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OFFICIAL HANSARD REPORT SECOND MEETING 2013/14 SESSION THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2013 1.41 PM

Second Sitting

[Hon. Anthony S. Eden, Deputy Speaker, presiding]

The Deputy Speaker: I will call on the Member for East End to read prayers for us.

PRAYERS

Mr. V. Arden McLean, Member for East End: Let us pray.

Almighty God, from whom all wisdom and power are derived: We beseech Thee so to direct and prosper the deliberations of the Legislative Assembly now assembled, that all things may be ordered upon the best and surest foundations for the glory of Thy Name and for the safety, honour and welfare of the people of these Islands.

Bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth II; Philip, Duke of Edinburgh; Charles, Prince of Wales; and all the Royal Family. Give grace to all who exercise authority in our Commonwealth, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may be established among us. Especially we pray for the Governor of our Islands, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Official Members and Ministers of Cabinet and Members of the Legislative Assembly, that we may be enabled faithfully to perform the responsible duties of our high office. All this we ask for Thy great Name's sake.

Let us say the Lord's Prayer together: Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us and give us peace, now and always. Amen.

The Deputy Speaker: Please be seated. Proceedings are resumed.

READING BY THE HONOURABLE SPEAKER OF MESSAGESAND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apologies

The Deputy Speaker: I have received apologies from the Honourable Speaker, the Honourable Minister of Education and Honourable Leader of the Opposition, and the Honourable Acting Deputy Governor.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND OF REPORTS

Report of the Standing Finance Committee on the Appropriation changes in accordance with section 11 of the Public Management and Finance Law (2012 Revision) for the Financial years ended 30th June 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013

The Deputy Speaker: Honourable Minister of Finance.

Hon. Marco S. Archer, Minister of Finance and Economic Development: I beg to lay on the Table of this honourable House the Report of the Standing Finance Committee on the Supplementary Appropriation Bills with respect to the fiscal years ended 30 June 2010 through 30 June 2013.

The Deputy Speaker: So ordered.

Does the Honourable Minister wish to speak thereto?

Hon. Marco S. Archer: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 64(7) the Standing Finance Committee agreed that I submit to this Honourable House the Report of the Committee on the Supplementary Appropriation Bills in respect of the fiscal years ended 30 June 2010 through 30 June 2013.

The Committee first met yesterday, 4 September, and it also met earlier this morning to review and approve this Report. The Committee considered the Schedules to the Supplementary Appropriations Bills for the fiscal years I stated previously. The Committee agreed the appropriations requested thereon. The Committee did not make any amendments to the appropriation of the Schedules.

The Committee agreed that the report that has just been laid on the Table of this honourable House is the Report of the Standing Finance Committee on the Supplementary Appropriation Bills in respect of the fiscal years ended 30 June 2010 through 30 June 2013.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

STATEMENTS BY HONOURABLE MEMBERS AND MINISTERS OF THE CABINET

The Deputy Speaker: I have been notified by the Honourable Premier of a statement.

Cayman Islands Government 99-Day Message

The Premier, Hon. Alden McLaughlin, Jr.: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I wish to make a statement to mark the 99th day of this administration's assumption of office. I know traditionally it is a 100-day report, but given the significance of tomorrow when we welcome a new Governor, we decided to instead produce the 99-day report so as not to in any way compete with her arrival.

So, Mr. Speaker, with your permission, I would like to read this brief report entitled, "Getting Back on Course." Copies have been made available to Members of this House and it will be disseminated more widely and sent to the media.

The Deputy Speaker: Please proceed.

The Premier, Hon. Alden McLaughlin, Jr.: Mr. Speaker, I first want to again thank the Caymanian people for the confidence and trust that they have bestowed on this administration to get the country back on course. When taking office we understood well that the road ahead was not an easy one, but we had full confi-dence that as a country and as a people, we had the ability to move towards a better tomorrow.

For the first 99 days of the Progressive Administration, we have worked diligently to bring back stability to our country. One of the first priorities was to restore confidence in Government, including confidence by the UK and by the business sector. Enhanced confidence in Cayman will assist us in our other priority—ensuring a vibrant economy so that Caymanians can secure jobs today and into the future.

While we know we still have much more to do, I think we have made great strides in restoring the confidence of our people, the UK and business in our Government.

We have gotten off on a good foot with the UK in this first 99 days, as evidenced by their approval of our four-year fiscal plan, and we did this the first time around. I am extremely pleased that with the UK accepting a multi-year budget framework, we are able to put behind us the uncertainty and anxiety that has attended the budget process over the course of the past four years.

