

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

of the

# **CAYMAN ISLANDS**

# **REPORT**

of the

# STANDING BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Throne Speech and Budget Address First Meeting of the 2014/2015 Session of the Legislative Assembly

Laid upon the Table of this Honourable House this day of , 2014.

The Legislative Assembly appointed the Standing Business Committee with the passing on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 of Government Motion No. 1 and resolved that –

"In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 79, this House appoints a Standing Business Committee charged with deciding the order of business of the House and, in particular —

- (a) to consider the Business Papers of the House;
- (b) to decide and inform the Clerk the order in which Private Members' Motions are to be debated on;
- (c) to decide and to inform the Clerk two clear days before a Question Day the questions to be put down for reply on the Order Paper for that Question Day;
- (d) to provide a ready means of consultation between Members who are not Members of the Cabinet, and the Leader of Government Business, the Leader of the Opposition, the Presiding Officer and the Clerk;
- (e) to select a Member to read Prayers on each day of a Meeting of the House other than the State Opening Meeting;
- (f) to inform the Clerk the order in which Bills shall be set down upon the Order Paper;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Standing Business Committee shall comprise five Elected Members;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the quorum for the Committee shall be three Members of the Committee including the Chairman and that the Committee shall meet at such times as called by the Chairman;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Committee review its terms of reference and report any recommendations to this Honourable House.

The Motion was moved by the Deputy Governor the Honourable ex officio Member responsible for the Portfolio of the Civil Service.

#### 2. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE

The following Members are Members of the Committee:

Hon Alden McLaughlin, Jr., MBE, JP, MLA, Premier - Chairman Hon Moses I Kirkconnell, JP, MLA, Deputy Premier - Member Mr Winston C Connolly, MLA - Member Hon W McKeeva Bush, OBE, JP, LoO – Member Mr Bernie A Bush, MLA - Member In arranging the business of the House for the Throne Speech and Budget Address – First Meeting of the 2014/2015 Session of the Legislative Assembly, the Committee held one meeting -

- Minutes Thursday 22nd May, 2014;
- Round Robin Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2014; and
- Round Robin No. 2 Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2014.

Ten Business Papers containing the business of the House for the Throne Speech and Budget Address – First Meeting of the 2014/2015 Session of the Legislative Assembly were circulated. The Minutes of proceedings are attached hereto and form part of this Report.

#### 4. REPORT TO THE HOUSE

The Committee agrees that this Report be the Report of the Standing Business Committee to this Honourable House.

Hon Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MLA
Premier
Third Elected Member for George Town
Chairman

Hon Moses I Kirkconnell, JP, MLA
Deputy Premier
Minister of District Administration, Tourism and Transport
First Elected Member for Cayman Brac and Little Cayman
Member

Mr Winston C Connolly, MLA Fifth Elected Member for George Town Member

Hon W McKeeva Bush, OBE, JP, MLA Leader of the Opposition First Elected Member for West Bay Member

Mr Bernie A Bush, MLA Third Elected Member for West Bay Member



#### LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

#### STANDING BUSINESS COMMITTEE

#### MINUTES

# Meeting

# Thursday, 22nd May, 2014

Minutes of proceedings of the Standing Business Committee's meeting held in the Committee Room on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2014 at 9:50 am to arrange the business of the House for the Throne Speech and Budget Address, First Meeting of the 2014/2015 Session of the Cayman Islands Legislative Assembly.

Present: Hon Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MLA, Premier – Chairman

Hon Moses I Kirkconnell, JP, MLA, Deputy Premier – Member

Mr Winston C Connolly, MLA – Member

Mr Bernie A Bush, MLA - Member

Apologies: Hon W McKeeva Bush, OBE, JP, LoO - Member

#### 1. **Meeting to Order**

There being a quorum present, the Chairman brought the meeting to order at 9:50 am.

#### 2. Consideration of Business

The Committee perused and agreed to the attached Draft Programme for the Throne Speech and Budget Address for the First Meeting of the 2014/2015 Session of the Cayman Islands Legislative Assembly to be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2014. See Appendix I

The Chairman mentioned that he would be delivering a Policy Statement.

Minor changes were made to the Draft Programme as follows –

- That under the heading "Ministers and Members of the Cabinet" delete the words "Honourable Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MLA Premier Minister of Home and Community Affairs Third Elected Member for George Town" and insert the deletion under a heading "THE PREMIER" below the name of "Honourable Juliana Y O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MLA".
- Add after the Honourable Marco S Archer, Osbourne V Bodden, G Wayne Panton and Tara A Rivers, the word "JP".

