



PARLIAMENT
OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

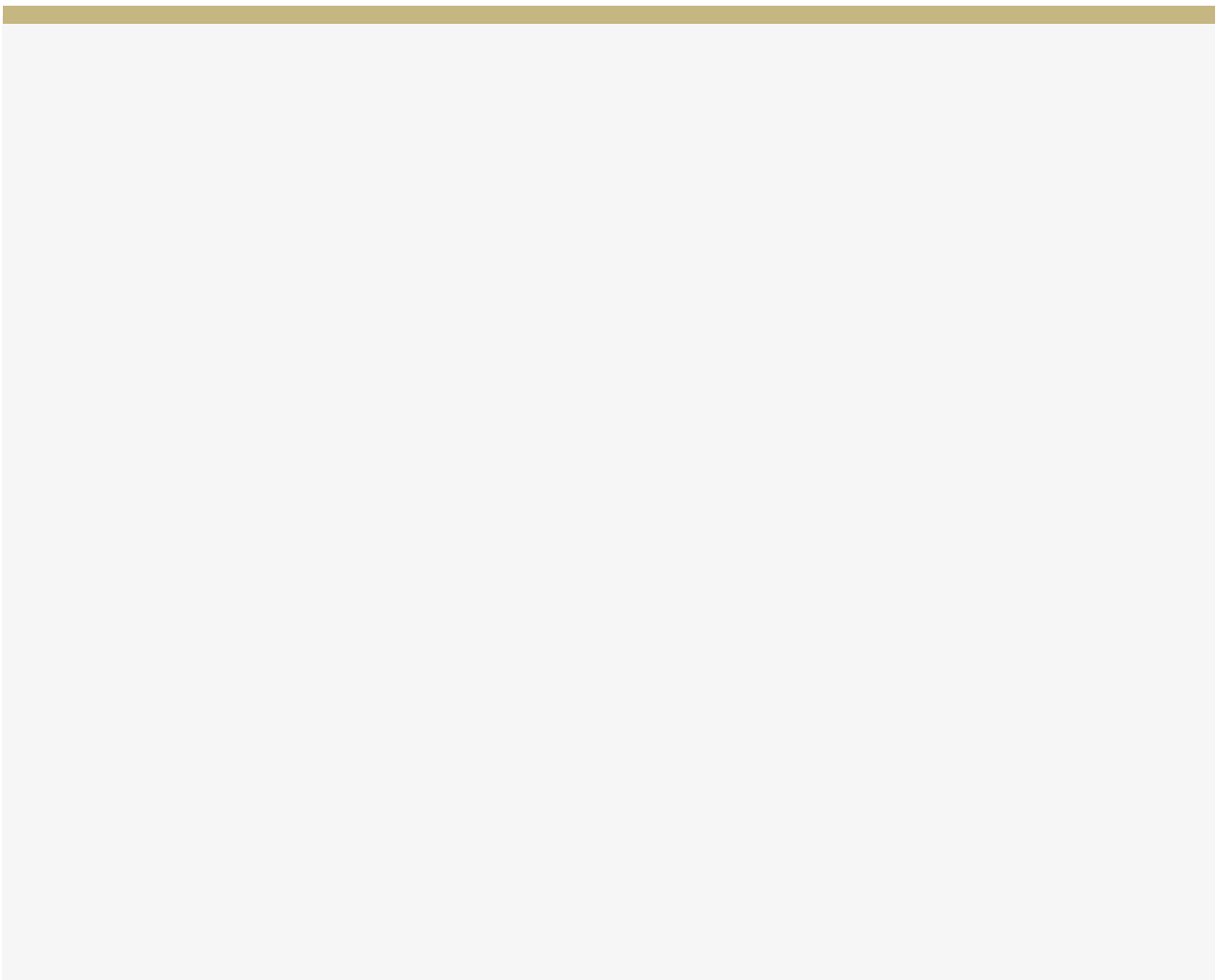
State Opening

FIRST MEETING - FIRST SITTING | 2025-2026 SESSION

2:00PM, WEDNESDAY, 25TH JUNE, 2025

HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT | 33 FORT STREET
GEORGE TOWN, CAYMAN ISLANDS





