



Parliament of the Cayman Islands

PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION NO. 1 of 2026-2027

Motion to Amend the Financial Assistance Regulations (2026 Revision) Regarding Household Income Thresholds

WHEREAS the Financial Assistance Regulations (2026 Revision) currently prescribe maximum monthly household income thresholds for eligibility for financial assistance;

AND WHEREAS these thresholds—currently set at \$3,000 for households of 1 to 3 persons, \$3,500 for households of 4 to 6 persons, and \$4,000 for households of 7 or more persons—were established prior to recent extreme inflationary pressures;

AND WHEREAS the Economics and Statistics Office (ESO) has projected that headline inflation in the Cayman Islands will surge to **5.3% in 2026**, driven by a projected **14% increase** in the cost of electricity, gas, and other fuels;

AND WHEREAS the cost of essential goods, including food and non-alcoholic beverages, rose by **3.8%** in late 2025 alone, and the cost of housing and utilities continues to place an unsustainable burden on low-to-middle-income families;

AND WHEREAS many hard-working Caymanian families are currently disqualified from receiving assistance because they earn marginally above these outdated thresholds, yet remain in a state of financial deficit due to the soaring cost of living.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Government considers amending the **Financial Assistance Regulations (2026 Revision)** to increase the maximum monthly household income thresholds by **\$1,000** for each category, to be established as follows:

1. For households of 1 to 3 persons: **\$4,000**
2. For households of 4 to 6 persons: **\$4,500**
3. For households of 7 or more persons: **\$5,000**

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government considers implementing a mechanism for the regular, annual review of these thresholds to ensure they remain tethered to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and reflective of the true cost of living in the Cayman Islands.

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

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

Received in the Office of the Clerk this 15th day of May, 2026.

Rejected by the Parliament of the Cayman Islands this 23rd day of June, 2026.

Clerk of the Parliament