- Add the names of the two ex officio Members, the Honourable Deputy Governor and the Attorney General after Minister Tara A Rivers.
- On page 6, correct the alignment under 9:30 am, 9:35 am and under "Motion for the suspension of the House".
- On page 8, under "Statements by Honourable Ministers and Members of the Cabinet" add the words "Policy Statement by the Premier, the Honourable Minister of Home and Community Affairs".

The Chairman advised the Committee that he would inform the Clerk of the title of the Policy Statement on his return to office.

#### 3. **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Committee agreed that no other business would be dealt with until the conclusion of the debate on the Throne Speech and Budget Address, and the completion of Finance Committee.

The Chairman informed the Committee that it would meet again to consider the other business of the House after the conclusion of Finance Committee.

# 4. Adjournment

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

# APPENDIX I



# THRONE SPEECH AND BUDGET ADDRESS

# FIRST MEETING OF THE 2014-2015 SESSION OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BUILDING 33 Fort Street, George Town GRAND CAYMAN

> Monday May 26, 2014 10:00 am



# HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S REPRESENTATIVE Her Excellency the Governor Mrs. Helen Marjorie Kilpatrick, CB

#### THE SPEAKER

# Honourable Juliana Y O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MLA

Second Elected Member for Cayman Brac and Little Cayman

# MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

#### Honourable Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MLA Premier

Minister of Home and Community Affairs Third Elected Member for George Town

#### Honourable Moses I Kirkconnell, JP, MLA

Deputy Premier Minister of District Administration, Tourism and Transport First Elected Member for Cayman Brac and Little Cayman

#### Honourable D Kurt Tibbetts, OBE, JP, MLA

Minister of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure First Elected Member for George Town

# Honourable Marco S Archer, MLA

Minister of Finance and Economic Development Fourth Elected Member for George Town

#### Honourable Osbourne V Bodden, MLA

Minister of Health, Sports, Youth and Culture Second Elected Member for Bodden Town

#### Honourable G Wayne Panton, MLA

Minister of Financial Services, Commerce and Environment Third Elected Member for Bodden Town

# Minister of Education, Employment and Gender Affairs Second Elected Member for West Bay

#### **ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

Government Backbench

Mr Anthony S Eden, OBE, JP, MLA
Deputy Speaker (Acting Speaker)
First Elected Member for Bodden Town

Mr Roy M McTaggart, JP, MLA Second Elected Member for George Town

**Mr Winston C Connolly, Jr, MLA**Fifth Elected Member for George Town

**Mr Joseph X Hew, MLA**Sixth Elected Member for George Town

Mr Alva H Suckoo, MLA
Fourth Elected Member for Bodden Town

The Opposition

#### Honourable W McKeeva Bush, OBE, JP, MLA

Leader of the Opposition First Elected Member for West Bay

Mr Bernie A Bush, MLA Third Elected Member for West Bay

**Capt A Eugene Ebanks, JP, MLA**Fourth Elected Member for West Bay

Independent Members

Mr D Ezzard Miller, JP, MLA Elected Member for North Side

Mr V Arden McLean, JP, MLA Elected Member for East End

#### **PROGRAMME**

**9:25 am** Members of the Legislative Assembly arrive.

Members of the public arrive.

**9:30 am** Pastor Winston Rose, MBE Officiating Minister

arrives.

**9:35 am** Guard of Honour in position.

All Ministers and Members of the Legislative

Assembly and the general public seated.

**9:37 am** Arrival of the Chief Justice, the Honourable Anthony Smellie, QC, JP.

9:40 am SPEAKER'S PROCESSION (All rise)

The Serjeant-at-Arms (bearing the Mace.

The Honourable Acting Speaker followed by the Clerk and Deputy Clerk.

The Honourable Acting Speaker proceeds to the Chair and bows to the right

and to the left.

**PRAYERS** 

The Honourable Acting Speaker requests the Minister to say prayers.

The Honourable Acting Speaker says "Please be seated" (All sit).

#### **PROCLAMATION**

The Clerk reads the Proclamation summoning the new Session of the Legislative Assembly.

# READING BY THE HONOURABLE ACTING SPEAKER OF MESSAGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### MOTION FOR THE SUSPENSION OF THE HOUSE

The Premier, Honourable Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MLA, Minister of Home and Community proposes

"That this Honourable House do rise to await the arrival of Her Excellency the Governor Mrs Helen Marjorie Kilpatrick, CB to receive a gracious Message from the Throne".

