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Speaker**

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Mr. M.A. Weeks.

Friday, 9th March, 2012

Members present: His Honour the Speaker, Mr. G.A. Blakeney, Mr. D.V. Burgess, Mr. D.D. Butler, Ms. D.N.I. Butterfield, Mr. L.C. Cannonier, Ms. P.A. Cox, Mr. S.D.G. Crockwell, Mr. Z.J.S. DeSilva, Mr. A.E. DeVent, Ms. L.F. Foggo, Mr. W.L. Furbert, Dr. E.G. Gibbons, Mrs. P.J. Gordon Pamplin, Mr. D.O. Hunt, Mrs. L.A. Jackson, Mr. E.G. James, Mr. D.P. Lister, Mr. T.E. Lister, Mrs. P.K. Minors, Mr. T.G. Moniz, Mr. W.N.M. Perinchief, Mr. M.J. Pettingill, Mr. E.T. Richards, Mr. W.H. Roban, Mr. M.J. Scott, Mr. W.A. Scott, Mr. N.H.C. Simons, Dame Jennifer Smith, Mr. C.F.B. Swan, Mr. H.K.E. Swan, Mr. D.D.M. Tucker,

The minutes of the Meeting of 5th March, 2012 were confirmed. Confirmation of the minutes of the Meeting of 7th March, 2012 was deferred.

His Honour the SPEAKER read a release from the Chairperson of the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP), Hon. Alix Boyd-Knights, MHA, Speaker of Dominica’s House of Assembly, regarding International Women’s Day 2012.

Mr. M.A. WEEKS, Minister of Public Works, answered in writing as follows to written questions addressed to him by Mr. C.F.B. Swan.

Q1. Would the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House with the cost of maintaining all GP cars for the period January 1st 2011 and December 31st 2011?

A1. As the Ministry compiles such information based on the fiscal year, we can advise the following:

Material Costs: \$ 57,549.78
Labour Costs: \$107,210.50
 Total Costs: \$164,760.28

Q2 Would the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House with the cost of fuel used by each GP Car for the period between January 1st 2011 and December 31st 2011?

A2. See Appendix 1 attached.

*Appendix 1 represents fuel usage for the 86 GP cars that utilize the Public Works Fuel Depots only.

Appendix 1

License Number	Cost
31445	655.20
43709	447.74
44168	928.10
GP1	186.78
GP3	75.16
GP4	400.61
GP6	618.49
GP7	41.53
GP8	852.23
GP010	1,621.64
GP11	370.57
GP12	861.59

GP014	850.60
GP015	680.96
GP017	448.62
GP019	811.61
GP021	1,260.28
GP023	247.52
GP024	439.54
GP025	1,267.58
GP026	527.44
GP027	999.83
GP029	772.96
GP030	1,733.44
GP031	295.95
GP032	140.51
GP033	101.30
GP034	44.11
GP035	779.86
GP037	385.17
GP038	840.63
GP040	245.75
GP041	183.72
GP042	45.79
GP043	1,030.86
GP046	30.47
GP048	156.24
GP049	920.95
GP050	503.95
GP051	466.00
GP052	53.92
GP053	201.53
GP054	583.95
GP056	154.45
GP057	505.23
GP058	409.77
GP059	666.69
GP060	86.96
GP061	649.72
GP062	624.20
GP063	747.00
GP064	318.94
GP065	433.10
GP066	1,027.72
GP068	103.98
GP070	402.96
GP072	220.19
GP073	42.48
GP076	216.28

GP077	486.53
GP078	925.21
GP079	706.28
GP080	1,640.90
GP081	187.24
GP083	993.65
GP084	650.87
GP085	28.38
GP088	1,239.45
GP089	1,581.16
GP090	91.59
GP091	624.85
GP093	464.70
GP094	59.69
GP097	813.01
GP098	1,344.23
GP99	504.01
GP103	122.76
GP104	63.72
GP105	393.32
GP108	944.26
GP109	490.67
GP111	843.39
GP112	580.80
GP117	106.29
GP118	571.65
GP121	45.20

Q3. Would the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House with the total number of GP Cars in the Government fleet as of February 1st 2012?

