



Parliament of the Cayman Islands

PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION NO. 8 of 2026-2027

Motion to Advance the Implementation of The Residential Tenancies Act

WHEREAS adequate, secure and habitable housing is fundamental to the well-being, stability and economic security of residents of the Cayman Islands;

AND WHEREAS the Residential Tenancies Act was passed by this Honourable Parliament in 2009, but has not yet been brought into force;

AND WHEREAS Parliament has already determined, through the passage of the Residential Tenancies Act in 2009, that a statutory framework governing residential tenancies is in the public's interest;

AND WHEREAS the absence of an operational residential tenancy framework has left both tenants and landlords without clear statutory protections, responsibilities, dispute resolution mechanisms and legal certainty;

AND WHEREAS renters throughout the Cayman Islands continue to experience increasing rental costs and housing pressures, including concerns relating to unlawful eviction, substandard housing conditions, arbitrary rent increases and the absence of accessible remedies;

AND WHEREAS the absence of a modern tenancy framework equally creates uncertainty for landlords regarding their rights, responsibilities and available avenues for dispute resolution;

AND WHEREAS the Cayman Islands Government's Public and Affordable Housing Policy and 10-Year Strategic Plan expressly recognises the need to enact and implement residential tenancy legislation, including the establishment of tenant protections;

AND WHEREAS many renters are presently living without statutory protections relating to matters such as eviction procedures, housing standards, rental costs and affordable dispute resolution mechanisms;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Government considers undertaking a formal review of the Residential Tenancies Act and any related draft regulations for the purpose of identifying any amendments necessary to reflect current housing conditions, modern standards and best practices;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government considers bringing to this Honourable House by January 31, 2027, any legislation or amendments considered necessary to facilitate the commencement and implementation of the Residential Tenancies Act.

Moved By: Mr. Roy Tatum, JP, MP
Elected Member for Red Bay

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

Received in the Office of the Clerk this 5th day of June, 2026.

Rejected by the Parliament of the Cayman Islands this 24th day of June, 2026.

Clerk of the Parliament