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PARLIAMENT TO CONVENE ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026

Roseau, Dominica, February 19, 2026: Parliament will convene on Monday, February 23, 2026, for the Third Session of the Eleventh Parliament.

Five Bills are listed on the Order Paper, aimed at strengthening Dominica's financial regulatory framework, enhancing standards and oversight within the health sector and advancing the objectives of the Caribbean Single Market and Economy.

The Payment System and Services Bill 2026 seeks to establish a comprehensive licensing and regulatory regime for payment service providers, expand oversight of the payment system and strengthen consumer protections within the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union.

The Food Safety Bill 2026 provides for enhanced food safety and quality standards in Dominica, strengthened inspection and enforcement mechanisms and greater protection for consumers.

Parliament will also debate the Caribbean Community (Movement of Factors) Bill 2026, which gives effect to key provisions of the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas, facilitating the right of establishment, the provision of services and the free movement of capital within CARICOM Member States.

In the health sector, the Medical Profession Bill 2026 proposes the establishment of the Dominica Medical Council to oversee the registration and licensing of medical professionals, regulate professional conduct and discipline and approve qualifications and standards for continuing education and training.

Additionally, the Nurses and Midwives Bill 2026 proposes the establishment of the Dominica Nurses and Midwives Council to provide for the registration, enrolment and

licensing of nurses and midwives, regulate professional conduct and discipline and set standards and requirements for continuing education and training.

The Sitting of Parliament will be broadcast live on the Government Information Service (GIS) and the Dominica Broadcasting Station (DBS) from 10:00 a.m.

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