A3. As of February 1st 2012 there were a total of 122 GP Vehicles registered in the Government fleet.

Ms. P.A. COX, Premier and Minister of Finance, answered in writing as follows to written questions addressed to her by Mr. E.T. Richards.

Q1. Would the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House with a list of all consultants hired and working in the period April 1st, 2011 to the present for your Ministry and government departments, including the names, the company they work for, and the company's address?

A1. See attached schedule.

Q2. Would the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House as to the terms of reference, including fees, for which each consultant has been retained?

A2. See attached schedule.

Q3. Would the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House as to the total compensation that each consultant has received to date, including payments for expenses such as travel, accommodation and meals?

A3. See attached schedule.

Ministry of Finance Headquarters/Departments

CONSULTANTS - OVERSEAS	Terms of Reference	Remuneration Per Annum	Reimbursables	Payments – Apr. 1st 2011 – 22nd Feb. 2012
A2F Consulting	Provide consulting advice/services in connection with Government’s Open Budget Project and medium-term expenditure framework	\$175,760.00	Airfare, transport, meals and incidentals	\$170,595.48
Augustus Alibocas Trinidad & Tobago	Project Leader on the General Ledger module of the ERP Project, Accountant General’s Office.	\$112,080.00	N/A	\$96,137.00
AMX International 346 Grand Loop, Rexburg, Idaho, USA	Provide software and other computer consulting, support and training services in respect to Government’s EI programme; Review and update the financial customs system relating to CAPS (Customs Automated Processing System).	\$221,400.000	Airfare, travel, accommodation, meals	\$566,060.00
Dave Banarsee Trinidad & Tobago	Project Leader on the Payroll module of the ERP Project, Accountant General’s Office.	\$112,080.00	N/A	\$127,577.00
Dr. Andrew Brimmer Brimmer & Company Washington, DC	Provide consulting services to the Premier and Minister of Finance in the areas of economic, financial and tax policy advice.	\$200,000.00	Air fare, travel, meals, accommodation and ad hoc projects	\$284,087.51
Kathleen Brown 180 Systems Trinidad & Tobago	Manage Government’s entire ERP Project, Accountant General’s Office.	\$136,500.00	N/A	\$114,292.00
Ken Levine National Financial Services LLC Washington, DC	Provide professional services to the Ministry of Finance on legislation and public policy issues/strategies	\$100,000.00	Air fare, travel, meals, accommodation and ad hoc projects	\$242,496.97
Dionne Morrison Jamaica, West Indies	Project Leader on the Inventory and Assets module of the ERP Project, Accountant General’s Office.	\$108,080.00	N/A	\$98,561.00

Gulzar Richie United Kingdom	Provide consulting services on the FIMS system to ensure operational efficiency in the current environment, and to ensure a smooth transition to Government's new EI programme.	\$150,000.00	N/A	\$56,910.00
Jameela Robinson Canada	Provide accounting services to the Department of Project Management & Procurement.	\$132,000.00	N/A	\$112,295.00
Evie Soames Four Communications Plc, London, UK.	Provide public affairs consultant services, contact with Westminster and liaison with financial journalists, etc.	\$66,000.00	None	\$24,345.00
Alastair Sutton Sutton European Legal Service Rond Point Schuman Brussels	Provide professional services on European/international law and policy.	\$500.00 EURO per hour x hours worked (monthly)	Airfare, travel, meals, accommodation	\$27,422.48
Patricia Wallis United Kingdom	Provide consulting services for amending local legislation, the adjudication process, and establish protocol and precedents for securing stamp duty revenues, Tax Office.	Per project	Stationary/telephone costs	\$1,752.69
Jeremy White Jeremy White & Associates London, United Kingdom	Provide legal advice on Customs Tariff and Legislation Acts. This includes providing advice to Customs stakeholders and Ministry representatives	\$150,000.00	N/A	\$159,760.24
Victor Webb Marston Webb 60 Madison Avenue, Suite 1212 New York, NY 10010	Broaden and increase Bermuda's investor base and market recognition in the US and internationally. <i>(NOTE: Mid-2011 contract went to Tourism – Business Development Unit)</i>	\$150,000.00	Monthly out-of-pocket expenses and ad hoc projects	\$58,654.06
CONSULTANTS – LOCAL				
Michael Caines (Tax Auditor) Hamilton, Bermuda	Provide consulting services re: tax auditing matters on behalf of the Department. Also assist with training (2) Tax Examiners.	\$108,429.72 (\$9,035.81 per month)	N/A	\$34,353.97
Wayne DeShields CAPS Consultant Hamilton, Bermuda	Review, update and provide advice as the lead consultant for the implementation of the Customs Automated Processing System (CAPS)	\$75,000.00	N/A	\$100,718.75

