



**PARLIAMENT
OF THE
CAYMAN ISLANDS**

**REPORT
of the
STANDING BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

**Third Meeting of the 2023-2024 Session
of the Cayman Islands Parliament**

**Laid upon the Table of this Honourable House this 22nd day of July, 2024.
By the Hon. Premier, Chair of the Standing Business Committee.**

1. INTRODUCTION

The Parliament appointed the Standing Business Committee with the passing on 23rd April 2021 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 Premier, the Leader of the Opposition, the Speaker 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 six Elected Members;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the quorum for the Committee shall be four 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 are Members of the Committee:

Hon. Juliana Y. O’Connor-Connolly, JP, MP, Premier – Chair
Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP, Deputy Premier – Member
Hon. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP, Leader of the Opposition (LoO) - Member
Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, MP - Member
Hon. Johany S. Ebanks, MP – Member
Mr. Joseph X. Hew, MP - Member

3. BUSINESS OF THE COMMITTEE

In arranging the business of the House for the Third Meeting of the 2023-2024 Session of the Parliament, the Committee held one meeting -

- Minutes – Wednesday, 21st February, 2024; and
- Round Robin 1 – Monday, 26th February, 2024.

The Minutes of the Standing Business Committee meeting and the Round Robin are attached hereto as **Appendix 1** and form part of this Report.

Seven (7) Business Papers containing the business of the House for the Second Meeting of the 2023-2024 Session of the Parliament were circulated to Members and are attached hereto as **Appendix 2** 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. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP
Premier
Minister of Finance & Economic Development *and*
Education, District Administration & Lands
Elected Member for Cayman Brac East
Chair

Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP
Deputy Premier
Minister of Financial Services & Commerce *and*
Investment, Innovation & Social Development
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Minister of Tourism & Ports
Elected Member for George Town Central

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Infrastructure, Transport & Development
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Appendix 1:



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STANDING BUSINESS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Meeting
Wednesday, 21st February, 2024

Minutes of proceedings of the Standing Business Committee's meeting held at the House of Parliament on Wednesday, 21st February, 2024 at 2:00 pm to arrange the business of the House for the Third Meeting of the 2023-2024 Session of the Cayman Islands Parliament.

Present: Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP, Premier - Chair
Hon. Johany S. Ebanks, MP Acting Deputy Premier - Member
Hon. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP, LoO - Member
Mr. Joseph X. Hew, MP – Member

Committee Clerk: Mrs. Zena Merren-Chin

Absent: Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP, Deputy Premier – Member
Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, MP - Member

1. Reference

The purpose of the meeting was to approve the Business of the House for the Third Meeting of the 2023-2024 Session of the Parliament commencing Monday, 26th February 2024.

2. Meeting to Order

The Chair welcomed Committee Members. There being a quorum present, the Chair brought the meeting to order at 2:15 pm.

3. Prayers

Hon. Roy McTaggart said prayers.

4. Apologies

Apologies received from Hon. André Ebanks and Hon. Kenneth Bryan.

5. Approval of Minutes and Report

- i. The **Minutes of Tuesday, 5th December, 2023** Business Committee Meeting were reviewed by Members.

Hon. Johany Ebanks proposed an amendment to the wording of the paragraph at the top of page 3 relating to Government Motion No.'s 2 and 5 being deferred.

The Committee **agreed** that the Minutes be amended, as proposed.

The Minutes of 5th December 2023 were approved, as amended, on a motion moved by Hon. Johany Ebanks and seconded by Hon. McTaggart.

- ii. The **Report** of the Standing Business Committee – Second Meeting of the 2023-2024 Session, Parliament of the Cayman Islands, which includes the amended Minutes of Tuesday, 5th December, 2023, together with one Round Robin, was reviewed and approved, on a motion moved by Hon. Johany Ebanks and seconded by Hon. McTaggart.

The Committee implicitly **agreed** that the Report be laid on the Table of the House during the Third Meeting of the 2023-2024 Session of the Parliament.

6. **Approval of House Business**

The Committee considered Business Papers 1 through 6 and **agreed** the business of the House for the Third Meeting of the 2023-2024 Session, be arranged as follows:

a. **Reports:**

The Committee **agreed** that all Reports be placed on the Order Paper on the first day of the meeting, Monday, 26th February 2024.

The Committee further **agreed** that any additional Reports received by the Clerk be approved by Round Robin and placed on the Order Paper for the following day.

b. **Parliamentary Questions:**

The Committee **agreed** that all answers to Parliamentary Questions (PQs) received by the Clerk be placed on the Order Paper for Monday, 26th February 2024.

