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**Hon. Stanley W. Lowe, OBE, JP, MP
Speaker**

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Friday, 17th February, 2012

Members Present: His Honour the Speaker, Mr. M.A.R. Bean, 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, Dr. E.G. Gibbons, Mrs. P.J. Gordon Pamplin, Mr. K.H.R. Horton, Mr. D.O. Hunt, Mrs. L.A. Jackson, Mr. D.P. Lister, Mr. T.E. Lister, Mr. W.M. Lister, Mrs. P.K. Minors, Mr. T.G. Moniz, Mr. W.N.M. Perinchief, 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, Mr. M.A. Weeks.

10:04 a.m.

The minutes of the Meeting of 10th February, 2012 were confirmed.

His Honour the SPEAKER announced that a hard copy of the Official Hansard for the month of December is on the table for Members to view.

Ms. P.A. COX 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 Consolidated Fund Financial Statements for the year ending March 31, 2011.

P.A. COX
Premier and Minister of

Finance

Sessions House,
17th February, 2012.

Mr. D.V. BURGESS made a Ministerial Statement regarding the 30th Airbus Aircraft Delivery to S7 Airlines.

Mrs. P.K. MINORS made two Ministerial Statements regarding the Department of Consumer Affairs Complaints Statistics; regarding the Department of Labour & Training Initiatives.

Mr. Z.J.S. DeSILVA made a Ministerial Statement regarding Patient Satisfaction Results. Mr. W.N.M. PERINCHIEF made two Ministerial Statements regarding Visiting Yachts and their Crew; regarding Revising Land Policy.

Dame JENNIFER SMITH, Minister of Education, answered in writing as follows to written questions addressed to her by Dr. E.G. Gibbons.

Q1. Would the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House with the total numbers of teachers that have been employed by the Education Department in Government's preschools, primary schools, middle schools and senior schools in each of the 2010/11 and 2011/12 academic years?

A1. The number of teachers employed during the 2011/2012 school year is as follows:

- Preschool - 53
- Primary schools – 303
- Middle schools – 160
- Senior schools – 147
- Special programmes - 16

Q2. Would the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House with the total numbers of paraprofessionals, learning support teachers and guidance counsellors that have been employed by the Education Department in Government's preschools, primary schools, middle schools and senior schools in each of the 2010/11 and 2011/12 academic years?

A2. The total number of paraprofessionals employed during the 2011/2012 school year is as follows:

- Preschool - 8
- Primary schools – 66
- Middle schools – 27
- Senior schools – 6
- Special school – 9

The total number of learning support teachers employed during the 2011/2012 school year is as follows:

- Preschool - 2
- Primary schools – 27

Middle schools – 19
Senior schools – 17
Special school – 3

The total number of school counsellors employed during the 2011/2012 school year is as follows:

Preschool – 0*
Primary schools – 15
Middle schools – 10
Senior schools – 12
Special programme – 1
*Preschools and primary schools share school counsellors.

Q3. Would the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House with the total September student enrolment numbers in the Government's preschools, primary schools, middle schools and senior schools in each of the 2010/11 and 2011/12 academic years?

A3. The total September 2011 student enrolment is as follows:

Preschool - 428
Primary schools – 2642
Middle schools – 1068
Senior schools – 1314
Special school – 22
Alternative education programme – 11

10:57 a.m.

Mr. H.K.E. SWAN asked Mr. W.N.M. Perinchief questions concerning his Statement on Visiting Yachts and Crew.

Mr. E.T. RICHARDS asked Mr. W.N.M. Perinchief questions concerning his Statement on Revising Land Policy.

Mr. H.K.E. SWAN asked Mr. W.N.M. Perinchief questions concerning his Statement on Revising Land Policy,

Mr. S.D.G. CROCKWELL asked Mr. W.N.M. Perinchief questions concerning his Statement on Revising Land Policy.

Mrs. P.J. GORDON PAMPLIN asked Mr. W.N.M. Perinchief questions concerning his Statement on Revising Land Policy.

Dr. E.G. GIBBONS asked Mr. W.N.M. Perinchief questions on his Statement concerning Revision of Land Policy.