Delroy O'Brien Consulting Firm Hamilton, Bermuda	Provide JE Edwards consulting/programming services on specific projects including RCS (revenue receipting system), PENAD (Pensions), and Government's EI Programme.	\$120,000.00	N/A	\$106,430.00
V. Watt: A Stelmach: E. Louise: A. Hickman. S. Tse: S. Mehrotra IBM Bermuda Hamilton Bermuda	Provide software development/testing for Customs Automated Processing System	\$300,000.00	N/A	\$224,481.00
Julik Pranta Hamilton Parish, Bermuda	Provide consultant services by assisting in the process reviews of accounting transactions and in the development of the financial information management system, Accountant General's Office.	\$108,080.00	N/A	\$183,889.00
Price Waterhouse Coopers Post Office Box, HM 1171 Hamilton, HM EX	Provide professional services on an ad hoc basis to Government on various Government programmes and initiatives; and provide services to lead the broad establishment of the office of Project Management & Procurement.	\$280,000.00	Air fare, transport, meals and incidentals	\$287,975.12
Francis Morris/Shawn Outerbridge Silersoft Hamilton, Bermuda	Provide Legacy Tax system administration, maintenance/programming support. Modify systems as required for legislative changes to the Tax Structure within the Tax Commission.	Per invoice (\$135.00 per hour)	N/A	\$42,996.50
Cyril Whitter Hamilton, Bermuda	Provide consulting services by way of ad hoc tasking, assignment and duties. (NOTE: Mid-2011 contract went to Cabinet Office)	250,000.00	Travel and living expenses	\$20,833.00

Mr. T.G. MONIZ congratulated his Alma Mater; King's College, on the opening of its new Law Building; congratulated Chief Justice, Mr. Richard Ground, on his period of service in Bermuda and described him as a man of all seasons; associated Mrs. L.A. Jackson and Dr. E.G. Gibbons with these remarks.

Mr. G.A. BLAKENEY congratulated the Women's Council on hosting an event yesterday at City Hall in recognition of International Women's Day and on the launch of its Scholarship Fund; congratulated Mr. David Dodwell and his team at the Reefs Hotel on being named one of the Top Hotels in the Caribbean for the fifth consecutive year.

Mr. L.C. CANNONIER congratulated Lynden Woods and McKesha Curtis on their participation in the Bermuda Hospitality Institute Programme; associated himself with congratulatory remarks to Mr. David Dodwell and the Reefs; Dr. E.G. Gibbons and Mrs. L.A. Jackson with these remarks.

Ms. D.N.I. BUTTERFIELD associated herself with congratulatory remarks to the Women's Council, congratulated Bishop Richard Franklin Norris and Presiding Elder Rev. Betty Furbert Woolridge on the 126th Bermuda A.M.E. Church Annual Conference; congratulated Ms. Shannon Musson, Graphic Artist, who did a wonderful job on the A.M.E. Journal; associated herself with the congratulatory remarks to Ms. Jana Outerbridge, a former student of hers; expressed condolences to the family of Mrs. Prudence Astwood.

Mr. C.F.B. SWAN associated himself with congratulatory remarks to Warwick Academy.

Mr. D.O. HUNT congratulated Ms. Dawn Fox and her horse "Lancelot" and Mr. Michael Rodriguez and his horse "Sudden Eclipse" on winning equestrian competitions in the Caribbean Region recently.

Mr. M.J. SCOTT associated himself with congratulatory remarks to Chief Justice Ground.

Mr. N.H.C. SIMONS congratulated the Royal Palms Hotel on celebrating its 60th Anniversary and stated that it represents “old Bermuda”; associated Mr. C.F.B. Swan and Dr. E.G. Gibbons with these remarks.