The Committee further **agreed** that, in accordance with Standing Order 23(6), should the Clerk receive more than three answers to PQs asked by a single Member of Parliament, the PQ will be included in the Order Paper for the following day.

c. **Bills:**

The Committee **agreed** that the following Bills be placed on the Order Paper for Monday, 26th February 2024 in the following order:

- (1) Merchant Shipping Bill, 2023
- (2) Local Companies (Control) (Amendment) Bill, 2023
- (3) Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2024
- (4) Civil Proceedings (Closed Material Procedures) Bill, 2023

The Committee further **agreed** that First and Second Readings of the Bills will commence on Monday, 26th February 2024.

d. **Government Motions:**

The Committee **agreed** that the following Government Motions be placed on the Order Paper following Bills, on Tuesday, 27th February 2024:

- 1) **Government Motion No. 2 of 2023-2024**
The Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision) - Issuance of a Deed of Indemnity to the Board of Directors of Cayman Airways Limited.
- 2) **Government Motion No. 5 of 2023-2024**
Motion to Establish a Fuel Review Select Committee.
- 3) **Government Motion No. 6 of 2023-2024**
Change in membership of the Public Accounts Committee.

e. **Private Member's Bill:**

The Committee **agreed** that the following Private Member's Bill brought by Mr. Christopher Saunders, MP, be placed on the Order Paper following Government Business, on Tuesday, 27th February 2024:

- (1) Consumer Protection and Guarantees Bill, 2023

7. **Other Business**

- i. The Chair advised the Committee that:
 - a) House will sit on Tuesday, 27th February 2024 (Cabinet meeting rearranged);
 - b) the Meeting should conclude before Friday, 1st March 2024; and
 - c) House will sit until 6:00 pm daily.
- ii. The Electoral Boundary Commission's latest report was discussed.

It was confirmed that this report was hand delivered to the House of Parliament in August 2023 in accordance with the constitutional requirements under sections 88 and 89 of the Cayman Islands Constitution Order, 2009; however, the report had not been Tabled in the House.

It was noted that any changes to the electoral boundaries will need to be filed with the Clerk, by way of Government Motion.

8. **Adjournment**

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.

Minutes approved on Friday, 28th June, 2024, on a motion moved by Hon. Johany Ebanks, and seconded by Hon. Roy McTaggart.



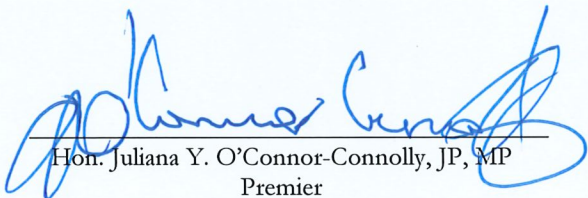
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ROUND ROBIN 1

Monday, 26th February, 2024

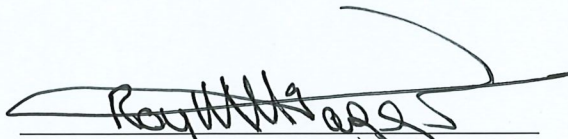
We, the undersigned Members of the Standing Business Committee agree that the following Report be placed on the Order Paper for Tuesday, 27th February, 2024:

- i. **The Health Insurance Commission Annual Report 2021 in Review – 1st January–31st December 2021 – Issue No 15**

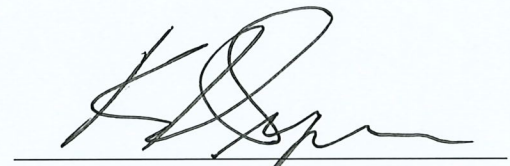


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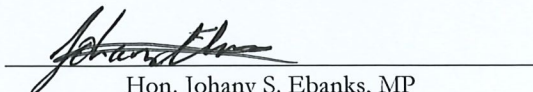
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Elected Member for George Town North
Member

Appendix 2:



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BUSINESS PAPER NO. 1

Third Meeting of the 2023-2024 Session
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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

(i) Bills:

1. **Civil Proceedings (Closed Material Procedures) Bill, 2023** (*gazetted 23rd August, 2023*)
2. **Merchant Shipping Bill, 2023** (*gazetted 3rd November, 2023*)

(ii) Motions:

- 1) Government Motion No. 2 of 2023-2024
The Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision) – Issuance of a Deed of Indemnity to the Board of Directors of Cayman Airways Limited

To be moved by the Honourable Minister of Tourism & Ports.

- 2) Government Motion No. 5 of 2023-2024
Motion to Establish a Fuel Review Select Committee

To be moved by the Honourable Minister of Planning, Agriculture, Housing, Infrastructure, Transportation and Development.

OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Private Member's Bill:

- **Consumer Protection and Guarantees Bill, 2023** (*gazetted 18th October, 2023*)



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BUSINESS PAPER NO. 2

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

(i) Bills:

- Local Companies (Control) (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (*gazetted 15th December, 2023*)

23rd January, 2024



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BUSINESS PAPER NO. 3

Third Meeting of the 2023-2024 Session
Parliament of the Cayman Islands
Commencing Monday, 26th February, 2024

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

(i) Bills:

- Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (*gazetted 26th January, 2024*)

29th January, 2024



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BUSINESS PAPER NO. 4

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PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND OF REPORTS

- i. **The Conditional Release Board – Annual Report 2018-2022 - Office of the Deputy Governor – Cayman Islands Government**

To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Deputy Governor, ex-officio Member responsible for the Portfolio of the Civil Service.

- ii. **Ministry of Home Affairs – Cayman Islands Government – Annual Report 2021**

To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Minister of Health & Wellness *and* Home Affairs.

- iii. **Ministry of Home Affairs – Cayman Islands Government – Annual Report 2022**

To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Minister of Health & Wellness *and* Home Affairs.

- iv. **2022 Annual Report – Health Services Authority Cayman Islands - *Recognising the efforts of our past, present and future.***

To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Minister of Health & Wellness *and* Home Affairs.

- v. **National Drug Council Cayman Islands - Annual Report 2022 – *Prevention. Education. Policy & Research.***

To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Minister of Health & Wellness *and* Home Affairs.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Motions:

- 1) **Government Motion No. 6 of 2023-2024**
Change in membership of the Public Accounts Committee

To be moved by the Honourable Premier, Minister of Finance & Economic Development, Education *and* District Administration & Lands.



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BUSINESS PAPER NO. 5

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QUESTIONS TO HONOURABLE MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

The Elected Member for George Town East to ask the Honourable Premier, Minister of Education, District Administration & Lands *and* Finance & Economic Development

No. 1: Can the Honourable Premier update the House on the progress of any work undertaken across government and with the RCIPS to develop and implement an anti-gang strategy for the Cayman Islands?

The Elected Member for George Town East to ask the Honourable Premier, Minister of Education, District Administration & Lands *and* Finance & Economic Development

No. 2: Can the Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance say what measures are being taken to ensure that budget expenditure targets are kept or adjusted to ensure the projected surplus of about \$43.0 million in 2024 and \$53.2 million in 2025 will be achieved or exceeded?

The Elected Member for George Town East to ask the Honourable Premier, Minister of Education, District Administration & Lands *and* Finance & Economic Development

No. 3: Can the Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance advise the House what additional revenue was expected to be raised in 2024 and 2025 by the increase in stamp duty on "high-end" property that was announced in the budget but which she has now told the Chamber of Commerce has been reconsidered?

The Elected Member for George Town East to ask the Honourable Premier, Minister of Education, District Administration & Lands *and* Finance & Economic Development

No. 4: Can the Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance provide a full schedule of the fees and charges that have been increased, or are planned to be increased in 2024 and 2025 for core government and public sector entities, setting out the charges in 2023, revised charges for 2024 and 2025; the percentage increases over the 2023 figure; and the total additional revenue expected to be generated in each year?

The Elected Member for George Town East to ask the Honourable Premier, Minister of Education, District Administration & Lands and Finance & Economic Development

No. 5: Can the Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance advise the House on:

- (a) the quantities of 'non-monetary gold', including gold bullion, imported into the Cayman Islands for the years 2019 through 2023 and a breakdown of the total revenue (including import duty, etc.) derived from the importation; and
- (b) what quantities and total revenues are projected for 2024 and 2025?

The Elected Member for George Town South to ask the Honourable Premier, Minister of Education, District Administration & Lands and Finance & Economic Development

No. 6: Can the Honourable Minister publish a full evaluation of the free school meals programme, by the end of March, 2024, giving the total costs and benefits of the programme and compare them with those expected in the original business case?

The Elected Member for George Town South to ask the Honourable Premier, Minister of Education, District Administration & Lands and Finance & Economic Development

No. 7: Can the Honourable Minister advise the House what action is being taken to both challenge and support public schools that do not improve their inspection ratings over time?

The Elected Member for George Town East to ask the Honourable Deputy Premier, Minister of Financial Services & Commerce

No. 8: Can the Honourable Minister advise what resources the Ministry has provided, or is providing, to support the network of Cayman Islands overseas offices?

The Elected Member for George Town North to ask the Honourable Deputy Premier, Minister of Investment, Innovation & Social Development

No. 9: Can the Honourable Minister advise the House what targets for improved customer service have been set for the Needs Assessment Unit (NAU) following the introduction of the improved systems announced on February 5th, 2024?

