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Third Meeting of 2025–2026 Parliamentary Session Delivers Legislative Progress with Commitment to Transparency

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The Third Meeting of the 2025–2026 Session of Parliament commenced on **Wednesday, 5 November 2025**, and has since featured robust engagement on the national budget, key legislative measures, and a range of issues affecting the people of the Cayman Islands.

At the Second Sitting, Parliament laid the foundation for budget deliberations with the tabling of several **key** financial documents, including the Plans and Estimates, Budget Statements, and related ownership and purchase agreements for the 2026 and 2027 financial years.

During this Sitting, the Premier delivered his statement acknowledging the regional impact of Hurricane Melissa and outlined the Cayman Islands Government's commitment to humanitarian assistance. The Premier also presented the **Budget Statement**, under the National Coalition for Caymanians Government, highlighting their fiscal approach and national development priorities.

The Minister for Finance and Economic Development addressed the **Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025**. This budget is aimed at setting out projected revenues, planned capital investments, and measures aimed at supporting economic stability, public services, and community wellbeing.

Subsequent sittings were largely devoted to debate on the **Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025**, with Members from **both** the Government and Official Opposition contributing to discussions on the cost of living, education, infrastructure development, environmental protection, tourism, and social services.

In addition to budgetary matters, Parliament considered and advanced several key pieces of legislation, including the **Submarine Cable (Telecommunications Resilience) Bill, 2025**, which seeks to strengthen the legal framework for international telecommunications infrastructure and enhance national resilience. The **Immigration (Transition) (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2025**, also received extensive consideration, with Members debating workforce participation, demographic balance, and long-term immigration policy.

At the Fifth Sitting, the Acting Deputy Governor was sworn in as an ex-officio Member of Parliament. During the Sitting, the Premier announced a one-time **CI\$500 honorarium** for civil servants, seafarers, pensioners, and eligible long-term assistance recipients, providing additional support ahead of the holiday season.

The Sixth Sitting saw the tabling of **thirteen** annual reports and papers from government ministries and departments, reinforcing Parliament's oversight role. Debate on the **Immigration (Transition) (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2025** continued, with Members addressing social integration, economic planning, and legislative safeguards.

The Seventh Sitting, Parliament concluded key legislative business. The **Submarine Cable (Telecommunications Resilience) Bill, 2025** and the **Immigration (Transition) (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2025** both **passed**. Additionally, the Minister for Finance and Economic Development Tabled the **Stamp Duty (Rates of Duty) (No. 2)**



Regulations, 2025 and addressed both the **Land Holding Companies Share Transfer Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2025** and the **Information and Communications Technology (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2025**, which both **passed**.

The Third Meeting of the 2025–2026 Session has demonstrated Parliament’s ongoing commitment to addressing key national priorities, advancing important legislation, and ensuring public engagement in the democratic process. Proceedings were broadcast live via **CIGTV**, **Radio Cayman**, and the Government’s official **YouTube** page, allowing residents to follow parliamentary business in real-time. Recordings and supporting materials remain available through official Government channels, ensuring continued access and transparency as Parliament progresses with its legislative work.

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“Honourable Minister of Finance addressing the Appropriations Bill, and the Honourable Minister of Caymanian Employment Addressing the Immigration Bill.” jpeg

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