



# SENATE OF BERMUDA

## Official Senate Minutes

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**Senator the Hon. Carol A.M. Bassett, JP**

**President**

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**BERMUDA**  
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE**  
**SESSION OF 2014-2015**

**No. 2**

**WEDNESDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2014**

**PRESENT:**

Senator the Hon. Mrs. C.M. BASSETT, J.P.,  
 PRESIDENT  
 Senator Mrs. J.E. DILLAS-WRIGHT,  
 M.B.E., J.P., VICE-PRESIDENT  
 Senator J.S. JARDINE, J.P.  
 Senator the Hon. M.M. FAHY, J.P.  
 Senator Mrs. L.A. WOOLRIDGE, J.P.  
 Senator Ms. A.L. SWAN, J.P.  
 Senator J.C. BARON, J.P.  
 Senator V.E.R.C. BALL, J.P.  
 Senator D.V.S. RABAIN, J.P.  
 Senator Ms. R.D.L. MING, J.P.  
 Senator M.G. DANIELS, J.P.

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**10:01a.m.**

On the motion of Senator Mrs. J.E. Dillas-Wright, the minutes of the meeting of Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014 were taken as read and confirmed.

Senator the Hon. the President announced that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 13 of The Audit Act 1990, a copy of the **'Special Report of the Auditor General on the Port Royal Golf Course Improvements Capital Development Project'**, dated October 2014, had been forwarded to the President; and that the said Report was hereby formally tabled in the Senate for the information of Senators. A copy of the Special Report was also available on the Auditor General's Website.

Senator J.C. Baron presented for the information of Senate "The Annual Report of the Treatment of Offenders Board for the Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2013".

Senator J.C. Baron presented for the information of Senate "A Report of the Police Complaints Authority covering the period from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 to 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014".

Senator the Hon. M.M. Fahy presented for the information of Senate the draft Regulations entitled "The Charities Regulations 2014", as made by the Minister responsible for charities, under the provisions of section 48 of The Charities Act 2014.

Senator Mrs. L.A. Woolridge, as Junior Minister for Public Works, made a Ministerial Statement providing an 'Update on the Grand Atlantic' project.

**Questions/Question Period**

**10:07a.m.**

Senator Mrs. L.A. Woolridge, as Junior Minister for Public Works, tabled the following Written Answers to Parliamentary Questions submitted to the Clerk by Senator D.V.S. Rabain prior to the last day of meeting:-

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS**

**Q1:** Will the Junior Minister please inform the Senate as to how many private dwellings were visited by and received assistance from employees of the Ministry of Public Works in the aftermath of Hurricane Gonzalo?

**Response 1**

The Ministry of Public Works, which includes the Departments of Works and Engineering; Public Land and Building and Parks conducted road clearing, removal of dangerous fallen trees (public and private locations), and tarping of roofs in the aftermath of Hurricane Gonzalo. Work was

completed by various teams within the Ministry as well as part of coordinated teams including the Bermuda Regiment and Bermuda Fire Service.

*Ministry of Public Works Teams*  
42 Private residences  
*Bermuda Regiment Coordinated Teams*  
121 Private residences

The Ministry also supplied an average of 15 trucks per day towards the Bermuda Regiment's coordinated efforts.

**Q2:** Will the Junior Minister please inform the Senate as to how many sheets of plywood were issued to or installed on private dwellings by employees of the Ministry of Works in the aftermath of Hurricane Gonzalo?

**Response 2**

The Ministry advises that materials distributed after Hurricane Gonzalo and/or utilized by emergency response teams were not issued from the Ministry of Public Works. The Ministry advises that all materials were coordinated through the Bermuda Regiment without charge to individual home owners.

**Q3:** Will the Junior Minister please inform the Senate of the breakdown of costs charged to the Minister of Public Works for the temporary repair works performed at her private dwelling in the aftermath of Hurricane Gonzalo?

**Response 3**

The Minister of Public Works was billed a total of \$764.96, broken down as follows:

Thursday 23 Oct (5:30 - 7:45 p.m.) – 2 men at call out rate (mandatory 4 hours at the prevailing rate) to assess damage - \$390.62

Friday 24 Oct (9:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.) – 3 men at basic rate - \$374.33

For a total of \$764.95.

The Bill was generated on 24<sup>th</sup> October and has subsequently been settled in full.

Senator Mrs. L.A. Woolridge, as Junior Minister for Public Works, tabled the following Written Answers to Parliamentary Questions submitted to the Clerk by Senator Ms. R.D.L. Ming prior to the last day of meeting:-

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS**

**Q1:** Will the Junior Minister please inform the Senate of the total renovation costs of the Ministry of Public Works' Headquarters located in the GPO Building, and the expected completion date?

**Response 1**

Total Budget Allocated to the Project - \$2,172,157.18  
The completion date is scheduled for March 31st, 2015.

**Q2:** Will the Junior Minister please inform the Senate as to which Government Departments have been housed in private rental facilities during the renovation period and to provide the locations and rents paid to date, for each department?

**Response 2**

The Department of Works and Engineering technical section has been relocated to the Brown Brangman Building, previously rented by Workforce Development. The Brown Brangman lease agreement was entered into in 2009.

