

# Throne Speech 2025

*Building a Fairer,  
More Stable and  
Affordable Bermuda*

## CREATING AN AFFORDABLE BERMUDA

- Lowering Food Costs: Enhance pricing controls and transparency to ensure grocery savings reach consumers.
- Greater Oversight on Essential Goods: The Cost of Living Commission will be empowered to examine the financial records of businesses involved in supplying food and essential goods.
- Protecting Homeowners: Reviewing home insurance regulations to reduce costs and ensure fair coverage options.
- Energy Price Reforms: Limiting the costs that can be passed on to consumers by BELCO and allowing for alternative energy solutions.



## SUPPORTING BERMUDIANS THROUGH ALL STAGES OF LIFE

- Education Transformation: Implementing an Education Authority, expanding inclusive education, expanding scholarships student loans to support Bermudians pursuing higher education.
- Care for Seniors & Families: Construction of a new senior daycare facility and expansion of parental leave to legal guardians and adoptive parents.
- Support for Children in Care: Investment in better facilities and modernised resources for children in state care, ensuring they receive the best possible start in life.



GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA

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The 2025 Throne Speech is a continuation of the Government's plan to drive down the cost of living, deliver relief, and expand opportunity for all Bermudians.

## HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Addressing Abandoned Properties: Legal red tape will be removed to return derelict and abandoned properties to the market, increasing housing options.
- Revitalising Communities: A master plan will address infrastructure and living conditions in Mary Victoria Road, Alexandra Road, and Cedarpark, such as water and sewage, lighting, and general home improvement.
- Strengthening Road Safety: New authority for the Minister of Public Works to implement traffic-calming measures in residential areas.



## SUSTAINING AND GROWING THE ECONOMY

- Fairer Taxation & Economic Reform: Implementing recommendations from the Tax Reform Commission to ensure fairness while supporting business growth.
  - Boosting Local Entrepreneurship: Streamlining business licensing and registration, expanding cooperative business support, and launching new entrepreneur strategies.
  - Tourism Expansion: Smaller guest houses and medical tourism facilities will be eligible for tax concessions.



## TRANSFORMING HEALTHCARE COVERAGE & ACCESSIBILITY

- Expanded HIP & FutureCare: Increasing preventative care coverage.
- Hospital Discharge Reforms: Ensuring patients no longer requiring acute care can transition to appropriate facilities, thereby freeing up hospital resources.
- Mental Health & Public Health Reforms: Modernising the Mental Health Act, banning industrial trans fats, and restricting flavoured vaping products to protect public health.



## PROMOTING A MORE RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT

- Strengthening Justice & Fairness: Raising the age of criminal responsibility from 8 to 14, creating a compensation system for wrongfully convicted individuals and reforming Legal Aid to ensure fair access to justice.
- Electoral & Constitutional Reform: A national conversation on modernising Bermuda's elections.
- Digitising Government Services: Expanding online payments, government transparency, and service accessibility for all Bermudians.

