



Sixteenth Youth Parliament of the Cayman Islands



PROGRAMME

Commonwealth Day

Monday, 13 March, 2023

*House of Parliament
33 Fort Street, George Town
Grand Cayman*



The Commonwealth

**Forging a Sustainable and
Peaceful Common Future**



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Commonwealth Day 2023

Commonwealth Day is an annual celebration observed by people all over the Commonwealth in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and Americas, the Pacific and Europe.

The theme for Commonwealth Day 2023 is 'Forging a sustainable and peaceful common future'. The theme combines the active commitment of member states to support the promotion of peace, prosperity and sustainability, especially through climate action, so as to secure a better future for our young people and improve the lives of all Commonwealth citizens.

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PROGRAMME

10:15 - 10:25
a.m.

Members of Parliament and Persons seated in the Chamber. Members of the Public to be seated in the Public Gallery.

10:25 a.m.

Seated on the platform:

Hon. Katherine Ebanks-Wilks, MP

Speaker of Parliament

President of the CPA Cayman Islands Branch

Chairperson of the CPA Youth Parliament Organising Committee

Hon. G. Wayne Panton, JP, MP

Premier, Minister for Sustainability & Climate Resiliency

Joint Vice-President of the CPA Cayman Islands Branch

Mr. Joseph Hew, MP

Deputy Leader of the Opposition

10:30 a.m.

Youth Parliamentarians seated.

10:31 - 11:00
a.m.

Opening Remarks and Welcome Address

Hon. Speaker of Parliament

Remarks

Deputy Leader of the Opposition

Opening of the Sixteenth Youth Parliament

Hon. Premier

**SPEAKER'S
PROCESSION**

(All Rise)
Serjeant-at-Arms
Honourable Speaker
Clerk

PRAYER

To be delivered by the Hon Premier, Minister of Sustainability & Climate Resiliency.

**READING OF
MESSAGES AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS
BY THE
HONOURABLE
SPEAKER**

Statement by the Honourable Speaker of the CPA Sixteenth Youth Parliament

OTHER BUSINESS

Private Members' Motions:

Private Member's Motion No. 1 of 2023:

IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROGRESSIVE INCOME TAX SYSTEM IN THE CAYMAN ISLANDS.

To be moved by the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Elected Member for West Bay West and seconded by the Leader of the Opposition, Elected Member for Newlands.

Private Member's Motion No. 2 of 2023:

IMPLEMENTING A NEW PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IN THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

To be moved by the Elected Member for George Town Central and seconded by the Elected Member for Bodden Town East.

ADJOURNMENT

This Honourable Sixteenth Youth Parliament stands adjourned *siné die*.

SPEAKER OF YOUTH PARLIAMENT 2023

Honourable Shanell Martinez

MINISTERS OF THE CABINET

Hon. Lili Anne Aleria, MP

Premier, Minister of Sustainability & Climate Resiliency, Elected Member for George Town East

Hon. Alexander Harris, MP

Deputy Premier, Minister of Finance & Economic Development, and Border Control & Labour, Elected Member for Prospect

Hon. Amani Ebanks, MP

Minister of Tourism & Transport, Elected Member for George Town North

Hon. Keira Bodden, MP

Minister of Health & Wellness, and Home Affairs, Elected Member for Savannah

Hon. Ashley Ebanks, MP

Minister of Planning, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure, Elected Member for West Bay South

Hon. Chloe Reid, MP

Minister of Financial Services & Commerce, and Investment, Innovation & Social Development, Elected Member for West Bay East

Hon. Jelani Hanson, MP

Minister of Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage, Elected Member for George Town West

Hon. Chad Powell, Jr., MP

Minister of Education, and District Administration & Lands, Elected Member for North Side

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

Hon. Jordan McDonald

Deputy Governor, ex officio Member responsible for
the Portfolio of the Civil Service

Hon. Alicia Faulknor

Attorney General, ex officio Member responsible for
the Portfolio of Legal Affairs

GOVERNMENT BACKBENCH

Miss Elizabeth Thomas, MP

Elected Member for George Town Central

Mr. Pranav Anu, MP

Elected Member for Cayman Brac East

Miss Mia Groves, MP

Elected Member for Bodden Town East

OPPOSITION MEMBERS

Hon. Jhenelle Colquhoun, MP

Leader of the Opposition, *Elected Member for Newlands*

Miss Abbey Walton, MP

Deputy Leader of the Opposition, *Elected Member for West Bay West*

Mr. Raldayne Thomas, MP

Elected Member for Bodden Town Central

Miss Raeann Matute-Scott, MP

Elected Member for Cayman Brac West and Little Cayman

Mr. Christian Campbell, MP

Elected Member for Red Bay

Miss Abygale Elliott, MP

Elected Member for George Town South

Hon. Bethany Mitchell, MP

Deputy Speaker, Elected Member for East End

Miss Lorie Bryan, MP

Elected Member for West Bay Central

Mr. Christopher Sanchez, MP

Elected Member for Bodden Town West

Mr. Zachary Allen, MP

Elected Member for West Bay North

OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE

Miss Britannia Rowe

Clerk

Miss Madison Chin

Serjeant-at-Arms

Private Member's Motion No. 1 of 2023:

IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROGRESSIVE INCOME TAX SYSTEM IN THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

WHEREAS it is acknowledged that there is no current income tax system in the Cayman Islands;

AND WHEREAS the strength of divides between socioeconomic class income in the Cayman Islands disproportionately disadvantages lower-income households;

AND WHEREAS wealth disparity in the face of high prices for food, housing and utilities could have a destabilising impact on the economy and quality of life for middle and low income Caymanians;

AND WHEREAS low income households are disproportionately impacted by a high cost of living;

AND WHEREAS implementation of a progressive style of income tax can improve access to education (early childhood through to tertiary), housing, healthcare, safety nets, and security for the Cayman population;

AND WHEREAS in order to tackle socially-corrosive issues like inequality and wealth disparity the Cayman Islands needs to create an economy distributive in nature;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Honourable Youth Parliament considers the implementation and maintenance of a progressive income tax system that encourages stronger equity of wealth for all Cayman Islands' citizens.

Private Member's Motion No. 2 of 2023:

IMPLEMENTING A NEW PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IN THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

WHEREAS personal vehicle dependency and traffic problems in Grand Cayman are seriously affecting the lifestyle of the citizens and the environment of the Island;

AND WHEREAS the current public transport system and its infrastructure are not adequate to cater to an island of over 75,000 people;

AND WHEREAS there are no reliable alternative means of transportation, for those citizens who either don't own personal vehicles, are unable to use their vehicles, or simply wish for an alternative means of transport;

AND WHEREAS the citizens of Grand Cayman are in dire need of a proper and reliable public transport system;

AND WHEREAS there is no incentive for persons to decrease the number of personal-use vehicles;

AND WHEREAS there is no deterrent to persons owning multiple vehicles;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Youth Parliament Government considers implementing a comprehensive public transport system with related infrastructure, features, and incentives.

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