Legislative Assembly of the Cayman Islands

AMENDED
PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION NO. 7/11-12

Establishment of a Firearms Authority

WHEREAS the Firearms Law confers on the Commissioner of Police sole Authority for the issue of firearms licenses;

AND WHEREAS the policy regarding the issue of firearms licenses is very restrictive;

AND WHEREAS the number of unlicensed firearms in the Cayman Islands appears to be on the rise;

AND WHEREAS the incidence of gun crime committed with unlicensed firearms in the Cayman Islands continues to increase significantly;

AND WHEREAS many people are concerned about their inability to obtain a firearms license for purposes of self-defense;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Firearms Law and any other relevant or consequential legislation be amended by repealing the sole authority of the Commissioner of Police to issue firearms licenses and to provide instead for the establishment of a Firearms Authority to issue firearms licenses. Such Authority to consist of the Commissioner of Police, the President of the Gun Club and not less than three Justices of the Peace appointed by the Governor acting in his sole discretion.

Moved by: _____

Hon Alden M McLaughlin, Jr., MBE, JP, MLA
Leader of the Opposition
Third Elected Member for George Town

Seconded by: _____

Mr V Arden McLean, JP, MLA
Elected Member for East End

Received in the Office of the Clerk this 20th day of September, 2011.

Passed as amended by the Legislative Assembly this 12th day of October, 2011.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly