Cabinet Office
Cayman Islands Government

Report to Parliament

Motions on National Policy Issues

Presented by the Premier, Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP

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Background:

In relation to Motions on National Policy Issues, Parliament Standing Orders, 2025 establishes under Standing Order 48(2) that "a report Cabinet's decision in response to the submission made pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be tabled at the next meeting of the House by the Premier or by a Member of the Government assigned by the Premier".

This report to Parliament outlines the Cabinet's decisions in response to Private Member's Motions No. 16 and No. 18 of 2025-2026 passed by the Parliament of the Cayman Islands.

Private Member's Motion No. 16

On 23 June 2026, the Cabinet considered Private Member's Motion No. 16 of 2025-2026. Cabinet approved the following:

The proposal for establishing a "Newborn Investment Sovereign Fund" under which an initial sum would be allocated for Caymanian children born in the Cayman Islands was supported by the Cabinet. The matter has been assigned to the Hon. Minister for Finance & Economic Development to be taken forward in order to develop a programme with a robust governance structure, statutory prohibition to early access, independent fund management, and clear investment mandates.

Private Member's Motion No. 18

On 29th April 2026 the Government announced the following comprehensive, three-phase programme to address the acute affordability challenge facing households this summer, and to tackle structural improvements needed to reduce energy consumption more sustainably –

1. **Phase 1: Immediate (Now – October 2026): Summer Fuel Relief: Helping Households Right Now**
    a. Effective for June, July, August and September consumption, the NCFC Government is implementing two targeted interventions with an estimated combined cost of CI$9 million. First, import duty on all fuel types, gasoline, diesel and propane, will be waived for four months, reducing costs at the pump, when purchasing propane, and on electricity bills. Second, Caribbean Utilities Company, Ltd. (CUC) and Island Energy will implement a residential electricity fuel cost charge cap of CI$0.18/kWh assisting nearly 90% of residential customers who consume between 101 kWh and 2,000 kWh per month. Relief will appear automatically on bills, no application required for the vast majority. A dedicated special pathway is being established for households with exceptional needs, including large or multi-generational families and those dependent on life-sustaining medical equipment. No one will be left behind.
2. **Phase 2: Medium Term (2027–2028)**: **Tackling Root Cause #1: Home Energy Efficiency**
    a. Rising electricity bills are partly a symptom of how much energy Caymanian homes consume. The NCFC Government will relaunch and significantly expand the Cayman Home Energy Efficiency Retrofit (CHEER) programme, with a focus on providing or subsidising the installation of spray foam insulation in residential roofs, one of the highest-impact interventions for reducing cooling costs in a tropical climate. In a later stage, the programme will also support eligible homeowners in replacing air conditioning units and fans with more energy-efficient alternatives. By reducing consumption, Government is helping households permanently lower their bills, independent of global fuel prices.
3. **Phase 3: Longer Term (2027 and Beyond)**: **Tackling Root Cause #2: Transitioning to Solar Generation**
    a. Cayman's deepest energy vulnerability is its near-total dependence on diesel-fuelled generation. Every oil price spike on international markets reverberates directly through household electricity bills. In line with the National Energy Policy, the NCFC Government is taking concrete steps to scale solar energy generation across the islands, reducing dependence on fossil fuels, insulating Cayman's energy system from geopolitical shocks and transitioning to cleaner, more sustainable power.

On 13th May 2026, the Cabinet approved, via a Cabinet Paper submitted by the Hon Minister of Finance and Economic Development, supplementary funding to support the implementation of Phase 1.

Conclusion:
I hereby commend this report pursuant to Standing Order 48(2) to this Honourable House.

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Premier