I believe that as you look through our accomplishments of the first 99 days, you will see that we have made great strides. We have tackled difficult areas like the Nation Building Fund, including the Scholarship programme, as well as concerns with certain Government authorities head on; seeking to improve what was a bad situation.

We have successfully pursued several initiatives relating to jobs and apprenticeship programmes to ensure that Caymanians have opportunities for jobs. We have reopened discussions with the Dart Group and good progress is being made on a variety of issues, including waste management.

Understanding that in our society employment of Caymanians is a priority, but that allowing businesses to have access to skills not found in Cayman is also important, we are completing a needed review of both the work permit and permanent residency systems. The goal is to have a system that is fair to immigrants but that also takes into account the needs and expectations of Caymanians with regard to jobs and the growth of the permanent population of the Islands.

We recognise that we need to build and improve on the work of those who went before, and, as such, we continue to support several initiatives in education, in helping families, and in developing our key industries.

I have to thank my team, Ministers and Councillors, and those in the Civil Service for their professionalism and the hard work that has gone into this first 99 days. They have portrayed traits that will help this Government restore pride in Caymanians and residents and all who love this country, restore confidence in Government, help rebuild our economy, reduce the cost of living and provide more opportunities and better lives for all of our people.

I reiterate that while we have done much in the first 99 days, there is much more to do, but I already feel a renewed sense of optimism in, and for, the Cayman Islands.

William Shakespeare, in the play Julius Caesar, wrote: "There is a tide in the affairs of men, which taken at the flood, leads on to fortune. Omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in shallows and in miseries. On such a full sea are we now afloat. And we must take the current when it serves, or lose our ventures."

This administration has set a new course for Cayman, and whilst the voyage ahead is not yet smooth sailing, we have left the shallows and are afloat and heading into full seas, with all hands on deck, towards a better tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker, a brief on each of the various areas that we have dealt with over the course of the past 99 days, starting with the economy and, specifically, Government finances.

The Government obtained approval for an interim budget of \$194 million for four months of the 2013/14 fiscal year—covering the period from I July to 31 October, 2013—while the full-year budget is being prepared. This was the first time in several budget cycles that the Cayman Islands Government and the United Kingdom, through the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, were able to come to a timely agreement around budgeting.

Government negotiated an increased overdraft of up to \$46 million for more flexibility with cash flow, with the stipulation that Government could not spend more than \$30 million before 31 October. One of the positive effects of achieving expenditure restraint is the fact that, although we have had this overdraft available, Government has not incurred an overdraft balance during the three-month period from 1 June to 31 August 2013. Consequently, overdraft interest has been completely avoided for this period.

Memos were issued to the Civil Service requesting expenditure restraint during the current fiscal year. And, Mr. Speaker, I am happy to say, the Civil Service has complied.

The four-year 2013/14 to 2016/17 fiscal plan has been accepted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. This means Government can prepare its annual budgets with absolute certainty that once parameters in the fiscal plan are met, the Budget will be approved. Certainty, the preparation of Government's annual Budgets also encourages private sector confidence in the Cayman Islands' economy.

As it relates to duty concessions, Mr. Speaker, I can now say there is a policy that has been developed that will guide concessions in the areas of Import Duty, Stamp Duty and Land Holding Share Transfer Tax. The policy provides greater certainty as to how such requests will be treated, and it streamlines the process of considering requests.

In July 2013, the Government officially began the upgrade of key computer software. The upgrade is scheduled to be completed by December 2013. This relates to the government computer system generally known as IRIS.

In relation to jobs: The Government has entered discussions with the private sector to initiate a pilot programme in which unemployed Caymanians will receive training and jobs. The Government is working with the Cayman Islands Tourism Association and the University College of the Cayman Islands to prepare Caymanians for guaranteed jobs in the tourism industry.

We are also working towards the National Workforce Development Agency (NWDA) being the central clearinghouse on all available vacant jobs in the market and to ensure that qualified and capable Caymanians have the opportunity to get those jobs. Development of a Public Private Partnership with a local recruitment agency seeking to deliver a 'Back to

Work Programme' that places 20 unemployed Caymanians with local employers is intended to start this month.

We continue to support Health City Cayman Islands in an effort to provide employment and education opportunities for Caymanians, which includes high school graduates.

The National Workforce Development Agency successfully placed 49 jobseekers over this period. Ten summer students sought assistance with obtaining summer jobs and six of them were placed. The agency has also worked with 18 clients who have criminal convictions. Five of these clients have actually been placed in jobs.

We continue to support Cayman Enterprise City, which is working with the National Workforce Development Agency to help clients find Caymanian employees.

