Parliament of the Cayman Islands

PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION NO. 24 of 2026-2027

MODERNISATION OF DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING FOR THE ECONOMICS AND STATISTICS OFFICE (ESO)

WHEREAS evidence-based decision-making is critical for sound fiscal management, economic planning, and national policy development;

AND WHEREAS the Economics and Statistics Office (ESO) relies on accurate, timely, and comprehensive data imports from primary public entities, including Customs and Border Control (CBC) and the Port Authority;

AND WHEREAS existing data collection methodologies, reporting intervals, and cross-agency integration mechanisms face structural delays and data gaps, hindering real-time economic assessments;

AND WHEREAS enhanced data granularity, specifically regarding landed costs, freight charges, volume splits, and sector-specific import trends, is required for precise inflation tracking, cost-of-living analysis, and revenue forecasting.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Government consider conducting a comprehensive review of the statutory frameworks and operational workflows governing data collection for the ESO, with a view to:

1. Legislative Integration: Mandating automated, real-time data sharing protocols between Customs and Border Control (CBC), the Port Authority, and the ESO.
2. Data Scope Expansion: Standardising landed cost components (CIF: Cost, Insurance, and Freight) within electronic customs declarations to enable precise statistical breakdowns.

Moved By: Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, JP, MP
Deputy Leader of the Opposition
Elected Member for George Town Central

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Elected Member for George Town East

Received in the Office of the Clerk this 10th day of November, 2026.

Passed/Rejected by the Parliament of the Cayman Islands this day of 2026.

Clerk of the Parliament