



Government of Bermuda
Ministry of Home Affairs
OFFICE OF THE MINISTER

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

RESPONSES BY
The Hon. Patricia Gordon-Pamplin, JP, MP
Minister of Home Affairs

TO QUESTIONS TABLED BY
Mr. Walter Roban, JP, MP
Shadow Minister of Public Safety

Due Date: May 20, 2016

1. Will the Honourable Junior Minister please provide this Honourable House with information, on how many applications are pending and also have been approved for Bermuda Status under the clause 20B(2)(b) provision of the Bermuda Immigration and Protection Act 1956 from January 1, 2013 to date?

Answer: Since January 1, 2013, there are 523 pending applications and 317 approved applications for Bermudian status under Section 20B(2)(b) of the Bermuda Immigration and Protection Act 1956.

2. Will the Honourable Junior Minister please provide this Honourable House with information as to whom specifically and how much has the government paid for private firms to process Bermuda Status applications since January 1, 2013 to date?

Answer: The Government has not paid any private firms to process Bermudian status applications.

3. Will the Honourable Junior Minister please provide this Honourable House with information on how much has the Ministry of Home Affairs and Department of Immigration paid out to private firms relating to all Immigration matters (non-legal and legal) since 1 January 2013 to present?

Answer: The Ministry of Home Affairs and the Department of Immigration has paid out \$142,958 to private firms relating to all Immigration matters (legal and non-legal) since January 2013 to present. This amount represents the following:

(1) Payment to Wakefield Quinn in settlement of their client's success Appeal to Immigration Appeals Tribunal in 2015	\$25,086
(2) Payment to the following lawyers of successful clients in the settlement of their court cases:	
Wakefield Quinn (Paid 2016)	\$57,487
Charles Russell Solicitors (Paid 2014)	\$16,130
Charles Russell Solicitors (Paid 2016)	\$42,090
Mussenden Subair (Paid 2013)	\$2,040
Total Payments	\$117,747
(3) Payment to a process server, Evernell Davis (Paid 2014)	\$125
(4) Consultant fees	-0-

All other expenses are non-legal expenses can be considered operational expenses or capital expenditure such as capital development. These expenses would have been explained in the annual budget debates.