Business and investment: We have concluded negotiations with the United States and initialled a Model 1 intergovernmental agreement and a new tax information exchange agreement. We continue to meet our international obligations for exchange of information under the US Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act, better known as FATCA. We have completed consultation with the financial services industry regarding the level of fees charged and will be taking feedback on board during the budget review process.

The Business continuity/Disaster Recovery project commenced May 2013 and is now 99 per cent complete.

In relation to Tourism, we are happy to say that air arrivals are up by 5.9 per cent; May, June and July have seen the best performance in visitor arrivals in 13 years. Eleven students have been selected for the Central Caribbean Marine Institute facilities in Little Cayman for training and scuba diving certification.

On Immigration and work permits: Improving work permit application processes and procedures to ensure that the work permit system is more fair and efficient with additional transparent systems for advertising of available jobs to Caymanians, whilst also streamlining the process of making it more efficient for employers, is underway. We have reviewed and recommended improvements to the permanent residency [PR] system to ensure that the Cayman Islands are treating immigrants fairly. However, one of the significant changes that will occur is that the requirements to obtain PR will be more comprehensive and in some respects more stringent.

Infrastructure: In relation to the Prison, we have critically assessed security of the prison facilities and we have had presented to us a five-year plan to improve security at the prison and reduce recidivism.

The Cruise Terminal Development Steering Committee issued a Strategic Outline Case for a cruise berthing facility in April. PricewaterhouseCoopers, the firm that won the tender for developing the business plan, has subcontracted Mott MacDonald as internationally renowned marine engineers and environmental consultants to address the marine engineering and environmental factors vital to the feasibility of the project.

A new Cayman Islands Airports Authority (CIAA) Board has been appointed as of July 2013 and has established five subcommittees to address matters in a more efficient manner: a Building Committee, a Governance Committee, a Policy and Structure Committee, a Security and Safety Committee, and a Finance and Legal Committee.

In Bodden Town, Phase 1 of works commenced in relation to the new Bodden Town cemetery. The NRA [National Roads Authority] will complete clearing and installation of fill for Phase 1. Tenders were awarded for the construction of perimeter wall, sidewalks, paving, landscaping, and the construction of 18 vaults in the proposed new cemetery.

The ERA [Electricity Regulatory Authority] has successfully won a dispute with CUC [Caribbean Utilities Company] regarding the recent base rate increase. The ERA expects there to be a credit applied to consumer bills in September and for the rate to be adjusted slightly downward commencing in September billings. So, Mr. Speaker, consumers should see some reduction, albeit small, in their September billings. The ERA has succeeded in reaching a settlement with CUC to claim approximately US\$950,000 with CUC insurers for additional fuel consumed due to catastrophic failures of generators in 2011. These proceeds will be credited back to consumers via the fuel charge thus reducing the balance in the CUC fuel tracker account.

Cabinet has given the green light to NRA [National Roads Authority] for the complete review and re-write of the Explosives Law as much of the referenced materials and the prescribed procedures relating to the import and handling of explosives are outdated. We have begun negotiations with the Dart Group on the National Roads Authority agreement.

In relation to investing in our people, I can say that a total of 15 newly qualified Caymanian teachers (including six who trained with Sunderland University) took up teacher, or acting teacher, posts starting in August. A new one-year induction programme for newly qualified Caymanian teachers was initiated in August.

A new anti-bullying intervention programme developed in partnership with the Family Resource Centre, to be implemented by 12 trained staff in government primary schools beginning in September.

The Young Nation Builders Scholarship Programme was transferred from the Office of the Premier to the Ministry of Education. The entire programme was reviewed to ensure value for money, fairness to all applicants and transparency in the way the scholarship fund is structured and administered. Nineteen

Ministry of Tourism Scholarships have been awarded for the 2013/2014 period.

We continue to support the Passport2Success programme with 103 graduates obtaining full time employment and 11 in either employed part-time or unpaid internships.

In regard to housing, construction of 20 Affordable Housing Initiative houses in Bodden Town has been completed. We have obtained the Certificate of Occupancy for the remaining four newly constructed houses in West Bay Light House Garden. The NHDT [National Housing Development Trust] is now in the process of allocating these houses to applicants.

The Department of Children and Family Services focused on improving services around foster care, special needs, temporary poor relief assistance and elderly care services and programmes. Over the course of the summer, the Sports Department hosted a series of summer camps for netball, swimming, and football across Grand Cayman, giving parents safe venues to send their children and encouraging healthy exercise and play.

