



**PARLIAMENT**  
OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS



**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO. 50**  
Answered on 5 October 2026  
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**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION  
ASKED BY**

**MR. DWAYNE SEYMOUR  
ELECTED MEMBER FOR BODDEN TOWN EAST**

**TO**

**HON. KATHERINE EBANKS-WILKS  
MINISTER OF HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY**

**QUESTION:**

Can the Honourable Minister please advise the public whether the Government intends to proceed with the establishment of the Healthcare Protection Fund, which was brought as a Private Member's Motion by the elected Member for Bodden Town West during the 2024–2025 Session on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and passed as amended?

**ANSWER:**

Mr. Speaker, I thank the Honourable Member for the question.

Private Member's Motion No. 5 of 2024-2025 was considered by this Honourable House on 12 December 2024. The Motion proposed that Government consider establishing a Healthcare Protection Fund to offset the costs of providing free healthcare to all Caymanians under the age of 18 and over the age of 65.

The original Motion also proposed a specific funding mechanism involving an annual charge on certain real estate holdings. During the debate, the Motion was amended by deleting the last four resolves, including the proposed funding mechanism. The amended Motion, which

retained the resolution calling on Government to consider establishing the Healthcare Protection Fund, was subsequently passed.

It is important to clarify, Mr. Speaker, that the passage of the Motion did not itself establish the Fund. Rather, it called on Government to consider its establishment.

That said, the matter continues to be considered within the broader work on healthcare financing, health insurance and healthcare benefits. No final timeline has been set. Government will communicate the way forward once the relevant analysis and stakeholder engagement have progressed sufficiently.