



## Parliament of the Cayman Islands

### PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION NO. 2 of 2026-2027

#### Motion to increase the personal duty-free waiver for returning residents from CI\$500 to CI\$800

**WHEREAS** the cost of living in the Cayman Islands has increased significantly in recent years, placing financial strain on Caymanian families and residents;

**AND WHEREAS** many residents travel overseas to purchase essential household goods, clothing, school supplies, medication, and other necessities at more affordable prices;

**AND WHEREAS** the current personal duty-free waiver allowance of CI\$500 for returning residents has remained unchanged for many years despite inflationary pressures and increased costs of goods and travel;

**AND WHEREAS** increasing the duty-free waiver would provide meaningful financial relief to residents while supporting consumer affordability and household resilience;

**AND WHEREAS** neighbouring jurisdictions and international travel markets have adjusted personal allowances periodically to reflect modern economic realities;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that Government considers amending the relevant Customs and Border Control regulations and policies to increase the personal duty-free waiver allowance for returning residents from CI\$500 to CI\$800 per person;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Government considers undertaking the necessary consultation with the Ministry of Finance, Customs and Border Control Service, and other relevant stakeholders to assess implementation and fiscal impact, with a view to introducing the revised allowance within the 2026/2027 financial year.

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

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

**Received** in the Office of the Clerk this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

**Passed** by the Parliament of the Cayman Islands this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2026.

Clerk of the Parliament