Dame JENNIFER SMITH associated herself with all previous remarks; congratulated Professor Eddie Ming on an incredible year and is now preparing a group of students to participate in a Percussionist Cultural Exchange in Havana, Cuba; congratulated Nikita Robinson, Radio Hostess, on her popular Radio Club “Ladies Room” on HOTT 1075.

10:35 a.m.

Ms. P.A. COX moved that the House do now resume in Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for 2012/13, which was agreed to.

Mr. H.K.E. SWAN in the Chair.

Mr. M.J. SCOTT moved Heads 87, 3, 4, 25, 74, 75 and 88 – Ministry of Justice HQ, Judicial Department, Attorney General’s Chambers, Department of Corrections, Department of Court Services, Department of Public Prosecutions and National Drug Control.

12:06 p.m. – Mr. D.P. LISTER in the Chair.
12:13 p.m. – Mr. H.K.E. SWAN in the Chair.

12:31 p.m.

Ms. P.A. COX moved that the House do now recess for lunch, which was agreed to.

The Chairman ordered that the Committee resume at 2:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m.

The Committee resumed.

Mr. D.P. LISTER in the Chair.

2:01 p.m. – Mr. M.J. SCOTT continued.

3:05 p.m. – Mr. T.G. MONIZ
3:20 p.m. – Mr. C.F.B. SWAN
3:40 p.m. – Mr. M.J. PETTINGILL
3:55 p.m. – Mr. M.J. SCOTT
4:03 p.m. – Mr. S.D.G. CROCKWELL
4:05 p.m. – Mr. M.J. SCOTT

Heads 87, 3, 4, 25, 74, 75 and 88 were agreed to as printed.

4:05 p.m.

Mr. G.A. BLAKENEY moved Heads 71 and 20– Ministry of Youth, Families and Sports.

4:05 p.m. - Mrs. P.J. GORDON PAMPLIN in the Chair.

4:35 p.m. – Mr. D.D.M. TUCKER in the Chair.

4:50 p.m. – Mrs. P.J. GORDON PAMPLIN in the Chair.

5:21 p.m. – Mr. D.O. HUNT

5:35 p.m. – Mr. D.D. BUTLER in the Chair.

6:05 p.m. – Mr. G.A. BLAKENEY

Heads 71 and 20 were agreed to as printed.

6:05 p.m.

Ms. P.A. COX moved Heads 63 and 92 – Parliamentary Registrar and Internal Audit.

6:57 p.m. – The Chairman acknowledged former MP, Mr. Jon Brunson who was sitting in the Visitors’ Gallery.

6:57 p.m. – Mr. S.D.G. CROCKWELL
7:18 p.m. – Dr. E.G. GIBBONS
7:40 p.m. – Mrs. P.J. GORDON PAMPLIN
7:59 p.m. – Ms. P.A. COX

Heads 63 and 92 were agreed to as printed.

Ms. P.A. COX moved that the Committee rise, report progress and asked for leave to sit again, which was agreed to.

8:06 p.m. – Mr. SPEAKER in the Chair.

8:09 p.m.

On the motion of Ms. P.A. COX, the Bill entitled the “Land Tax Amendment Act 2012” was then read a second time.

8:12 p.m. – Mr. E.T. RICHARDS
8:19 p.m. – Mrs. L.A. JACKSON
8:25 p.m. – Mr. Z.J.S. DeSILVA
8:29 p.m. – Mrs. P.J. GORDON PAMPLIN
8:30 p.m. – Ms. P.A. COX

The Bill was committed.

Mrs. P.J. GORDON PAMPLIN in the Chair.

Ms. P.A. COX moved Clauses 1 - 3.

Clauses 1 - 3, as printed, were agreed to.

The Preamble was agreed to.

The House resumed.

The Chair reported the adoption of the Bill, as printed, which was agreed to.

8:35 p.m.

On the motion of Ms. P.A. Cox, the Bill entitled the “Stamp Duties Amendment Act 2012” was then read a second time.

8:37 p.m. – Mr. E.T. RICHARDS

8:40 p.m. – Mr. T.G. MONIZ

8:44 p.m. – Ms. P.A. COX

The Bill was committed.

