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PRESS RELEASE

Parliamentarians attend the CPA Academy Advanced Parliamentary Development Residency Programme in Sydney, Australia

--**25th May 2022**--Hon. Luis Alexander Balona and Senator, the Honourable Isabel Bennett, comprise the Belize parliamentary delegation attending the Commonwealth Secretariat's Advanced Parliamentary Development Residency Programme from the **21st May – 27th May 2022**, which is being held in the Parliament of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia.

The Residency Programme, organized and funded by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Headquarters Secretariat, is being delivered through the CPA Academy. The Course is an extensive five-day programme to examine how Members can be better performing legislators, representatives and scrutineers. Based on a mentoring and coaching approach, participants will be able to identify practical solutions to the challenges they face and hone their skills at a higher level through simulations, role-play, one-to-one discussions, group activities and exercises.

Over the five-day programme, our parliamentarians will have an opportunity to legislate, scrutinise and advocate/educate around parliamentary topics such as: Characteristics of a Good Parliamentarian; the Legislative Process; Speech and Presentation; Outreach, Education and Advocacy; Media and Social Media; Scrutiny and Oversight in the Chamber, among many other topics.

The Commonwealth Secretariat is meeting the costs of travel and accommodation for the attendees. The delegation is scheduled to return to Belize on **28th May 2022**.

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