



# THE ANGUILLA HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

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## QUESTION PAPER

TWENTY FIRST MEETING OF THE FIRST SESSION  
THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 at 10:00AM

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### No. 1

*The Honourable Member for Island Harbour to ask the Honourable Member for Sandy Hill, the Minister for Home Affairs, the following questions:*

WHEREAS the Honourable Minister for Home Affairs, the member for Sandy Hill, is reported in *The Anguillian* dated 16th November 2016 as having said, in an Anguilla Government press conference on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016, the following:

*"The recent resolution that they [the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank and other associated agencies] have come up with has indicated that they are willing, and are able, to secure deposits up to four million dollars in each account. This was initially up to two hundred thousand dollars per account. .... The proposal of the Central Bank is to protect up to four million dollars, so there is a big difference going the ECCB way and allowing our banks to close at this point in time."*

AND WHEREAS The Honourable Minister was further reported as having said at the same press conference that the situation was at a stage where the people of Anguilla were "now to make a decision".

AND WHEREAS those statements do not suggest a decision making process imposed unconditionally upon the government or people of Anguilla, and uninfluenced by the Government of Anguilla.

TO ASK The Honourable Minister for Home Affairs, the member for Sandy Hill:

1. Will she explain what part she and/or other members or officials of the Government of Anguilla played in influencing the level at which the depositors (a) in the two banks, and (b) in the subsidiaries of the two banks, will be protected, under the terms of the so-called resolution of the banking crisis, at the expense of the people of Anguilla?
2. Was the Honourable Minister involved in any considerations as to whether the ceiling decided upon for the protection of depositors' interests in the two banks and their subsidiaries was both equitable and affordable and, if so, what considerations did she take into account in supporting the maximum protection for depositors at the expense of the Anguilla people?

3. Whether she has or had any conflict of interest in connection with the purported resolution of the banking crisis, whether as a former director of National Bank of Anguilla, or otherwise, or both and, if so, what steps she took to ensure that she did not exercise any improper influence or advocate any resolution that could have been influenced by such conflict.
4. What steps she is taking and/or will take to recuse herself from any such conflict of interest in the future.