HIS MAJESTY THE KING'S REPRESENTATIVE

Her Excellency the Governor
Mrs. Jane Owen

THE SPEAKER

Hon. D. Ezzard Miller

THE PREMIER

Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP
Minister of Financial Services & Commerce
Elected Member for West Bay South

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

Hon. Joseph X. Hew, MP
Elected Member for George Town North

MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP

Premier, Minister of Financial Services & Commerce

Elected Member for West Bay South

Hon. Gary B. Ruddy, MP

Deputy Premier, Minister of Tourism & Trade Development

Elected Member for George Town South

Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks, MP

Minister of Health, Environment & Sustainability

Elected Member for West Bay Central

Hon. Rolston M. Anglin, JP, MP

Minister of Finance & Economic Development and Education & Training

Elected Member for West Bay North

Hon. Johany S. Ebanks, MP

Minister of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure

Elected Member for North Side

Hon. Isaac D. Rankine, JP, MP

Minister of Social Development & Innovation and Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage

Elected Member for East End

Hon. Nickolas T. A. DaCosta, JP, MP

Minister of District Administration & Home Affairs

Elected Member for Cayman Brac West and Little Cayman

Hon. Michael S. Myles, MP

Minister of Caymanian Employment & Immigration

Elected Member for Prospect

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Hon. Franz I. Manderson, MBE, Cert. Hon., JP

Deputy Governor, ex-officio Member

Responsible for the Portfolio of the Civil Service

Hon. Samuel W. Bulgin, KC, JP

Attorney General, ex-officio Member

Responsible for the Portfolio of Legal Affairs

ELECTED MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

BACKBENCH MEMBERS AND PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES

Mrs. Julie J. T. Hunter, JP, MP
Elected Member for West Bay West

Ms. Heather D. Bodden, OCl, Cert. Hon., JP, MP
Elected Member for Savannah

Hon. G. Wayne Panton, JP, MP
Elected Member for Newlands

MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION

Hon. Joseph X. Hew, MP
Leader of the Opposition
Elected Member for George Town North

Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, JP, MP
Deputy Leader of the Opposition
Elected Member for George Town Central

Hon. Pearlina L. McGaw-Lumsden, MP
Deputy Speaker
Elected Member for George Town West

Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP
Elected Member for Cayman Brac East

Mr. A. Roy Tatum, Cert. Hon., MP
Elected Member for Red Bay

Mr. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP
Elected Member for George Town East

Mr. Dwayne S. Seymour, CCl, JP, MP
Elected Member for Bodden Town East

INDEPENDENT OPPOSITION MEMBER

Mr. Christopher S. Saunders, MP
Elected Member for Bodden Town West

PROGRAMME

- 1:35pm** Members of the public arrive
- 1:40pm** Guard of Honour in position
- 1:45pm** Members of Parliament seated
Members of the public seated
- 1:50pm** Pastor M. Alson Ebanks, Cert. Hon. seated
Chief Justice Honourable Margaret Ramsay-Hale seated
- 1:52pm** **Arrival of the Honourable Premier**
General Salute
- 1:54pm** **Arrival of the Honourable Speaker**
General Salute
- 2:00pm** **SPEAKER'S PROCESSION**
(All rise)
- The Serjeant-at-Arms *(bearing the Mace)*
The Honourable Speaker
The Clerks of the Parliament
The Deputy Serjeant-at-Arms
- The Honourable Speaker proceeds to the Chair
(and bows to the right and to the left)

PRAYERS

The Honourable Speaker requests Pastor M. Alson Ebanks to say prayers.

The Honourable Speaker asks for all to be seated.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OR AFFIRMATIONS

MOTION FOR THE SUSPENSION OF THE HOUSE

The Premier, Honourable André Ebanks, MP - Minister of Financial Services & Commerce moves -

“That this Honourable House do rise to await the arrival of Her Excellency the Governor Mrs. Jane Owen to receive a gracious Address to the Parliament”.

