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Speaker

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of the
Honourable House of Assembly
Session of 2014-2015**

No. 2

Friday, November 14th, 2014

Members Present: His Honour the Speaker, Jeanne J. Atherden, Kenneth L. Bascome, Marc A. R. Bean, Walton D. Brown, Derrick V. Burgess, David G. Burt, 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, Susan E. Jackson, Dennis P. Lister, Trevor G. Moniz, Nandi S. Outerbridge, Mark J. Pettingill, Everard T. Richards, Sylvan D. Richards, Walter H. Roban, Suzann Roberts-Holshouser, Leah K. Scott, Michael J. Scott, R. Wayne E. Scott, W. Lawrence Scott, N. H. Cole Simons, Glenn C. Smith, Jefferson C. Sousa, Michael A. Weeks, Kim N. Wilson.

10:07 a.m. Prayer

Confirmation of Minutes:

Minutes to the meeting of November 7th, 2014 was deferred.

10:08 a.m.

Announcements by the Speaker:

His Honour the Speaker announced the Special Report of the Auditor General on the Port Royal Golf Course Improvements Capital Development Project.

10:09 a.m.

Paper and Communications to the House:

MR. M. H. DUNKLEY read the following communications to His Honour the SPEAKER.

TO HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER:-

I have the honour to attach and submit for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly the "Report of Police Complaints Authority 2012/2013/2014" and the "2013 Annual Report of the Treatment of Offenders Board".

MR. M. H. DUNKLEY
Minister of National Security

Sessions House,
14th November, 2014

MR. S. D. RICHARDS read the following communication to His Honour the SPEAKER.

TO HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER:-

I have the honour to attach and submit for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly the "Charities Regulations 2014", proposed to be made by the Minister of Home Affairs under section 48 of the Charities Act 2014.

MR. S. D. RICHARDS
Junior Minister of Home Affairs

Sessions House,
14th November, 2014

DR. E. G. GIBBONS, on behalf of Mr. E. T. Richards, read the following communication to His Honour the SPEAKER.

TO HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER:-

I have the honour to attach and submit for the consideration of the Honourable House of Assembly the "Government Fees Amendment (No.5) Regulations 2014", proposed to be made by the Minister of Finance under section 2 of the Government Fees Act 1965.

MR. E. T. RICHARDS
Minister of Finance

Sessions House,
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Statements by Ministers and Junior Ministers:

MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN made a Ministerial Statement regarding the "Update on The Grand Atlantic".

Question Period:

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

1. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House what was the total number of Government employees as at August 31, 2013 and August 31, 2014?
2. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House how much overtime was paid for the periods September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2013 and the period of September 1, 2013 to August 31, 2014?
3. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House what was the total gross wages/salaries and overtime paid for the periods September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2013 and September 1, 2013 to August 31, 2014?

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

Q1. Will the Honourable Minister please advise this Honourable House whether post-mortems are going to be held by the Emergency Measures Organisation (EMO) based on the experiences with Tropical Storm Fay and Hurricane Gonzolo?

A1. Yes. The relevant meeting is scheduled for 17 November 2014.

Q2. In the interest of openness, transparency and improved preparation for future natural disasters, will the Honourable Minister please advise this Honourable House if the EMO post-mortems reports, on these two storms, will be provided to this Honourable House?

A2. Yes. The House will be informed via a ministerial statement.

MR. R. W. E. SCOTT provided written responses to Parliamentary questions from Mr. M. A. Weeks. (Carried over from 7th, November 2014).

1. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House of the total number of individual persons receiving financial assistance, including the total financial assistance granted for the period Oct 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013?

A1. During the period of 1st October 2012 - 30th September 2013 the total number of persons receiving financial assistance ranged from 2,280 to 2,776 per month, inclusive of persons receiving child day care allowance. The total financial assistance granted during this same period was \$43,054,026, inclusive of persons receiving child day care allowance. Seniors and persons with disabilities together represented approximately 60% of persons receiving financial assistance.

2. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House of the total number of individual persons receiving financial assistance, including the total financial assistance granted for the period Oct 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014?

A2. During the period of 1st October 2013 30th September 2014 the total number of persons receiving financial assistance ranged from 2,645 to 2,919 per month, inclusive of persons receiving child day care allowance. The total financial assistance granted during this same period was \$46,121,310, inclusive of persons receiving child day care allowance. Seniors and persons with disabilities together represented approximately 60% of persons receiving financial assistance.

3. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House of the total number of persons who had their financial assistance reward revoked under Section 11(1) of the Financial Assistance Act 2001, in the first nine months of 2014?

A3. The total number of persons terminated in the first nine months of 2014 under section 11(1) of the Financial Assistance Act 2001 was forty-one (41).