Basketball coaches took more than 20 teenagers to camps in Orlando and Miami, Florida, in order to allow players to be seen by college coaches. The Department and the Ministry worked aggressively with the Cayman Islands Football Association and CONCACAF to ensure that international standards were met to enable the Cayman Islands to host the hugely successful inaugural CONCACAF Under 15 boys' championships. Work has already commenced on the necessary preparations for the Women's Under 20 Tournament in January 2014.

In relation to Culture, the Ministry has launched the National Heroes Day for 2014 under theme of Culture and Heritage.

Staff of the Cayman Islands National Museum is conducting an on-going assessment and research of collections by photographing them and entering the data into the Museum's Past Perfect Collections Management Programme. By the end of July the Museum had about 6,314 objects in the database.

The new National Gallery of the Cayman Islands [NGCI] building houses the first ever exhibition area for the Cayman Islands National Collection of art, ensuring that Caymanian art and art history is on display permanently. Temporary exhibitions continue to be developed in the Lower Valley area, which allows for a constant rotation of new and current exhibition opportunities for the local art community and residents of the eastern districts.

In respect to the Environment, Cabinet has decided that the new draft Conservation Bill will be presented to the House this calendar year. The Department of Environment coordinated and supervised a census of the Sister Islands Rock Iguana on Cayman Brac to track nesting adults.

The Department of Environment has also organised and executed the re-release of six remaining rays at Dolphin Discovery following the passage of the amendment to the Marine Conservation Law establishing protection measures for Southern Stingrays in Cayman waters.

The Mosquito Research and Control Unit has successfully completed two island-wide larviciding operations by aircraft, one including the Sister Islands, applying pellets to 16,000 acres of mosquito breeding areas. They have also recruited a young Caymanian scientist as senior research officer to deal with scientific issues related to Dengue fever and control of the carrier mosquito Aedes aegypti.

With respect to Waste Management, the Government continues discussions with the Dart Group on the best solutions for waste management at the existing site.

On 9th August, a new scrap metal removal contract was signed with a local private company and, in turn, the sum of CI\$250,000 (for 5,000 tons of scrap metals to be removed) was paid to Government for the onsite processing and removal of all scrap metals on the three landfills.

Three new rear loader garbage trucks (with 25-yard capacity) were approved by the Government and have been ordered.

With respect to recycling, one 40-foot container load of various types of hazardous waste (totalling 2,365 gallons), as well as a shipment of contaminated used oil (6,000 gallons), was successfully shipped off island to Florida in accordance with the stricter USA regulations for the first time in many years.

With respect to the Sister Islands, plans have been submitted to the Development Control Board for changing rooms, bleachers, a perimeter fence and parking at the Cayman Brac Sports Complex. Preliminary plans have been prepared for the hold baggage screening upgrade at the Charles Kirkconnell International Airport.

The Ministry of District Administration in conjunction with CONCACAF hosted a friendly football match at the Cayman Brac Sports Complex between the Cayman Islands Under 15 boys and the Belize Under 15 boys. The installation of Cayman Brac Playfield Lights is underway and due for completion in October 2013. Minor upgrades and repairs to Little Cayman Terminal Building were completed in August 2013. And, finally, the Government received building permits for eight houses in the Affordable Housing Scheme.

With respect to E-Government, an online Planning System was introduced and will enable clients to submit the Planning Department inspection requests online. The system will drastically reduce the time it takes to process, execute and document an inspection. It is the intention of the Government to

spread this practice of E-Government and I-Government right across the full range of government services.

In this respect, the General Registry is piloting an upgraded and enhanced online system. Full implementation and an official launch are slated for 26 September 2013. Next day electronic scanning of all trade and business files saves time in filing, as well as in searching for files. Also, by creating and using electronic stamps and electronic signatures, staff efficiency has improved by about 18 per cent.

With respect to governance, Cabinet has determined it will bring the Commission for Standards in Public Life Bill to the House this calendar year. It covers a wide range of critical areas for good governance, including procurement, the way in which people are appointed to statutory authorities and government company boards, a new Register of Interests Law and setting standards for the behaviour of public servants.

The Government has agreed to an amendment to the Summary Jurisdiction Law to facilitate regulations to cover the selection, training and code of conduct of Justices of the Peace. Regulations have been drafted and a training programme is being established.

The Government has agreed to set up a commission that will act as an independent civilian oversight body for the police and will receive and order an investigation of any complaint made by a member of the public against a police officer and/or civil servant acting under the auspices of the police. Amendment to the Police Law 2010 to establish the Commission will be taken at the next Meeting of the House.

Cabinet, supported by the Cabinet Office, has begun the process of reviewing Cabinet's Guidelines and a revised Code of Conduct for Cabinet.

Mr. Speaker, those are the highlights of the achievements of this administration in its first 99 days. I do hope that Members of the House and the broader public will take the time to study the report and I do hope they will feel satisfied that this administration has gotten off to a good start and that there is much to look forward to with optimism about the prospects of these Islands over the balance of this term.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

BILLS

REPORTS ON BILLS

Supplementary Appropriation (July 2009 to June 2010) Bill, 2013

Supplementary Appropriation (July 2010 to June 2011) Bill, 2013

Supplementary Appropriation (July 2011 to June 2012) Bill, 2013

Supplementary Appropriation (July 2012 to June 2013) Bill, 2013

The Deputy Speaker: Honourable Minister of Finance?

Hon. Marco S. Archer: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am to report that four Supplementary Appropriation Bills with respect to the fiscal years ended 30th June 2010 through 30 June 2013 were considered by the Standing Finance Committee and passed without amendment.

The Deputy Speaker: The Bills have been reported and are set down for Third Reading.

THIRD READINGS

Supplementary Appropriation (July 2009 to June 2010) Bill, 2013

The Clerk: Supplementary Appropriation (July 2009 to June 2010) Bill, 2013.

The Deputy Speaker: Honourable Minister of Finance.

Hon. Marco S. Archer: I beg to move that the following Bills be given a third reading and passed: Supplementary Appropriation (July 2009 to June 2010) Bill, 2013; Supplementary Appropriation (July 2010 to June 2011) Bill, 2013.

The Deputy Speaker: The question is that Bill entitled Supplementary Appropriation (July 2009 to June 2010) Bill, 2013 (we are doing these separately) be given a third reading and passed.

All those in favour please say Aye. Those against, No.

Ayes.

The Deputy Speaker: The Ayes have it.

Agreed: The Supplementary Appropriation (July 2009 to June 2010) Bill, 2013, read a third time and passed.

Supplementary Appropriation (July 2010 to June 2011) Bill, 2013

The Clerk: Supplementary Appropriation (July 2010 to June 2011) Bill, 2013.

The Deputy Speaker: Honourable Minister of Finance.

Hon. Marco S. Archer: I beg to move that the following Bill be given a third reading and passed, The Supplementary Appropriation (July 2010 to June 2011) Bill, 2013.

The Deputy Speaker: The question is that Bill entitled Supplementary Appropriation (July 2010 to June 2011) Bill, 2013, be given a third reading and passed.

All those in favour please say Aye. Those against, No.

Ayes.

The Deputy Speaker: The Ayes have it.

Agreed: The Supplementary Appropriation (July 2010 to June 2011) Bill, 2013, read a third time and passed.

Supplementary Appropriation (July 2011 to June 2012) Bill, 2013

The Clerk: Supplementary Appropriation (July 2011 to June 2012) Bill, 2013.

The Deputy Speaker: Honourable Minister of Finance.

Hon. Marco S. Archer: I beg to move that the following Bill be given a third reading and passed, The Supplementary Appropriation (July 2011 to June 2012) Bill, 2013.

The Deputy Speaker: The question is that Bill entitled Supplementary Appropriation (July 2011 to June 2012) Bill, 2013, be given a third reading and passed.

All those in favour please say Aye. Those against, No.

Ayes.

The Deputy Speaker: The Ayes have it.

Agreed: The Supplementary Appropriation (July 2011 to June 2012) Bill, 2013, read a third time and passed.

Supplementary Appropriation (July 2012 to June 2013) Bill, 2013

The Clerk: Supplementary Appropriation (July 2012 to June 2013) Bill, 2013.

The Deputy Speaker: Honourable Minister of Finance.

Hon. Marco S. Archer: I beg to move that the Supplementary Appropriation (July 2012 to June 2013) Bill, 2013, be given a third reading and passed.

The Deputy Speaker: The question is that Bill entitled Supplementary Appropriation (July 2012 to June 2013) Bill, 2013, be given a third reading and passed.

All those in favour please say Aye. Those against, No.

Ayes.

The Deputy Speaker: The Ayes have it.

Agreed: The Supplementary Appropriation (July 2012 to June 2013) Bill, 2013, read a third time and passed.

The Deputy Speaker: Mr. Premier.

ADJOURNMENT

The Premier, Hon. Alden McLaughlin, Jr.: Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank you for sitting in so ably as Speaker and to thank all members of the staff for dealing with these issues that have arisen in Finance Committee. I now move the adjournment of this House sine die.

The Deputy Speaker: The question is that this honourable House do now adjourn sine die.

All those in favour please say Aye. Those against, No.

Ayes.

The Deputy Speaker: The Ayes have it.

At 2.18 pm the House stood adjourned sine die.