The Question is proposed and put.

The Honourable Speaker suspends the House to meet Her Excellency the Governor.

The Serjeant-at-Arms places the Mace in the lower cradle.

All rise as the Honourable Speaker, preceded by the Serjeant-at-Arms, followed by the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition and the Clerks proceed to the forecourt of the Building to meet Her Excellency the Governor.

INSPECTION OF THE GUARD OF HONOUR

2:10pm Arrival of Her Excellency the Governor.
(Met by the Honourable Speaker)

2:11pm Royal Salute.

The Honourable Speaker, the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition, the Clerks, and Serjeant-at-Arms in attendance, stand at the top of the steps to watch the Inspection of the Guard of Honour.

2:15pm Royal Salute.

2:17pm The Honourable Speaker and the Clerks escort Her Excellency the Governor and the Governor's Aide-de-Camp inside the House of Parliament.

PROCESSION

The Serjeant-at-Arms
The Honourable Speaker
Her Excellency the Governor
The Governor's Aide-de-Camp
The Honourable Premier
The Honourable Leader of the Opposition
The Clerks of the Parliament
The Deputy Serjeant-at-Arms

Proceed to the main doors of the Chamber.

The Governor's Aide-de-Camp gives three knocks on the door.

As the doors open, the Serjeant-at-Arms heads the Procession and announces: *"Her Excellency the Governor"*.

As the Procession enters the Chamber. *(All Stand)*

Her Excellency the Governor proceeds to the left and upon reaching the Speaker's dais, takes the Speaker's Chair. The Honourable Speaker takes a seat to the right of Her Excellency and the Governor's Aide-de-Camp to the left.

Her Excellency the Governor bows to the right and the left and says “*Please be seated*”. Her Excellency takes her seat.

The Honourable Speaker invites Her Excellency the Governor, to address the House.

HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR TO THE PARLIAMENT

Her Excellency the Governor addresses the Parliament. At the conclusion, the Governor’s Aide-de-Camp approaches Her Excellency the Governor, bows and receives a copy of the Speech, bows again and moving backward, turns and gives the copy to the Clerk to be laid on the Table.

Her Excellency the Governor (*all rise*), bows to the right and to the left.

The Serjeant-at-Arms approaches the Table.

DEPARTURE OF HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

Procession departs in the following order:

The Serjeant-at-Arms
The Honourable Speaker
Her Excellency the Governor
The Governor’s Aide-de-Camp
The Chief Justice, Hon. Margaret Ramsay-Hale
Pastor M. Alson Ebanks, Cert. Hon.

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THE HONOURABLE SPEAKER RE-ENTERS

The Serjeant-at-Arms announces: “*Mister Speaker*” (All stand).

The Honourable Speaker re-enters the Chamber preceded by the Serjeant-at-Arms who lays the Mace in the upper cradle.

RESUMPTION OF THE SITTING OF THE PARLIAMENT

The Honourable Speaker bows to the right and the left and takes the Chair.
The Honourable Speaker calls the House to order.

VOTE OF THANKS TO HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

The Speaker:

“This Honourable Parliament does record its grateful thanks to Her Excellency the Governor, Mrs. Jane Owen for the gracious Address delivered at this Sitting”.