MR. W. L. A. SCOTT asked Ms. P. J. Gordon-Pamplin a question on her Ministerial Statement regarding the "Update on The Grand Atlantic".

MR. W. L. A. SCOTT asked Ms. P. J. Gordon-Pamplin a supplementary question.

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Congratulatory and Obituary Speeches:

MR. S. G. CROCKWELL sent congratulations to the family of the late Reginald "Toby" Dillas, a legendary figure in Bermuda; associated the whole House; sent condolences to the family of Dr. Valerie James, well known for her high standards in her private practice; sent congratulations to Mr. Mark Anderson, who completed a charity walk from Dockyard to St. Georges in order to raise funds for the Centre for Abuse.

MS. L. F. FOGGO expressed condolences to the family of the late Mr. Alvin Baker, a former Fireman; sent condolences to the family of Mr. Sinclair "Charger" Reid; sent condolences to the family of the late Natalie Dowling; sent condolences to the family of the late Mr. Michael Pickering.

MS. N. S. OUTERBRIDGE sent condolences to MP. Kenneth Bascome on the passing of his wife Ms. Rochelle Bascome; sent congratulations to Ms. Flora Duffy on her recent win in the Xterra World Championships held in Hawaii.

MR. W. H. ROBAN sent condolence to the family of Mr. Eugene Vickers, a great community activist; sent condolences to the family of the late Mr. Austin "Cheesy" Hughes; sent condolences to the family of the late Mr. Alpheus "Ardie" Black.

MR. M. J. PETTINGILL sent condolences to the family of Dr. Neil Burnie whom he described as an iconic figure.

MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN associated herself with sending condolences to the family of Mr. Alpheus "Ardie" Black; associated herself with condolences to Mr. Toby Dillas; associated herself with condolences to the family of Ms. Carollata Wilson who passed at the age of 101; sent congratulations to Mr. T. E. Lister on his retirement and wished him well.

MR. M. J. SCOTT associated himself with comments concerning the retirement of Mr. T. E. Lister and thanked him for his contribution as an MP; sent congratulations to retiring Senior Magistrate, Archie Warner and congratulated the new incoming Magistrate Mr. Juan Wolffe; sent condolences to the

family of the late Ms. Leslie Doers; sent condolences to the family of the late Ms. Sylvia Pully.

MR. J. C. SOUSA sent condolences to the family of the late Ms. Jacquelyn Brewer.

MR. M. A. WEEKS associated himself with condolences sent to the family of the late Eugene Vickers; associated himself with condolences for the family of the late Mr. Alpheus Ardie Black; sent congratulations to Dandy Town for winning the match held at the National Stadium on Remembrance Day.

MS. S. ROBERTS-HOLSHOUSER expressed condolences for the passing of Mr. Mark Wayman; associated herself with congratulating Mr. Mark Anderson.

MR. C. W. D. BROWN associated himself with comments regarding Mr. Toby Dillas; sent condolences to the family of the late Mr. John Darrell

MR. S. D. RICHARDS sent congratulations to organizers of a church service for former cricket players at the Marsden Methodist Church; sent congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dyer on their 60th anniversary.

MR. D. V. BURGESS sent congratulations to the Eastern County Cup Championship Winner Harris Bay; sent condolences to the family of the late Mr. Alvin Wears.

DR. E. G. GIBBONS sent condolences to the family of the late Mr. Victor Garcia; his tireless efforts on training young Bermudians is to be commended; associated himself with condolences to Ms. Jackie Brewer; sent congratulations to the organizers of the Bermuda conveyers Conference; congratulated organizers of the Bermuda Standard and Pools Conference; associated himself with congratulating Mr. T. E. Lister on his retirement.

MR. D. P. LISTER congratulated the S. C. C. on their fantastic win at the last Cup Match; associated himself with condolences to the families of Doers, Vickers, Bascome, Hughes and Black; expressed sympathy on the passing of Ms. Peniston Jones.

MR. N. H. C. SIMONS sent condolences to the family of Mr. Fredrick Gordon; associated himself with condolences for the family of the late Mr. Toby Dillas; associated himself with comments for Mr. Ardie Black, Mr. T. E. Lister, Ms. Sylvia Pully, Ms.

Rochelle Bascome, Mr. Neil Bernie, Mr. Archie Warner, Mr. Juan Wolffe and Mr. Victor Garcia;

11:08 a.m.

MR. W. L. FURBERT associated himself with remarks for Mr. Toby Dillas; sent condolences to the family of the late Dr. Myles Munroe a Faith Ministries Leader who died tragically.

MS. S. E. JACKSON sent congratulations to Mr. Mylor Bassett, organizer of the Prayer Breakfast held Friday morning.