The Question is proposed and put.

The Honourable Acting Speaker suspends the House to meet Her Excellency the Governor.

**All rise** as the Honourable Acting Speaker, preceded by the Serjeant-at-Arms and followed by the Premier and Leader of the Opposition and the Clerks proceeds to the forecourt of the Building to meet Her Excellency the Governor.

#### INSPECTION OF THE GUARD OF HONOUR

**9:45 am** Arrival of Her Excellency the Governor (Met by the Honourable Acting Speaker)

The Honourable Acting Speaker, the Premier, the Leader of Opposition, the Clerk, the Deputy Clerk and Serjeant-at-Arms in attendance, stand at the top of the steps to watch the Inspection of the Guard of Honour.

**9:56 am** The Honourable Acting Speaker and Clerk escort Her Excellency the Governor and the Governor's Aide-de-Camp inside the Building.

#### **PROCESSION**

The Serjeant-at-Arms

The Honourable Acting Speaker

Her Excellency the Governor

The Aide-de-Camp

The Honourable Premier

The Honourable Leader of Opposition

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

The Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Proceed to the main doors of the Chamber.

The Governor's Aide-de-Camp gives three knocks on the door.

The doors are opened by Officers of the Legislative Department.

As the doors open, the Serjeant-at-Arms heads the Procession and announces: "Her Excellency the Governor".

As the Procession enters the Chamber, ALL STAND.

The Serjeant-at-Arms places the Mace in the lower cradle.

Her Excellency the Governor proceeds to the left and upon reaching the Speaker's dais, takes the Speaker's Chair. The Honourable Acting Speaker takes a seat to the right of Her Excellency and the Aide-de-Camp to the left.

Her Excellency the Governor bows to the right and the left and says "Please be seated". Her Excellency takes her seat.

The Honourable Acting Speaker invites Her Excellency the Governor, to address the House.

# THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

Her Excellency the Governor delivers the Throne Speech, which is handed to her by the Aidede-Camp. At the conclusion, the Aide-de-Camp approaches Her Excellency the Governor, bows, and receives a copy of the Speech, bows again and moving backward, turns and gives the copy to the Deputy Clerk to be laid on the Table.

Her Excellency the Governor (all rise), bows to the right and to the left.

The Serjeant-at-Arms approaches the Table.

#### DEPARTURE OF HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

Procession departs in the following order:

Serjeant-at-Arms
The Honourable Acting Speaker
Her Excellency the Governor
Aide-de-Camp
The Honourable Chief Justice

Pastor Winston Rose, MBE

#### THE HONOURABLE ACTING SPEAKER RE-ENTERS

The Serjeant-at-Arms announces: "Mister Speaker" (All stand).

The Honourable Acting Speaker re-enters the Chamber preceded by the Serjeant-at-Arms who lays the Mace in the upper cradle.

#### RESUMPTION OF THE SITTING OF THE ASSEMBLY

The Honourable Acting Speaker bows to the right and the left and takes the Chair.

The Honourable Acting Speaker calls the House to order.

# MOTION OF THANKS TO HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

The Father of the House and Leader of the Opposition Hon W McKeeva Bush, OBE, JP, moves -

"BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable Legislative Assembly record its grateful thanks to Her Excellency the Governor, Mrs Helen Marjorie Kilpatrick, CB for the Address delivered at this Sitting".

The Question is proposed and put.

#### MOTION TO DEFER DEBATE ON THE THRONE SPEECH

The Premier, Honourable Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, Minister of Home and Community Affairs moves-

"BE IT RESOLVED that the debate on the Address delivered by Her Excellency the Governor, Mrs Helen Marjorie Kilpatrick, CB be deferred until Thursday 29th May, 2014".

The Question is proposed and put.

#### PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND OF REPORTS

The Annual Plan and Estimates for the Government of the Cayman Islands for the Financial Year ending 30 June, 2015 together with the Annual Budget Statements for Ministries and Portfolios for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2015, Purchase Agreements for Statutory Authorities, Government Companies and Non-Governmental Output Suppliers for the Year ending 30 June 2015, and Ownership Agreements for Statutory Authorities and Government Companies for the Year ending 30 June 2015.

To be laid upon the Table by the Honourable Marco Archer, Minister of Finance and Economic Development.