READING BY THE HONOURABLE SPEAKER OF MESSAGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS

- i. **The Health Insurance Commission Annual Report 2023 - 1st January - 31st December 2023 - Health Insurance Commission in Review - Issue No 16**
To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Minister of Health, Environment & Sustainability.
- ii. **Ministry of Youth, Sports & Heritage - Cayman Islands Government - 2024 Annual Report - Preserve our Past. Strengthen our Future.**
To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Minister of Social Development & Innovation and Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage
- iii. **Ministry of Home Affairs - Cayman Islands Government - 2024 Annual Report - For the Period: 1 January 2024 - 31 December 2024**
To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Minister of District Administration and Home Affairs.
- iv. **Ministry of Finance and Economic Development - Cayman Islands Government - Annual Report 2024.**
To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Minister of Finance & Economic Development and Education & Training.
- v. **CINICO Annual Report 2024 - Fiscal year ended 31 December 2024**
To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Minister of Finance & Economic Development and Education & Training.
- vi. **Portfolio of the Civil Service - Cayman Islands Government - Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (30 April 2025)**
To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Deputy Governor, ex-officio Member responsible for the Portfolio of the Civil Service.
- vii. **Office of the Commissioner of Police - Cayman Islands Government - Annual Report 2024**
To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Deputy Governor, ex-officio Member responsible for the Portfolio of the Civil Service.
- viii. **The Cayman Islands Law Reform Commission - Annual Report No. 20 - 1st April, 2024 - 31st March, 2025**
To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Attorney General, ex-officio Member responsible for the Portfolio of Legal Affairs.
- ix. **Financial Reporting Authority - 2024 Annual Report - Cayman Islands Government Portfolio of Legal Affairs**
To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Attorney General, ex-officio Member responsible for the Portfolio of Legal Affairs.
- x. **Anti-Corruption Commission Cayman Islands - Annual Report - 1 July 2023 - 30 June 2024**
To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Attorney General, ex-officio Member responsible for the Portfolio of Legal Affairs.

PREMIER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS TO MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT

The Honourable Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Elected Member for George Town Central to ask the Honourable Minister of Finance & Economic Development and Education & Training

No. 1: Can the Honourable Minister say whether the Government is still projected to show a deficit at the end of the current Budget Year in light of the First Quarter surplus recently announced?

The Honourable Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Elected Member for George Town Central to ask the Honourable Minister of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure

No. 2: Can the Honourable Minister say whether the Government has any intention of cutting any major infrastructure projects, and if so, can the Minister give details as to which projects, and why?

The Elected Member for Bodden Town East to ask the Honourable Minister of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure

No. 3: Can the Honourable Minister advise if any property has been secured in the Bodden Town area for affordable housing?

The Elected Member for Bodden Town East to ask the Honourable Minister of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure

No. 4: Can the Honourable Minister confirm if the EIA for the East-West arterial road has been completed; and if so, what are the start and completion dates for this road?

The Honourable Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Elected Member for George Town Central to ask the Honourable Minister of Social Development & Innovation and Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage

No. 5: Can the Honourable Minister say how many Caymanians are currently being assisted by the Department of Financial Assistance with rent assistance?

The Honourable Deputy Speaker, Elected Member for George Town West to ask the Honourable Minister of Social Development & Innovation

No. 6: Can the Honourable Minister say when the Anti-Sexual Harassment Act, 2025, will come into force?

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

OBITUARY AND OTHER CEREMONIAL SPEECHES

RAISING OF MATTERS OF PRIVILEGE

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

BILLS:

FIRST READINGS: Churches Incorporation (Amendment) Bill, 2025
Virtual Asset (Service Providers) (Amendment) Bill, 2025
Public Management and Finance (Amendment) Bill, 2025
Public Service Management (Amendment) Bill, 2025

MOTION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE

The Honourable Premier moves for the adjournment of the House.

The Question is proposed and put.

PROCESSION FROM THE CHAMBER

(All Stand)

The Serjeant-at-Arms, bearing the Mace, leads the Honourable Speaker from the Chamber.

OFFICERS OF THE PARLIAMENT

Mrs. Zena Merren-Chin, BSc., LLB
Clerk & Chief Officer of the Parliament

Mrs. Twila Escalante, LLB
Deputy Clerk of the Parliament

Mrs. Patricia Priestley, BSc., LLB (Hons)
Assistant Clerk of the Parliament

Ms. Nordra Walcott, LLB (Hons), PGDip
Assistant Clerk of the Parliament

Mr. J. Kim Evans, NP
Serjeant-at-Arms

Mr. Christopher Clarke
Deputy Serjeant-at-Arms



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