



HOUSE OF CITIZENS OF ADAMMIA

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Friday 5th June

BUSINESS MOTION – Prime Minister's statement on Black Lives Matter

Lady Anna Worthington

H.I.M. Emperor Adam I (LMP)

Deputy Speaker

Order,

We come now to the business motion in the name of the Leader of the Opposition, Lady Anna Worthington, as follows: "That this House supports the statement made by the Prime Minister on the 4th of June 2020 and supports the Black Lives Matter movement." There is one amendment to this motion, also in the name of Lady Worthington, as follows: delete ".", and insert, "but notes that it cannot be claimed that there is no institutional racism in Adammia given the lack of evidence."

I call Lady Anna Worthington to introduce the main motion and also to introduce the amendment in her name. The floor will then be open for general debate for 24 hours.

Lady Anna Worthington (STM)

Leader of the Opposition

Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. I'll keep it brief (for me), as the statement speaks for itself. The treatment of black people, particularly by the police, is outrageous, and we must speak out in support of black lives. This is not just some foreign problem, and this is why I hope you'll all support my amendment as well- to profess our own innocence is presumptuous and feels like washing our hands of the matter. As a micronation and as individuals, we should always try to

stand for equality and not assume we're in a racism-free bubble. Black lives matter, let's show our support.

H.I.M. Emperor Adam I (LMP)

Deputy Speaker

A few thoughts on the hon. lady's amendment. Adammia's population is small enough that I personally know everyone from a minority ethnic background. Not once have I ever heard a complaint of institutional racism. On the contrary, compared to their proportion amongst the full citizens (7%), minority ethnic citizens are actually over-represented on the Ruling Council (22%), and have never faced any obstacle in reaching the highest offices in the land. Considering that Adammia's political culture was started from scratch without any of the baggage of our macronational predecessors, I would find it more reasonable to assume that institutional racism does not exist in Adammia until there is evidence (even just a single example) that it does, rather than to assume that institutional racism could exist until it can be proven that it does not, which is arguably impossible. Nevertheless, I am strongly in favour of legislating for strong civil liberties so that these problems are less likely to arise in the future. Also, let the record show that I am more than happy to invite our minority ethnic citizens to reach out to me, in confidence, with their stories if they feel that the Adammic state has ever discriminated against them on account of their race.

Saturday 6th June

BUSINESS MOTION – Prime Minister's statement on Black Lives Matter – Amendment A

DIVISION

The ayes to the right: 10

- Lord Colonel Asher Bond (STM)
- Lord Oscar Gilmour (LMP)
- Lord Callum Gurr (STM)
- Lord Edward Hilton (LMP)
- H.G. Lord Sam Maude (RGA)
- Lord Charles Michael (LMP)
- Lady Hermione Peace (DNK)
- Lord Billy Thompson (RGA)
- H.G. Lady Sophie Thornton (LMP)
- Lady Anna Worthington (STM)

The noes to the left: 1

- H.I.M. Emperor Adam I (LMP)

Recorded abstentions: 0

Did not vote: 2

- H.I.H. Emperor Mother Jayne (LMP)
- Lady Emily Simpson (RGA)

The ayes had it.

Monday 8th June

**BUSINESS MOTION – Prime Minister's statement on Black Lives Matter
DIVISION**

The ayes to the right: 9

- Lord Colonel Asher Bond (STM)
- Lord Oscar Gilmour (LMP)
- Lord Callum Gurr (STM)
- Lord Edward Hilton (LMP)
- Lord Charles Michael (LMP)
- Lady Emily Simpson (RGA)
- Lord Billy Thompson (RGA)
- H.G. Lady Sophie Thornton (LMP)
- Lady Anna Worthington (STM)

The noes to the left: 0

Recorded abstentions: 1

- H.I.M. Emperor Adam I (LMP)

Did not vote: 3

- H.I.H. Emperor Mother Jayne (LMP)
- H.G. Lord Sam Maude (RGA)
- Lady Hermione Peace (DNK)

The ayes had it.