Mr. S.D.G. CROCKWELL asked Mrs. P.K. Minors questions concerning her Statement on the Department of Labour & Training.

Mrs. P.J. GORDON PAMPLIN asked Mr. W.N.M. Perinchief questions concerning his Statement on revision of Land Policy.

Mr. W.N.M. PERINCHIEF expressed condolence to the family of PC Sandy Elizabeth Rowe who passed suddenly earlier this week at the age of 40; she served as a Police Constable from 2001 – 2007, was posted to the Community Action Team and was involved in the formation of the Friswells Hill Community and Neighbourhood Watch Programme.

Mr. E.T. RICHARDS expressed condolences to the family of former Senate President, Mr. Alfred Oughton whom he described as fair, firm and knowledgeable.

Mr. G.A. BLAKENEY associated himself with the obituary remarks for Mr. Alfred Oughton; congratulated athletes who participated in recent overseas events: Allison Outerbridge won the Women's Triple Jump Gold Division, Arantxa King won the Women's Long Jump at the Kirby International in New Mexico; Taylor Ashley Bean helped her Virginia State University Women's Track & Field Team win the CIAA Indoor Track & Field Championships; Members of the Pacers Track Club participated in the United Age Group Track Coaches Association Developmental Meet in Philadelphia: Jumar Mouchette first place in High school Boys 1500 Meters, Gahmari Sutton won the High School Boys High Jump, Rachael Fox placed second in the High School Girls Long Jump, Kyle Webb won the High School Boys 200 Meters; Syriah Lottimore won the 11 – 12 Girls Long Jump.

Mrs. P.J. GORDON PAMPLIN associated herself with the obituary remarks for Mr. Alfred Oughton to whom she attributes her political growth; expressed condolences to the family of Mrs. W. Fields and Mrs. Thelma Bean.

Dame JENNIFER SMITH congratulated a number of achieving students, particularly students of CedarBridge Academy who won the

Butterfield Challenge; congratulated The Berkeley Institute on placing second and Saltus on placing third; congratulated Somerset Primary School on holding a Math Jeopardy Competition; congratulated the Bermuda School Sports Foundation and participants from primary to senior schools in the East vs. West Soccer Competitions; associated with the congratulatory remarks to Mr. Dale Butler on being inducted into the Bermuda College Honorary Fellows; congratulated author Colwyn Burchall on the publication of his new book “Dame Lois: The People’s Advocate; congratulated the Bermuda Reading Association on a successful Annual Conference focusing on Literacy Learning.

Mrs. L.A. JACKSON associated herself with the obituary remarks for former President Mr. Alfred Oughton and highlighted many of his achievements including the Oughton Report.

Mr. M.A. WEEKS associated himself with the obituary remarks for PC Sandy Rowe; congratulated Ms. Lisa-Dawn Johnston and Mr. Stephen Furbert on successfully completing a Parks and Recreation Maintenance Course at the Ogleby National Training Center in West Virginia.

Mr. L.C. CANNONIER expressed condolences to the family of Mrs. Dulcie Lamb.

Mr. W.H. ROBAN associated himself with the congratulatory remarks to Mr. Colwyn Burchall; associated himself with the congratulatory remarks to CedarBridge Academy; associated himself with the obituary remarks for Mr. Alfred Oughton.

Mr. D.O. HUNT congratulated Building Blocks Academy on its Grand Opening last week; associated Mr. S.D.G. Crockwell and Mr. L. C. Cannonier; congratulated Tokio Millennium Re on its recent Mountain Bike Championship; congratulated athletes Tyler Butterfield and Nahki Wells.

Ms. D.N.I. BUTTERFIELD associated herself with the obituary remarks for Mr. Alfred Oughton; associated herself with the congratulatory remarks to Mr. Colwyn Burchall.

Mrs. P.K. MINORS associated herself with the obituary remarks for Mr. Alfred Oughton;

associated herself with the congratulatory remarks to Mr. Colwyn Burchall and CedarBridge Academy; congratulated the Somerset Economic Empowerment Zone and the Somerset Parish Council on their inaugural “Somerset Speaks” Forum held recently at Sandys 360.

