

BELIZE

No. HR13/1/14

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, 4th June 2026

10:00 AM

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

4. Bills brought from the Senate.

1. **Deoxyribonucleic Acid Bill, 2025.**

(The Honourable Minister of Home Affairs and Enterprise)

2. **Climate Change and Carbon Market Initiatives Bill, 2026.**

(The Honourable Minister of Sustainable Development, Climate Change, and Solid Waste Management)

7. Presentation of Report from Select Committee.

No. HR81/1/14 - Report from the Joint Public Accounts Committee on the Report of the Auditor General for the Year April 2016 to March 2017.

(The Honourable Chairperson of the Joint Public Accounts Committee)

10. Statement by Ministers.

12. Introduction of Bills.

1. **Belize Electricity Investments Bill, 2026.**

Bill for an Act to authorise and give effect to a preference share Subscription Deed for the acquisition by the Government of Belize of 8,138,020 Convertible Redeemable Preference Shares in Belize Electricity Limited; to charge the Consolidated Revenue Fund with and authorise the payment of the purchase price therefrom; to authorise the Financial Secretary to pay the purchase price for the acquisition; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

2. Geographical Indications Bill, 2026.

Bill for an Act to provide for the registration and protection of geographical indications; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(The Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Investment and Economic Transformation, Civil Aviation, E-Governance, Foreign Affairs, and Foreign Trade)

3. Criminal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2026.

Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code, Chapter 101 of the Substantive Laws of Belize; to provide for public accessibility to the National Sex Offenders Database; to provide for in camera proceedings for certain offences; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(The Honourable Minister of Immigration, Governance, and Labour)

14. Public Business.

A. Government Business

I MOTIONS *(For Text of Motions see Notice Papers attached)*

1. CARICOM Development Fund - School Development Fund for Corozal and Cayo - (US\$3 Million) Loan Motion, 2026.

Cabinet's recommendation to be signified.

2. Resolution Recommending the Appointment of a Contractor-General Motion, 2026.

Cabinet's recommendation to be signified.

(The Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Investment and Economic Transformation, Civil Aviation, E-Governance, Foreign Affairs, and Foreign Trade)

3. Adoption of the Report from the Joint Public Accounts Committee on the Report of the Auditor General for the Year April 2016 to March 2017.

(Referred 29.05.2026)

(The Honourable Chairperson of the Joint Public Accounts Committee)

II BILLS FOR SECOND READING

III COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON BILLS

IV BILLS FOR THIRD READING

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NOTICE OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS

M O T I O N S

1. **CARICOM Development Fund - School Development Fund for Corozal and Cayo - (US\$3 Million) Loan Motion, 2026.**

Notice given on 1st June 2026.

WHEREAS, Belize, as a Member State of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), is eligible to receive development assistance through the CARICOM Development Fund (the “CDF”), which provides financial and technical assistance to disadvantaged countries, regions and sectors within CARICOM in support of national development, competitiveness and resilience;

AND WHEREAS, the CDF is implementing its Third Contribution and Subvention Cycle (2024-2028), through which resources are made available to Belize in the form of development grants and concessional loan financing;

AND WHEREAS, at an Extraordinary Board Meeting held on 22nd January 2026, the CDF approved project submissions for Belize, securing approximately One Million Eight Hundred Thousand United States Dollars (US\$1,800,000.00) in Grant financing and Three Million United States Dollars (US\$3,000,000.00), in concessional Loan financing, for priority national initiatives;

AND WHEREAS, the approved initiatives to be undertaken with the Loan Financing is the School Infrastructure Development for Corozal and Cayo Project, which seeks to provide modern, safe, inclusive and disaster-resilient school infrastructure for the Our Lady of Guadalupe RC School in Belmopan, the St. Francis Xavier RC School and the San Antonio RC School in the Corozal District, (hereinafter called “the Project”);

