehicle and retain this vehicle as a backup. The vehicle has only had its life extended with no guarantees. This vehicle is 18 years old and replacement cost has been estimated at \$1.3 million.

Q3 Will the Honourable Premier please inform this Honourable House if the Bermuda Fire and Rescue Service has the proper equipment to address fires on seaborne vessels?

A3 The Bermuda Fire and Rescue Service continue to train and maintain equipment that would assist in effectively managing incidents of fire on seaborne vessels that may be berthed at our ports. The island's tugs are equipped as well. They are fitted with firefighting monitors (nozzles). The Bermuda Fire Service has also engaged with a live run exercise with a cruise ship which involved an evacuation and a major fire. The cruise ships that come to the island have their own firefighting capabilities that we can support with firefighting crews as well as a High Volume Pump with a capacity of delivering 8,000 liters of water per minute. This pump would be used in the event that the ship's own fire pump fails.

MR. M.H.DUNKLEY provided oral responses to parliamentary questions from the Hon. Z.J. DeSilva.

1. \* Will the Honourable Premier please inform this Honourable House of the hourly rates Conyers Dill & Pearman are charging the Commission of Inquiry for their legal services?

2. \* Will the Honourable Premier please confirm the additional cost for the Commission of Inquiry (COI) as a result of the new extended deadline of the Commission's work to December 31, 2016?

3. \* Will the Honourable Premier please inform this Honourable House what the total remuneration is given to each of the Members of the COI.

MR.Z.J.DESILVA asked a supplementary question.  
MR.Z.J.DESILVA asked a second question.  
MR.Z.J.DESILVA asked a supplementary question.  
MR.Z.J.DESILVA asked a third question.

MR. E.D.G.BURT asked Mr. M.H. Dunkley a question on his Ministerial Statement

MR. Z.J. DESILVA asked Mrs. J.J. Atherden a question on her Ministerial Statement

MR.Z.J.DESILVA asked a supplementary question.

MS. K.N. WILSON asked Mrs. J.J. Atherden a question on her Ministerial Statement.

MR.Z.J.DESILVA asked a second question.  
MR.Z.J.DESILVA asked two supplementary questions.  
MR.Z.J.DESILVA asked a third question.  
MR.Z.J.DESILVA asked a supplementary question.  
MR.Z.J.DESILVA asked a second supplementary question.  
MS. K.N.WILSON asked a supplementary question  
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MS. K.N. WILSON asked a third question.  
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The Speaker acknowledged the presence of Senator V.R.C. Ball in the Speakers gallery.

#### **Introduction of Bills:**

MR. E.T.RICHARDS introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the "Airport Redevelopment Concession Act 2016".

MR. E.T.RICHARDS introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the "Bermuda Airport Authority Act 2016".

**10:55am**

#### **Orders of the Day:**

MR. M. H. DUNKLEY moved for consideration of the Speech with which Her Excellency the Acting Governor was pleased to open the present Session of Parliament.

**11:00am**

MR. E.D.G.BURT, Opposition Leader, tabled his Reply to the Throne Speech on behalf of the Loyal Opposition.

**12:15pm**

MR. M.H.DUNKLEY moved that the House do now rise for lunch, which was agreed to.

**2:03pm**

#### House Resumes

2:04pm-MR.M.J.PETTINGILL  
(2:28pm-MR.E.D.G.BURT POO)  
2:35pm-MR.C.W.D.BROWN  
3:02pm-MR.S.G.CROCKWELL  
3:33pm-MR.W.L.FURBERT  
4:04pm-MRS. P.J.GORDON-PAMPLIN  
4:30pm-MS.K.N.WILSON  
4:58pm-MR.J.C.SOUSA  
5:20pm-MR.W.L.A.SCOTT  
5:40pm-MR.E.T.RICHARDS  
5:57pm-MR.C.W.BROWN  
6:10pm-MR.D.V.BURGESS  
(6:20pm- MRS.S.R.HOULSHOUSER in the Chair)  
6:40pm-MS. N.S.OUTERBRIDGE  
7:01pm-MR. Z. J.S.DESILVA  
(7:14pm-MRS. P.J.GORDON-PAMPLIN POO)  
7:35pm-MR.K.L.BASCOME  
7:42pm-MR.M.A.WEEKS  
8:12pm-MR.S.D.RICHARDS  
8:42pm-MR.J.S.SIMMONS  
8:50pm- MR.SPEAKER in the Chair  
9:00pm-DR.E.G.GIBBONS  
9:30pm-MR.R P. COMMISSIONG  
9:58pm-MR. C.L.CANNONAIR  
10:25pm-MS. L F. FOGGO  
10:45pm-MS.S.E.JACKSON  
(10:55pm-MRS. S.R. HOLSHOUSER in the Chair)  
11:04pm- MR. M.J. SCOTT  
11:35pm-MR. N.H.C SIMONS

(11:45pm-MR. SPEAKER in the Chair)

12:05am-MR.D.P.LISTER (*Tuesday 15, November 2016*)

12:26am-MRS. S.R.HOLSHOUSER

12:52am-MR. W.H.ROBAN

1:20am-MR. M.H.DUNKLEY

1:30am-MR. E.D.G. BURT (POO)

**1:49am**

Mr. M.H. Dunkley moved that the following Message be sent to Her Excellency the Acting Governor:

“(No.2)

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the Members of the House of Assembly thank Your Excellency for the gracious Speech with which Your Excellency was please to open the present Session of Parliament.”

-which was agreed to.

Orders numbers 2 to 10 were carried over

**1:50am**

MR. M. H. DUNKLEY moved that the House, at its rising do adjourn to Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., which was agreed to.

MR. M. H. DUNKLEY moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

**1:50am**

The House adjourned to Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.