#### STATEMENTS BY HONOURABLE MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

#### Bills:

First Reading: The Appropriation (July 2014 to

June 2015) Bill, 2014

Second Reading: The Appropriation (July 2014 to

June 2015) Bill, 2014

#### **BUDGET ADDRESS**

To be delivered by the Honourable Marco Archer, Minister of Finance and Economic Development

#### MOTION FOR THE DEFERRAL OF DEBATE ON THE BUDGET ADDRESS

The Premier, Honourable Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, Minister of Home and Community Affairs moves-

"BE IT RESOLVED that the debate on the Budget Address be deferred until Thursday 29th May, 2014".

The Question is proposed and put.

# MOTION FOR THE THRONE SPEECH AND BUDGET ADDRESS TO BE DEBATED SIMULTANEOUSLY

The Premier, Honourable Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, Minister of Home and Community Affairs moves -

"BE IT RESOLVED that the Throne Speech and Budget Address be debated simultaneously on Thursday 29th May, 2014".

The Question is proposed and put.

#### MOTION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT

The Premier, Honourable Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, Minister of Home and Community Affairs moves the motion for the Adjournment of the House.

The Question is proposed and put.

#### **PROCESSION**

The Serjeant-at-Arms (bearing the Mace). The Speaker.

(All stand)

# **OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE**

Mrs. Zena Merren-Chin Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Mrs. Sharon K. Smith, JP Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

> Mr J. Kim Evans Serjeant-at-Arms



#### **ROUND ROBIN**

Wednesday 25th June, 2014

We, the undersigned Members of the Standing Business Committee agreed to the attached Order Paper for today, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 and the Order Paper for tomorrow, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2014.

Hon Alden McLaughlin, Jr., MBE, JP, MLA
Premier
Third Elected Member for George Town
Chairman

Hon Moses I Kirkconnell, JP, MLA
Deputy Premier
Minister of District Administration, Tourism and Transport
First Elected Member for Cayman Brac and Little Cayman
Member

Mr Winston Connolly, MLA Fifth Elected Member for George Town Member

Hon W McKeeva Bush, OBE, JP, MLA Leader of the Opposition First Elected Member for West Bay Member

Mr Bernie A Bush, MLA Third Elected Member for West Bay Member



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY of the CAYMAN ISLANDS

ORDER PAPER

Throne Speech and Budget Address First Meeting of the 2014/2015 Session of the Legislative Assembly

SIXTH SITTING

Wednesday 25th June, 2014

#### 1. **PRAYERS**

To be read by the Honourable Minister of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure.

2. READING BY THE HONOURABLE SPEAKER OF MESSAGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 3. PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND OF REPORTS

(i) Report of the Standing Finance Committee on the Appropriation (July 2014 to June 2015) Bill, 2014.

To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development – Chairman of the Standing Finance Committee.

(ii) Auditors Oversight Authority Cayman Islands Annual Report for the Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2013.

To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Minister for Financial Services, Commerce and Environment.

(iii) Annual Report of the Oversight Committee of the Office of the Complaints Commissioner, 2013-2014.

To be laid on the Table by the Chairman of the Oversight Committee of the Office of the Complaints Commissioner, the Elected Member for North Side

(iv) Tourism Attraction Board Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2012.

To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Temporary Minister of Tourism and Transport.

- (v) Annual Report of the Standing Public Accounts Committee 2013-2014.
- (vi) Report of the Standing Public Accounts Committee on the Report of the Office of the Auditor General on Resorting Financial Accountability: A Time for Change? June 2013.
- (vii) Report of the Standing Public Accounts Committee on the Public Interest Report of the Office of the Auditor General on the Management of Air Ambulance Services June 2013.

- (viii) Report of the Standing Public Accounts Committee on the Report of the Office of the Auditor General on the Management of Major Capital Projects June 2012.
- (ix) Report of the Standing Public Accounts Committee on the Report of the Office of the Auditor General on the Financing and Performance Reporting Statutory Authorities and Government Companies for the year ending 30 June 2011.

To be laid on the Table by the Chairman of the Standing Public Accounts Committee, the Second Elected Member for George Town

(x) Annual Report of the Standing House Committee 2013-2014.