AND WHEREAS, the Project will support the construction of inclusive and climate-resilient school facilities, the furnishing and equipping of classrooms, the provision of essential learning materials and Information Communication Technology tools, teacher and staff capacity development in inclusive education, gender-sensitive practices, WASH and related life-learning skills, community engagement and project oversight, and maintenance and infrastructure sustainability;

AND WHEREAS, the Project is also supported by grant financing from the CDF in the amount of Four Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Five United States Dollars (US\$451,375.00);

AND WHEREAS, the execution of the Project shall be carried out, on behalf of the Government of Belize, by the Belize Social Investment Fund, as the Executing Agency;

AND WHEREAS, the CDF has offered the loan financing under the following terms and conditions:

Lender:	The CARICOM Development Fund (CDF);
Loan Principal Amount:	US\$3,000,000.00;
Purpose:	To contribute to the financing of the construction of safe, inclusive and climate-resilient school infrastructure, together with essential learning materials, teacher training and community engagement activities under the Project;
Disbursement Period:	Disbursements are to be made in three (3) tranches over a period of four (4) years, from the date of signature of Loan Contract, up to 31 st March 2030;
Loan Term:	Twelve (12) years, inclusive of a two (2) year grace period on principal repayments, ending on October 2038;
Repayment Period:	To be repaid in 40 equal or approximately equal and consecutive quarterly installments of US\$75,000, commencing after the 2-year grace period on principal repayments;
Repayment Percentage:	Interest is payable quarterly at 3% per annum on the approved loan amount;

AND WHEREAS, under the provisions of section 7(2) of the Finance and Audit (Reform) Act, 2005, the Government of Belize is required to obtain the prior authorization of the National Assembly, by way of a Resolution, for such a borrowing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House, being satisfied that the Loan proceeds would significantly assist the Government of Belize in improving access to safe, inclusive, climate-resilient and quality education infrastructure, reducing overcrowding, supporting inclusive and gender-sensitive teaching and learning environments, and strengthening community participation and sustainability in the education sector, approves and confirms that the Government may enter into a Loan Agreement with the CARICOM Development Fund on the terms and conditions set out above, and further authorizes the Minister of Finance to execute and deliver the said Loan Agreement and all other documents associated therewith.

Cabinet's recommendation to be signified.

2. **Resolution Recommending the Appointment of a Contractor-General Motion, 2026.**

Notice given on 1st June 2026.

WHEREAS, section 3(2) of the Contractor-General Act, Chapter 6 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020, provides that the Contractor-General shall be appointed by the Governor-General acting on the recommendations of both Houses of the National Assembly contained in resolutions passed in that behalf;

AND WHEREAS, **MS. MARIA ARTHURS'** term of office as the Contractor-General will end on the 31st May, 2026;

AND WHEREAS, sections 61A (2) (c) and (3) of the Belize Constitution provide that the Contractor-General can only be validly appointed with the prior approval of the Senate;

AND WHEREAS, the Senate has, on the 3rd day of June 2026, approved the appointment of **MS. MARIA ARTHURS** as Contractor-General;

AND WHEREAS, **MS. MARIA ARTHURS** is 41 years of age (d.o.b. 26th July 1984) and falls within the age limit prescribed by the Contractor-General Act;

AND WHEREAS, **MS. MARIA ARTHURS** fulfills the requirements for appointment to the office of Contractor-General as prescribed in the Contractor-General Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House recommends that **MS. MARIA ARTHURS** be appointed as Contractor-General for a period of three (3) years with effect from 3rd June 2026.

Cabinet's recommendation to be signified.

(The Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Investment and Economic Transformation, Civil Aviation, E-Governance, Foreign Affairs, and Foreign Trade)

3. **Adoption of the Report from the Joint Public Accounts Committee on the Report of the Auditor General for the Year April 2016 to March 2017.**

Notice given on 29th May 2026.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Honourable House adopts the Report from the Joint Public Accounts Committee on the Report of the Auditor General for the Year April 2016 to March 2017.

(The Honourable Chairperson of the Joint Public Accounts Committee)

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