PARLIAMENT
OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO. 54
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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION
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TO

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QUESTION:

Can the Honourable Minister state:
(a) how many applications for Caymanian Status and Permanent Residence were granted in the last 18 months; and
(b) how many applications for Caymanian Status and Permanent Residence currently remain pending processing as of the date of this response?

ANSWER:

Between April 2025 and October 2026, a total 3,018 Permanent Residence and Status applications were granted: 1,749 for Permanent Residence and 1,269 for Caymanian Status.

The top three Permanent Residence categories made up 85% of grants:
1) Spouses of Caymanians: **696** (40%)
2) Residents of eight years or more, under the points system: **541** (31%)
3) Dependants of Permanent Residents: **249** (14%)

The top three Caymanian Status categories made up 95% of grants:
1) Naturalisation, under the points system: **624** (49%)
2) Marriage: **350** (28%)
3) Continuation at age 18: **226** (18%)

As of 31 October 2026, A total of 1,418 PR and Status applications were pending: 1,021 for Permanent Residence and 397 for Caymanian Status.

The top three pending Permanent Residence categories make up 98%:

1) Residents of eight years or more, under the points system: 710 (70%)
2) Spouses of Caymanians: 211 (21%)
3) Dependants of Permanent Residents: 82 (8%)

The top three pending Caymanian Status categories make up 96%:

1) Naturalisation: 240 (60%)
2) Marriage: 123 (31%)
3) Descent: 19 (5%)

A full breakdown of both parts is in the appendix.

Appendix 1 - Data for Parliamentary Question – Permanent Residency and Status grants last 18 months

	Years																			
	2025									2026										Grand Total
Application Type	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	
Indefinite PR (Person of Independent Means)	2	4	13	7	1	8	8	11	7	16	24	15	2	6	14	2	3	12		155
Residency (Independent Means)		2	4	2		8	7	6	4	4	4	5	3	3	8	2		9		71
Residency - Substantial Business Presence-Approved		1	1			5	3	1	1		1	1	2	3	7	1	1	1		29
Residency Substantial Business Presence (In Principle)																				
Residency &Employment Rights (Spouse Of Caymanian)	14	11	8	19	16	11	7	25	11	45	33	66	125	49	101	41	38	65	11	696
Residency &Employment Rights Certificate (Res. 8+ Yrs)	27	22	25	29	15	8	44	24	16	45	29	49	11	33	27	32	28	36	41	541
Residency With Right To Work - Dependant Of AP.Res	15	9	3	5	10	6	23	16	6	2	2	7	40	22	22	15	15	8	23	249
Residency With Right To Work- Spouse Of ADeceased Caymanian			1	2		1		1					1			1	1			8
Total Residency	58	49	55	64	42	47	92	84	45	112	93	143	184	116	179	94	86	131	75	1,749
Continuation After Age 18	1					7				1		1		4	4	5		2	1	26
Continuation At Age 18	11	6	11	11	13	8	8	9	9	12	12	19	6	17	17	17	13	12	15	226
Governor In Cabinet								1						2			1			4
Grounds Of Descent	1	1		3	4	3				2			1	7	1	4		4	3	34
Grounds Of Marriage	18		28	10	6	23				5		16	30	14	45	72	37	20	26	350
Grounds Of Naturalisation	34	8	35	23	5	51				14	52	53		46	115	9	8	129	42	624
Surviving Spouse Of ACaymanian						1				1						2			1	5
Total Status	65	15	74	47	28	93	8	10	9	35	64	89	37	90	182	109	59	167	88	1,269
Grand Total	123	64	129	111	70	140	100	94	54	147	157	232	221	206	361	203	145	298	163	3,018

Appendix 2 – Data for Parliamentary Question – Permanent Residency and Status applications pending.

Permanent Residency Application Types	Total Pending
Residency & Employment Rights (Spouse of Caymanian)	211
Residency (Substantial Business Presence)	2
Residency (Independent Means)	5
Indefinite PR (Person of Independent Means)	10
Residency with Right to Work (Dependant of a PR)	82
Residency & Employment Rights Certificate (Res. 8+ Yrs)	710
Residency with Right to Work (Spouse of a Deceased Caymanian)	1
Total	1,021

Right To be Caymanian Application Types	Total Pending
Governor in Cabinet	6
Grounds of Descent	19
Grounds of Naturalisation	240
Grounds of Marriage	123
Surviving Spouse of a Caymanian	4
Continuation After Age 18	5
Grand Total	397