Rent per month	\$5,378
Total March – October 2014	<u>\$43,024</u>

The Accounts Section has been relocated to 61/63 Victoria Street. The 61/63 Victoria Street lease agreement was entered into in 2002. The rental payments are as follows:

Mar14	\$11,000
Apr14	\$11,000
May14	\$6,500

June14	\$6,500
July14	\$6,500
Aug14	\$6,500
Sep14	\$6,500
Oct14	\$6,500
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$61,000</u>

**Q3:** Will the Junior Minister please inform the Senate about the current use of the vehicles previously labeled GP2 through GP13, and to whom they are assigned?

**Response 3**

- GP 2** Toyota Prius - now GP 014 Dr. Derrick Binns; GP 2 license number not in use.
- GP 3** Toyota Yaris - now GP 017, used by the Ministry of Education and Economic Development.
- GP 4** Toyota Camry - stored at govt. quarry, used for visiting dignitaries and special events.
- GP 5** Toyota Corolla - used by Minister R.W.E. Scott.
- GP 6** Toyota Corolla - stored at govt. quarry, used for visiting dignitaries, special events and as a loaner for Cabinet.
- GP 7** Toyota Corolla - stored at govt. quarry, used for visiting dignitaries, special events and as a loaner for Cabinet.
- GP 8** Toyota Camry - stored at govt. quarry, used for visiting dignitaries and special events.
- GP 9** Toyota Corolla - stored at govt. quarry, used for visiting dignitaries, special events and as a loaner for Cabinet.
- GP10** Peugeot 206cc - license number not in use.
- GP11** Toyota Corolla - stored at govt. quarry, used for visiting dignitaries, special events and as a loaner for Cabinet.
- GP12** Toyota Corolla - used by Minister Fahy, license number 17822; GP 12 license number not in use.
- GP13** Toyota AXIO - used by Minister Crockwell, license number 15429; GP 13 license number not in use.

Senator Ms. R.D.L. Ming asked Senator Mrs. L.A. Woolridge a question regarding the Update on the Grand Atlantic project.

Senator Woolridge replied.

Senator D.V.S. Rabain asked Senator Mrs. L.A. Woolridge a question regarding the Update on the Grand Atlantic project.

Senator Woolridge replied.

Senator the Hon. M.M. Fahy also provided further information in reply to Senator Rabain's question.

**Orders of the Day**

**10:09a.m.**

Senator the Hon. M.M. Fahy moved that the Senate do now take under consideration the Throne Speech, with which His Excellency the Governor was pleased to open the present Session of Parliament -- which was agreed to.

Senator Fahy lead debate on the November 2014 Throne Speech.

11:04a.m. Senator D.V.S. Rabain spoke on the Throne Speech.

[11:05a.m. Senator the Hon. the President acknowledged the presence of Ms. Nandi S. Outerbridge, JP, MP in the Public Gallery.]

12:00p.m. Senator J.S. Jardine.

[12:20p.m. Senator Mrs. J.E. Dillas-Wright, in the Chair, acknowledged the presence of the Premier, the Hon. Michael H. Dunkley, JP, MP in the Public Gallery.]

**12:30p.m.**

Senator the Hon. the President ordered that the Senate do now adjourn for lunch.

The Senate adjourned for lunch at 12:30p.m., and resumed at 2:15p.m.

2:15p.m. Senator J.S. Jardine, cont'd.

**2:28p.m.** Senator V.E.R.C. Ball made his Maiden Speech in the Senate, speaking on the Throne Speech.

2:48p.m. Senator Mrs. L.A. Woolridge.

3:07p.m. Senator Ms. R.D. L. Ming.

3:36p.m. Senator Mrs. J.E. Dillas-Wright.

3:59p.m. Senator Ms. A.L. Swan.

4:23p.m. Senator J.C. Baron.

5:12p.m. Senator Fahy replied.

**5:15p.m.**

Senator the Hon. M.M. Fahy moved that the following Message be sent to His Excellency the Governor:-

**"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:**

The Senate has the honour to thank Your Excellency for the most gracious Speech with which Your Excellency was pleased to open the present Session of Parliament."

-- which was agreed to and ordered accordingly.

**Congratulatory &/or Obituary Speeches**

**5:15p.m.**

Senator Mrs. L.A. Woolridge expressed condolences for the family of the late Mr. Alpheus Calvin "Ardie" Black, MBE of Pembroke, whom she noted was a highly respected member of the community over many decades, a social and community activist, and a very successful entrepreneur, operating as a prominent mechanic and blacksmith for many years.

Senator Woolridge congratulated Bermudian Mr. Darren Johnston on his recent appointment as the Chief Executive Officer of PriceWaterhouseCoopers Caribbean Region Ltd. after many successful years as CEO of PriceWaterhouseCoopers in Bermuda. Senator Woolridge also congratulated Mr. Arthur Wightman on succeeding Mr. Johnston as the new CEO of PWC in Bermuda. Senator M.G. Daniels associated himself with these remarks.

Senator J.S. Jardine expressed condolences for the family of the late Dr. Neil Burnie, a very-well known Veterinarian and very popular member of the community who had died in a tragic diving accident. All Senators associated themselves with these remarks.

Senator the Hon. the President associated herself with the obituary and congratulatory remarks of all Senators.

**5:18p.m.**

Senator the Hon. M.M. Fahy moved that the Senate do now adjourn – which was agreed to.

**5:18p.m.**

Adjourned until Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2014.

**PRESIDENT**

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**Wednesday - 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2014**

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