MS. K. N. WILSON sent congratulations to Ushay Simmons the first Bermudian to attend a Para Olympic Sport Event overseas; congratulations to Dr. Renee Simons who received her doctorate recently; sent condolences to the family of the late Mr. Winston "Bobby" Jones; associated herself with congratulating Mr. T. E. Lister.

MR. Z. J. S. DESILVA associated himself with condolences for Mr. Toby Dillas, Mr. Charger Reid, Mr. Eugene Vickers, and Ms. Jackie Brewer; sent condolences to the family of Mr. Wayne Dears; associated himself with condolences for Mr. Neil Burnie; congratulations to Mr. John Payne on his recent retirement; congratulated organizers of the PGA of America on their hard work over the years recently to the PGA Golf Classic Championships held at Port Royal.

MR. R. P. COMMISSIONG associated himself with condolences for Ms. Roshelle Bascome, Mr. Ardie Black, Mr. Cheesy Hughes, and Mr. Sinclair Reid.

MR. M. H. DUNKLEY associated himself with condolences for the families of Mr. Charger Reid; Mr. Cheesy Hughes, Mr. Eugene Vickers, Mr. Ardie Black, Mr. Neil Burnie and Mr. Kenneth Bascome; send congratulations to Ms. Flora Duffy, Ms. T. E. Lister; Magistrate Archie Warner and Mr. Juan Wolffe; congratulated the Cup Match Winners of 2014.

11:30 a.m.

His Honour the Speaker announced the absence of Mr. G. A. Blakeney.

His Honour the Speaker acknowledged Senators Woolridge, Baron and Ball who were sitting in the Speakers Gallery.

His Honour the Speaker acknowledged the presence of former MP. Jamahl Simmons.

11:31 a.m.

Introduction of Bills:

MR. C. W. D. BROWN, moved for leave to introduce and read for the first time by its title the Bill entitled the "Commissions of Inquiry Amendment Act 2014 ", which was agreed to.

The Bill was then read the first time by its title.

11:32 a.m.

Orders of the Day:

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

11:50 a.m.

MR. M A. R. BEAN, Opposition Leader, tabled a Reply to the Throne Speech by Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition.

12:41 p.m.

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

His Honour the SPEAKER ordered that the House resume for business at 2:10 p.m.

2:12 p.m.

The House resumed.

2:12 p.m.

- 2:12 p.m. - MR. M. J. PETTINGILL
- 2:59 p.m. - MR. W. H. ROBAN
- 4:00 p.m. - MR. R. W. E. SCOTT
- 4:29 p.m. - MR. C. W. D. BROWN
- 5:00 p.m. - MS. S. ROBERTS-HOLSHOUSER
- 5:15 p.m. - MR. M. A. WEEKS
- 5:45 p.m. - MS. S. E. JACKSON
- 6:00 p.m. - MR. W. L. FURBERT
- 6:35 p.m. - DR. E. G. GIBBONS
- 7:06 p.m. - MR. M. J. SCOTT
- 7:32 p.m. - MR. G. C. SMITH
- 7:43 p.m. - MR. W. L. A. SCOTT
- 8:13 p.m. - MS. N. S. OUTERBRIDGE

8:25 p.m. - MR. Z. J. S. DESILVA
8:55 p.m. - MR. S. G. CROCKWELL
9:28 p.m. - MR. D. V. BURGESS
10:00 p.m. - MR. S. D. RICHARDS
10:25 p.m. - MS. K. N. WILSON
10:47 p.m. - MS. J. J. ATHERDEN
11:08 p.m. - MS. L. F. FOGGO
11:37 p.m. - MS. L. K. SCOTT
11:44 p.m. - MR. D. P. LISTER

The House adjourned to Friday November 21st, 2014
at 10:00 a.m.

12:00 a.m. Saturday November 15th, 2014.

12:00 a.m. - MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN
12:22 a.m. - MR. R. P. COMMISSIONG
12:40 a.m. - MR. J. C. SOUSA
12:50 a.m. - MR. N. H. C. SIMONS
1:16 a.m. - MR. E. D. G. BURT
1:50 a.m. - MR. E. T. RICHARDS
2:15 a.m. - MR. L. C. CANNONIER
2:37 a.m. - MR. M. H. DUNKLEY

MR. M. H. DUNKLEY moved that the following message be sent to His Excellency the Governor:

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MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY?

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

Hon. M. H. Dunkley
Premier

Sessions House
14th November, 2014.

- which was agreed to.

2:59 a.m.

On the Motion of MR. M. H. DUNKLEY, Item numbers 2-14 on the Order Paper was carried over to the next day of meeting.

2:59 a.m.

MR. M. H. DUNKLEY moved that the House, do adjourn to Friday, 21st November, 2014 at 10:00 a.m., which was agreed to.

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

3:00 a.m.