# STATEMENT BY THE PREMIER THE HON W MCKEEVA BUSH, OBE, JP MINISTER OF FINANCE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT

## Reasons for modification pursuant to Section 89(3) and (4) of the Constitution 2009

Madam Speaker, it is my intention to lay before the Legislative Assembly a draft of an Order by His Excellency the Governor for giving effect, with modifications, to the recommendations contained in the Electoral Boundary Commission Report 2010.

The Electoral Boundaries Commission 2010 Report recommended that on the basis of the latest data in the Elections Office Voters Register, in allocating the 18 members to the Legislative Assembly, there would be six members in the George Town electoral district, four members in the West Bay electoral district, four members in the Bodden Town electoral district, with two members in Cayman Brac and Little Cayman, and one member each in East End and North Side.

The extent of the proposed modification is that the recommendation by the Commission which contemplated altering the physical boundaries in order to give effect to the three additional seats will not be accepted.

Accordingly, the portion of the recommendation for increasing the number of elected members by three seats, two in George Town, and one in Bodden Town will be accepted.

However, we do not accept any recommended changes to the physical electoral boundaries in order to do so.

The reason for refusing to accept that portion of the recommendation is because the electoral district boundaries being proposed by the Commission in its report, if accepted, would, among other things, result in some persons who previously voted in George Town now being required to vote in Bodden Town. The Government can find no support for such a change.

Accordingly, the draft Order that is being proposed to this Legislative Assembly for approval seeks only approval for an additional three elected members that is, two for the electoral district of George Town, and one for the electoral district of Bodden Town, but no consequential changes to the physical electoral boundaries.

This statement supersedes any statement previously made by me to this Legislative Assembly on this issue.

Hon Premier McKeeva W Bush OBE, JP Minister of Finance, Tourism and Development

### REVISED DRAFT ORDER

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WHEREAS an Electoral Boundary Commission was appointed on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2009 under section 88 of the Constitution set out in Schedule 2 to the Cayman Islands Constitution Order 2009, S.I. 2009 No. 1379 (in this order referred to as "the Constitution");

AND WHEREAS under section 89(1) of the Constitution, the Electoral Boundary Commission is charged with responsibility for reviewing the boundaries of the electoral districts into which the Cayman Islands are divided and submitting a report to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly containing its recommendations for any changes in the number and boundaries of the electoral districts;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with section 89(1) of the Constitution, the Electoral Boundary Commission, on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2010, submitted to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly a report making recommendations for the retention of certain electoral district boundaries and the alteration of others;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 89(3) of the Constitution that as soon as may be after the Electoral Boundary Commission has submitted a report under the said section 89(1), the Premier shall lay before the Legislative Assembly for its approval the draft of an order by the Governor for giving effect, whether with or without modifications, to the recommendations contained in the report;

AND WHEREAS a draft of this order giving effect to the recommendations contained in the report of the Electoral Boundary Commission was laid before the Legislative Assembly for its approval by the Premier on , 2011 and was approved by resolution of the Legislative Assembly on , 2011:

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 89(6) of the Constitution, the Governor makes the following order -

Citation and commencement

- 1. (1) This order may be cited as the Electoral District Boundaries Order, 2011.
- (2) This order shall come into force upon the next dissolution of the Legislative Assembly.

Electoral districts and representatives

- 2. (1) The Cayman Islands shall continue to be divided into the following electoral districts without any change in boundaries -
  - (a) West Bay Electoral District;
  - (b) George Town Electoral District;
  - (c) Cayman Brac and Little Cayman Electoral District;
  - (d) Bodden Town Electoral District;
  - (e) North Side Electoral District; and
  - (f) East End Electoral District.
- (2) An electoral district shall be represented in the Legislative Assembly by the following number of elected members-
  - (a) West Bay Electoral District four elected members;
  - (b) George Town Electoral District six elected members;
  - (c) Cayman Brac and Little Cayman Electoral District two elected members;
  - (d) Bodden Town Electoral District- four elected members;
  - (e) North Side Electoral District one elected member; and
  - (f) East End Electoral District- one elected member.

Made the day of , 2011.

GOVERNOR OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS.