



Parliament of the Cayman Islands

PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION NO. 12 of 2026-2027

Introduction of a Sex Offender Registry Bill to establish a Sex Offender Register

WHEREAS the protection of children and vulnerable persons is one of the Government's highest responsibilities;

AND WHEREAS sexual offences have devastating and lifelong consequences for victims, families and communities;

AND WHEREAS a number of jurisdictions, including UK, Jamaica, Bermuda, Canada and several Caribbean countries, have implemented sex offender registration systems to assist in monitoring convicted offenders, supporting law enforcement and reducing the risk of reoffending;

AND WHEREAS a draft legislation entitled the "Sex Offender Registry Bill, 2009", was Tabled in the Legislative Assembly on the 16th February, 2009, demonstrating that the establishment of such a framework has previously been contemplated and providing a useful starting point for such legislation;

AND WHEREAS any legislation establishing a Sex Offender Register in the Cayman Islands should take account of the Cayman Islands' constitutional framework, applicable human rights obligations, privacy considerations, rehabilitation and the particular needs and circumstances of the Caymanian community;

AND WHEREAS an effective registration system should provide appropriate mechanisms for monitoring convicted offenders, assisting in the investigation and prevention of offences, protecting children and vulnerable persons, and reducing the risk of reoffending.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Government considers introducing a Sex Offender Registry Bill to establish a Sex Offender Register in the Cayman Islands;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government considers undertaking the necessary stakeholder and public consultation, while taking into account the Consultation Draft Sex Offender Registry Bill, 2009 and present to Parliament within twelve months, with a proposed legislative framework and timetable for the introduction of the legislation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bill:

- (a) Has due regard to the current Caymanian circumstances, and relevant international best practices;
- (b) Provides the statutory framework for the registration, risk assessment, monitoring, and management of persons convicted of prescribed sexual offences; and
- (c) Authorises the proportionate and lawful disclosure of information solely when necessary to protect children, vulnerable persons, or the wider public from an assessed risk of serious harm;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sex Offender Register be:

- (a) established as a confidential law-enforcement and safeguarding mechanism that protects victims, safeguards personal data, and respects constitutional and human rights obligations; and
- (b) maintained strictly as an administrative tool, ensuring that it does not constitute a publicly accessible or searchable database.

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

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

Received in the Office of the Clerk this 20th day of August, 2026.

Passed by the Parliament of the Cayman Islands this 1st day of October, 2026.

Clerk of the Parliament