Mr. D.D.M TUCKER in the Chair.

Mrs. P.J. GORDON PAMPLIN

Ms. P.A. COX moved Clauses 1 – 3.

8:48 p.m. – Mr. N.H.C. SIMONS

8:51 p.m. – Dr. E.G. GIBBONS

8:52 p.m. – Mr. M.J. PETTINGILL

8:55 p.m. – Ms. P.A. COX

Clauses 1 – 3, as printed, were agreed to.

The Preamble was agreed to.

The House resumed.

The Chair reported the adoption of the Bill, as printed, which was agreed to.

9:00 p.m.

Ms. P.A. COX, in accordance with Standing Order 43 (4), moved that Supplementary Estimate No. 3 for the Financial Year 2010/11 be approved.

Mr. D.D.M. TUCKER in the Chair.

9:01 p.m.

Mr. M.J. SCOTT moved Head 87 – Ministry of Justice HQ.

9:08 p.m. – Mr. T.G. MONIZ

9:11 p.m. – Mr. M.J. SCOTT

Head 87 was agreed to as printed.

9:15 p.m.

Dame JENNIFER SMITH moved Head 17 – Ministry of Education.

9:19 p.m. – Dr. E.G. GIBBONS

9:21 p.m. – Mr. C.F.B. SWAN

9:22 p.m. – Dame JENNIFER SMITH

Head 17 was agreed to as printed.

9:22 p.m.

Mr. Z.J.S. DeSILVA moved Heads 24, 91 and 65 – Ministry of Health, Hospitals, Health Insurance and Health Capital Development.

9:30 p.m. – Mrs. P.J. GORDON PAMPLIN

9:39 p.m. – Mrs. L.A. JACKSON

9:45 P.M. Mrs. N.H.C. SIMONS

9:50 p.m. – Dr. E.G. GIBBONS

9:55 p.m. – Mr. Z.J.S. DeSILVA

Heads 24, 91 and 65 were agreed to as printed.

9:56 p.m.

Mr. D.V. BURGESS moved Heads 35, 7, 8 and 65 - Public Transportation and Airport Operations.

10:01 p.m. – Mrs. P.J. GORDON PAMPLIN

10:08 p.m. – Mr. D.V. BURGESS

Heads 35, 7, 8 and 65 were agreed to as printed.

10:10 p.m.

Mr. D.V. BURGESS moved Head 65 – Public Transportation.

10:14 p.m. – Mrs. P.J. GORDON PAMPLIN

Head 65 was agreed to as printed.

10:15 p.m.

Mr. M.A. WEEKS moved Heads 82 and 65 – Ministry of Works and Engineering.

10:20 p.m. – Mr. M.J. PETTINGILL

Heads 82 and 65 were agreed to as printed.

10:25 p.m.

Mr. W.N.M. PERINCHIEF moved Head 07 – Police.

10:26 p.m. Mr. L.C. CANNONIER

10:27 p.m. – Mr. H.K.E. SWAN

10:28 p.m. – Mr. M.A. WEEKS

Head 07 was agreed to as printed.

10:30 p.m.

Ms. P.A. COX moved that the Supplementary Estimate No. for the Financial Year 2011/12 be approved.

- which was agreed to.

The Committee rose.

The House resumed.

Ms. P.A. COX moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable her to move that the Bill entitled the “Land Tax Amendment Act 2012” be now read the third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of Ms. P.A. Cox, the Bill entitled the Land Tax Amendment Act 2012” was then read the third time and passed.

On the motion of Ms. P.A. Cox, the Bill entitled the “Stamp Duties Amendment Act 2012” was then read the third time and passed.

Ms. P.A. COX moved that Standing Order 14 be suspended to enable her to introduce a Bill, which was agreed to.

Ms. P.A. COX introduced a Bill entitled the “Public Service Superannuation Act 2012”.

10:31 p.m.

Ms. P.A. COX moved that the House, at its rising, do adjourn to Monday, 12th March, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., which was agreed to.

Ms. P.A. COX moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

10:31 a.m.

The House adjourned to Monday, 12th March, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.