To be laid on the Table by the Chairman of the Standing House Committee, the Fourth Elected Member for Bodden Town

- 4. STATEMENTS BY HONOURABLE MEMBERS AND MINISTERS OF THE CABINET
- 5. **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS** 
  - (i) <u>Bills:</u>

# **Third Reading**

(1) The Appropriation (July 2014 to June, 2015) Bill, 2014

#### First Readings

- (2) The Tax Information Authority (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2014
- (3) The Plants (Importation and Exportation) (Amendment) Bill, 2014
- (4) The Animals (Amendment) Bill, 2014

# Second Readings

- (5) The Tax Information Authority (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2014
- (6) The Plants (Importation and Exportation) (Amendment) Bill, 2014
- (7) The Animals (Amendment) Bill, 2014

#### Committee on Bills

- (8) The Tax Information Authority (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2014
- (9) The Plants (Importation and Exportation) (Amendment) Bill, 2014
- (10) The Animals (Amendment) Bill, 2014

# Report on Bills

- (11) The Tax Information Authority (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2014
- (12) The Plants (Importation and Exportation) (Amendment) Bill, 2014

(13) The Animals (Amendment) Bill, 2014

# 6. **ADJOURNMENT**



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY of the CAYMAN ISLANDS

ORDER PAPER

Throne Speech and Budget Address First Meeting of the 2014/2015 Session of the Legislative Assembly

SEVENTH SITTING

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 1. **PRAYERS** 

To be read by the Fourth Elected Member for West Bay.

- 2. READING BY THE HONOURABLE SPEAKER OF MESSAGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 3. STATEMENTS BY HONOURABLE MEMBERS AND MINISTERS OF THE CABINET
- 4. PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND OF REPORTS
  - (i) The Water Authority of the Cayman Islands Annual Report for the 2012/13 Financial Year.

To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Minister of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure.

(ii) Report of the Office of the Auditor General on Resorting Financial Accountability: A Time for Change? June 2013.

To be laid on the Table by the Chairman of the Standing Public Accounts Committee, the Second Elected Member for George Town.

(iii) Report of the Office of the Auditor General on the Management of Air Ambulance Services June 2013.

To be laid on the Table by the Chairman of the Standing Public Accounts Committee, the Second Elected Member for George Town.

(iv) Report of the Office of the Auditor General on the Management of Major Capital Projects June 2012.

To be laid on the Table by the Chairman of the Standing Public Accounts Committee, the Second Elected Member for George Town.

(v) Report of the Office of the Auditor General on the Financing and Performance Reporting – Statutory Authorities and Government Companies for the year ending 30 June 2011.

To be laid on the Table by the Chairman of the Standing Public Accounts Committee, the Second Elected Member for George Town.

#### 5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **Private Members' Motions**

# (1) Private Member's Motion No. 1/2014-2015

Amendment to the Immigration Law (2013 Revision) (re: Specialist Caregivers)

To be moved by the Honourable Leader of Opposition, the First Elected Member for West Bay and seconded by the Fourth Elected Member for West Bay.

# (2) Private Member's Motion No. 2/2014-2015

Reduction of Import Duty

To be moved by the Honourable Leader of Opposition, the First Elected Member for West Bay and seconded by the Third Elected Member for West Bay.

# (3) Private Member's Motion No. 3 /2014-2015

Inequity in the Immigration Law

To be moved by the Deputy Speaker, the First Elected Member for Bodden Town and seconded by the Fourth Elected Member for Bodden Town.

#### 6. **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

(i) Bills:

#### Third Readings

- (14) The Tax Information Authority (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2014
- (15) The Plants (Importation and Exportation) (Amendment) Bill, 2014
- (16) The Animals (Amendment) Bill, 2014

# 7. **ADJOURNMENT**



#### **ROUND ROBIN NO. 2**

Thursday 26th June, 2014

We, the undersigned Members of the Standing Business Committee agreed for the following Papers to be placed upon today's Order Paper, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2014:-

#### PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND OF REPORTS

- (i) Report of the Office of the Auditor General on Resorting Financial Accountability: A Time for Change? June 2013.
- (ii) Report of the Office of the Auditor General on the Management of Air Ambulance Services June 2013.
- (iii) Report of the Office of the Auditor General on the Management of Major Capital Projects June 2012.
- (iv) Report of the Office of the Auditor General on the Financing and Performance Reporting Statutory Authorities and Government Companies for the year ending 30 June 2011.

To be laid on the Table by the Chairman of the Standing Public Accounts Committee, the Second Elected Member for George Town.

Hon Alden McLaughlin, Jr., MBE, JP, MLA Premier Third Elected Member for George Town Chairman

Hon Moses I Kirkconnell, JP, MLA
Deputy Premier
Minister of District Administration, Tourism and Transport
First Elected Member for Cayman Brac and Little Cayman
Member

Mr Winston Connolly, MLA Fifth Elected Member for George Town Member

Hon W McKeeva Bush, OBE, JP, MLA
Leader of the Opposition
First Elected Member for West Bay
Member

Mr Bernie A Bush, MLA Third Elected Member for West Bay Member