



PARLIAMENT
OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS



Summer **Youth Parliament Debate**

Programme

**THURSDAY, 2ND JULY 2026
10:00 A.M.**



COMMONWEALTH
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Cayman Islands Branch



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PARLIAMENT

HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT
33 FORT STREET | GEORGE TOWN

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ORDER OF PROGRAMME

9:35 a.m.

Members of Parliament and Persons seated in the Chamber

Members of the Public to be seated in the Public Gallery

9:55 a.m.

Seated on the platform:

Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, JP, MP

Chairman of the CPA Youth Parliament
Organising Committee

Deputy Leader of the Opposition

Hon. D. Ezzard Miller

Speaker of Parliament

President of the CPA Cayman Islands Branch

10:00 a.m.

Youth Parliamentarians (YP) seated

10:00 -

10:10 a.m.

Welcome Address

Hon. D. Ezzard Miller

Opening of the Summer Youth Parliament

Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, JP, MP

**SPEAKER'S
PROCESSION**

All Rise

PRAYER

Hon. Youth Parliament Premier, Minister of Financial Services & Commerce

**READING OF MESSAGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BY
THE HONOURABLE SPEAKER**

Statement by the Honourable Speaker of the First Summer Youth Parliament

OTHER BUSINESS

Private Member's Motion:

Private Member's Motion No. 3 of 2026:
*Limiting Social Media for Children
under the age of sixteen.*

To be moved by **Hon. Johanah O'Connor**,
Elected Member for Bodden Town West
and seconded by **Mr. Dominic Anderson**,
Elected Member for Savannah.

ADJOURNMENT

This Honourable Summer Youth
Parliament stands adjourned siné die.

SPEAKER OF YOUTH PARLIAMENT 2026

Hon. De-Andre Beckford

MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT

Hon. Raniah Berry, MYP

Premier

Elected Member for Bodden Town East

Hon. Zaina Doctor, MYP

Elected Member for Prospect

Mr. Elvin Powell, MYP

Elected Member for North Side

Miss Jhené Sturdivant, MYP

Elected Member for West Bay West

Miss Jhenelle Colquhoun, MYP

Elected Member for East End

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Elected Member for George Town North

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Elected Member for West Bay Central

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Elected Member for George Town South

Miss Jelitza Ebanks, MYP

Elected Member for Red Bay

Mr. Taygan McFarlane, MYP

Elected Member for Cayman Brac West & Little Cayman

Mr. Jordan McDonald, MYP

Elected Member for Newlands

OPPOSITION MEMBERS

Hon. Johanah O'Connor, MYP

Leader of the Opposition

Elected Member for Bodden Town West

Hon. Leah Warren, MYP

Deputy Leader of the Opposition

Elected Member for George Town West

Miss Sienna Bryan, MYP

Elected Member for George Town Central

Miss Olivia Cain, MYP

Elected Member for West Bay South

Miss Reeci-Lee Dewar, MYP

Elected Member for George Town East

Miss Antoniel McDonald, MYP

Elected Member for Cayman Brac East

Mr. Dominic Anderson, MYP

Elected Member for Savannah

Mr. Jerrin Reynolds-Velasquez, MYP

Elected Member for West Bay North

OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE

Miss Alyssa Ebanks

Clerk

Miss Lulama Jones

Serjeant-at-Arms

PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION NO. 3 OF 2026:

Limiting social media for children under the age of sixteen

WHEREAS the Government of the Cayman Islands has a duty to safeguard the welfare, mental health, and healthy development of children and young persons;

AND WHEREAS a growing body of evidence indicates that intensive use of social media is associated with increased risks of anxiety, depression, sleep disruption, as well as cyberbullying, online exploitation, addictive behaviours, and exposure to age-inappropriate content, the scale of which presents population-level mental health concern;

AND WHEREAS children under the age of sixteen are in critical stages of cognitive and social development, and evidence of potential harms from intensive social media use justifies precautionary age-based protections grounded in child welfare principles;

AND WHEREAS multiple jurisdictions, including Australia and several European and Asian nations, have either proposed or enacted legislation, recognising such measures as proportionate child-protection interventions rather than limitations on freedom of expression;

AND WHEREAS this Honourable House recognises the positive role of digital technologies in education, creativity, communication, and economic participation, and affirms that responsible digital technology use is compatible with strong child protection standards and that these measures seek to delay, rather than permanently deny, access until an appropriate stage of cognitive maturity.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Government considers the introduction of legislation to prohibit access to social media platforms by persons under the age of sixteen (16) years within the Cayman Islands as a child protection and public health measure;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government considers that any such legislation shall place primary responsibility for compliance, age verification, and enforcement on social media platform operators, and shall not criminalise or penalise children or young persons;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government considers that "Social Media Platforms" shall be defined as digital services for social interaction and content sharing, and shall exclude:

- Educational platforms;
- Messaging services used primarily for private communication;
- Essential services required for school or public services;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government considers that the proposed framework shall include proportionate regulatory sanctions for non-compliant platforms while ensuring safeguards for data privacy, user rights, and constitutional protections;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government considers accompanying the legislation with public education initiatives, including digital literacy programmes for parents and accessible mental health resources for young people;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government considers that the legislation shall be subject to periodic review, to ensure it is consistent with constitutional protections, and remains consistent with human rights obligations and the principle of proportionality;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government considers commencing stakeholder consultation and legislative drafting without delay, recognising the urgency of protecting children from demonstrable and preventable digital harms, and affirms that this resolution shall not be construed as an endorsement of censorship, surveillance, or content-based regulation, but as a child protection and public health measure grounded in evidence, proportionality, and the best interests of the child.

Moved By:

Hon. Johanah O'Connor

Leader of the Opposition

Elected Member for Bodden Town West

Seconded By:

Mr. Dominic Anderson

Elected Member for Savannah

Received in the Clerk's Office on **12th** day of **March, 2026**

Passed/Rejected by the CPA Youth Parliament this **2nd** day of **July 2026**



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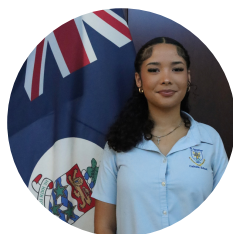
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ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The Youth Parliament Organising Committee comprised of Members of Parliament and Parliamentary staff who support and guide the students as they learn about the Legislature and develop their arguments.

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- Hon. Pearlina L. McGaw-Lumsden, JP, MP
- Mr. Roy Tatum, JP, MP
- Mr. Dwayne Seymour, JP, MP
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- Ms. Nordra Walcott, LLB (Hons) | Asst. Clerk
- Mrs. Patricia Priestley, BSc., LLB (Hons) | Asst. Clerk

HONOURABLE MENTIONS

Dedicating time and expertise to educate and assist the Youth Parliamentarians as they learn about the Legislature, the Government, and gain skills in effective speaking and research.

Thank you to all who supported the training sessions, including:

- Parliamentary Staff; and
- Youth Parliament Organising Committee



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