The Elected Member for George Town East to ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism & Ports

No. 10: Can the Honourable Minister state:

- (a) why the proposed extension of the Owen Roberts International Airport runway has been almost doubled from the original recommendations of the consultants to build 1,000 ft. of runway to now consideration that the planned extension will be 1,900 feet into the North Sound;
- (b) whether the consultants or the Government have considered the increased environmental and other adverse impacts on the passage of boats and on the communities that the longer runway extension will impinge upon; and
- (c) what steps will the Government take to mitigate those impacts?

The Elected Member for Cayman Brac West & Little Cayman to ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism & Ports

No. 11: Can the Honourable Minister update the House on the plans, over this year, to improve airlift for Cayman Brac and Little Cayman and advise whether he is considering changes to direct flights between Miami and Cayman Brac?

The Elected Member for Cayman Brac West & Little Cayman to ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism & Ports

No. 12: Can the Honourable Minister update the House on:

- (a) The number of paying passengers that travelled on Cayman Airways between the Cayman Islands and Barbados since the route was launched;
- (b) What are the forward bookings for the route out to September 2024; and
- (c) What is the level of increased business that Cayman Airways has seen on the Los Angeles route with the introduction of the extra flights as part of the arrangements with Barbados?

The Elected Member for George Town South to ask the Honourable Minister of Health & Wellness and Home Affairs

No. 13: Can the Honourable Minister advise:

- (a) whether the Poinciana Rehabilitation Centre, also known as the Long-Term Mental Health Residential Facility, is still expected to be handed over to the Government by the end of March, 2024;
- (b) what is the expected opening date of the facility; and
- (c) how many staff are presently hired to operate the facility after it opens?

The Elected Member for George Town West to ask the Honourable Minister of Health & Wellness and Home Affairs

No. 14: Can the Honourable Minister advise the House when she will be bringing the amendments to the Misuse of Drugs Act to address the “hallucinogenic substances and amphetamine derivatives”, which are not currently included in the Act, that she mentioned last year in responding to a question from the Opposition on stricter sentences for importation and distribution of Fentanyl and other opioids?

The Elected Member for George Town North to ask the Honourable Minister of Health & Wellness and Home Affairs

No. 15: Can the Honourable Minister advise the House as to how many years-of-use are left at the George Town Landfill if filling continues at the current rate?

The Elected Member for George Town North to ask the Honourable Minister of Planning, Agriculture, Housing, Infrastructure, Transport & Development

No. 16: Can the Honourable Minister update the House on:

- (a) whether the Deloitte Report “Assessment of a Public Transport Strategy” has been accepted by Cabinet and is being actioned; and
- (b) what is being planned in the current budget to advance improvements in public transportation?

The Elected Member for George Town North to ask the Honourable Minister of Planning, Agriculture, Housing, Infrastructure, Transport & Development

No. 17: Can the Honourable Minister update the House on the progress of completing the Eddie Sanchez Memorial Park in Red Bay/Prospect and the proposed Seafarers Park in George Town Central?

The Elected Member for George Town North to ask the Honourable Minister of Planning, Agriculture, Housing, Infrastructure, Transport & Development

No. 18: Can the Honourable Minister advise the House on what progress is expected this year on reviewing the National Development Plan?

The Elected Member for George Town West to ask the Honourable Minister of Youth, Sports and Heritage

No. 19: Can the Honourable Minister advise how many Caymanian athletes he anticipates will be selected to compete at the 2024 Paralympic Games in Paris later this year?

The Elected Member for George Town East to ask the Honourable Minister of Border Control, Labour & Culture

No. 20: Can the Honourable Minister update the House on:

- (a) what is happening with the Minimum Wage Report presented to Government in October last year;
- (b) when does the Government intend to make it public; and
- (c) when does the Government intend to put forward recommendations regarding the Report?

The Elected Member for George Town East to ask the Honourable Deputy Governor

No. 21: Can the Honourable Deputy Governor inform the House how many vacancies there are within the RCIPS for officers in neighbourhood policing teams and for police community support officers?

20th February 2024



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BUSINESS PAPER NO. 6

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PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND OF REPORTS

i. OfReg – 2022 Annual Report

To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Minister of Planning, Agriculture, Housing, Infrastructure, Transport & Development.

ii. Ministry of Sustainability & Climate Resiliency – Cayman Islands Government – Annual Report 2022

To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Minister of Sustainability & Climate Resiliency.

20th February, 2024



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BUSINESS PAPER NO. 7

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PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND OF REPORTS

- i. **Report of the Standing Business Committee – Second Meeting of the 2023-2024 Session of the Cayman Islands Parliament**

To be laid on the Table by the Chair of the Standing Business Committee, the Honourable Premier, Minister of Finance & Economic Development, Education *and* District Administration & Lands.

- ii. **The Health Insurance Commission Annual Report 2021 in Review – 1st January – 31st December 2021 – Issue No 15**

To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Minister of Health & Wellness *and* Home Affairs.

26th February, 2024