Mr. H.K.E. SWAN associated himself with the obituary remarks to the Lamb family.

Mr. Z.J.S. DeSILVA expressed condolences to the families of Mr. Harold Sims and Mr. David Souza; associated himself with the obituary remarks for Mr. Alfred Oughton.

Mr. N.H.C. SIMONS congratulated Warwick Academy on celebrating its 350th Anniversary; congratulated Green Rock on the development and implementation of the “Healthy Harvest” Community Garden; associated himself with the obituary remarks for Mr. Alfred Oughton; expressed condolences to the family of Mr. David Fox.

Mr. M.J. SCOTT associated himself with the obituary remarks for former President Alfred Oughton; associated himself with the congratulatory remarks to the Somerset Primary School.

Dr. E.G. GIBBONS associated himself with the obituary remarks for Mr. Alfred Oughton who had a distinguished record of public service; associate himself with the obituary remarks for Mrs. Dulcie Lamb; associated himself with the congratulatory remarks to Warwick Academy and CedarBridge Academy.

His Honour the SPEAKER paid tribute to former President Alfred Oughton. He stated that he was ever so congenial and used the famous quote “he came, he saw, he conquered - veni, vidi, vici”; he described his achievements and expressed his sincere condolences to the family.

Item number 1 on the Order Paper was carried over to the next day of meeting.

12:04 p.m.

Ms. L.F. FOGGO moved the following motion, notice which was given on 2nd December, 2012.

“That this Honourable House take note of the Report of the Parliamentary Joint Select Committee on Education.”

12:30 p.m.

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

His Honour the SPEAKER ordered that the House resume at 2:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m.

The House resumed.

2:00 p.m. – Ms. L.F. FOGGO continued.

2:25 p.m. – Dr. E.G. GIBBONS

3:19 p.m. – Mr. C.F.B. SWAN

3:35 p.m. – Mr. M.J. SCOTT

4:06 p.m. – Ms. D.N.I. BUTTERFIELD

4:07 p.m. – Mr. D.D.M. TUCKER in the Chair.

4:36 p.m. – Mrs. P.J. GORDON PAMPLIN

5:05 p.m. – Mr. SPEAKER in the Chair.

5:07 p.m. – Mr. W.N.M. PERINCHIEF in the Chair.

5:30 p.m. – Mrs. L.A. JACKSON

5:57 p.m. – Mr. D.D. BUTLER

6:21 p.m. – Mr. D.O. HUNT

6:48 p.m. – Mr. T.E. Lister

7:19 p.m. – Mr. L.C. CANNONIER

7:29 p.m. – Mr. K.H.R. HORTON

7:40 p.m. – Dame JENNIFER SMITH

7:51 p.m.

The House took note of the Report.

Item numbers 3 – 6 on the Order Paper were carried over.

Mr. G.A. BLAKENEY moved that Standing Order 14 be suspended to enable him to move the following motion.

Mr. G.A. BLAKENEY gave notice that at the next day of meeting, he proposed to move the following motion:

“That this Honourable House take note of whether shared parenting legislation should be introduced in Bermuda to strengthen families which would be based upon balanced criteria and appropriately address the concerns and rights of parents and their children.”

7:53 p.m.

Ms. P.A. COX moved that the House do now adjourn.

7:53 p.m. – Mr. S.D.G. CROCKWELL

8:05 p.m. – Mrs. P.J. GORDON PAMPLIN

8:18 p.m. – Mr. D.V. BURGESS

8:22 p.m. – Mr. W.N.M. PERINCHIEF

8:28 p.m. – Mr. H.K.E. SWAN

8:34 p.m. – Mr. Z.J.S. DeSILVA

8:45 p.m. – Mr. S.D.G. CROCKWELL

9:00 p.m. – Mr. M.A.R. BEAN

9:21 p.m. – Dr. E.G. GIBBONS

9:34 p.m. – Mr. G.A. BLAKENEY

9:45 p.m. – Ms. P.A. COX

9:50 p.m.

House adjourned to Friday, 24th February, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.