



Parliament of the Cayman Islands

PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION NO. 2/2021-2022

Motion on Removal of Import Duty on Essential Products

WHEREAS the COVID-19 Pandemic has caused an economic downturn and economic hardships across the globe, including the Cayman Islands where the estimated contraction in Real Gross Domestic Product in 2020 was 6.7%;

AND WHEREAS because of the pandemic in 2020 the estimated unemployment rate was the highest in these Islands since 2013, with Overall Unemployment estimated at 5.2%, but unemployment among Caymanians estimated at 8.3%;

AND WHEREAS the cost of goods and fuel has not only increased significantly, but are expected to rise further due to the impact of the pandemic and related issues;

AND WHEREAS it is important that the Government assist in lowering the costs of essential imported products to benefit families;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Government consider as a matter of urgency conducting a review of Government import duties and removing import duty from products such as medicines, disposable diapers, baby food and formula, feminine hygiene and sanitary products, and birth control products.

Moved By: Hon. Roy McTaggart, JP, MP
Leader of the Opposition
Elected Member for George Town East

Seconded By: Ms. Barbara Conolly, JP, MP
Elected Member for George Town South

Received in the Office of the Clerk this 19th day of November, 2021.

~~Passed/Rejected by the Cayman Islands Parliament this _____ day of _____, 2021.~~

Withdrawn by the Mover, Hon. Roy McTaggart, JP, MP, this 8th December, 2021.

Clerk of Parliament