Legislative Assembly of the Cayman Islands

PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION NO. 3/2016-2017

Bodden Town Primary School Needs

WHEREAS Bodden Town continues to be the fastest growing district in the Cayman Islands;

AND WHEREAS it is expected that the number of primary school students will increase in the district of Bodden Town;

AND WHEREAS the resources of both Savannah Primary School and Bodden Town Primary School are currently not adequate to meet the Primary level education needs of the district;

AND WHEREAS the Cayman Islands Government owns property in the district of Bodden Town suitable for the construction of a primary education facility;

AND WHEREAS the Cayman Islands Baseline Inspection of Schools Report of June 2015 identified numerous issues impacting the academic performance of students between the ages of 5 and 18, including inadequate teaching quality, inadequate staffing levels, poor quality accomodation and resources, poorly prepared and inadequate numbers of teaching assistants, and unprepared and inadequate numbers of special education needs co-ordinators;

AND WHEREAS the Cayman Islands Baseline Inspection of Schools Report of June 2015 made substantial specific recommendations to address the issues highlighted in the report which for the most part have not been implemented;

AND WHEREAS The Cayman Islands top priority must be that of providing educational facilities, programmes and resources that meet the ever increasing and changing needs of the young people ;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Government considers immediately putting plans in place for the completion of a third primary school in the district of Bodden Town;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government consider setting a completion date for the third primary school in the district of Bodden Town to be no later than June 2018;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that as an emergency measure, the Government consider immediately putting in place the policies and making the appropriations required in order to address the issues raised by, and follow the recommendations contained in, the 2015 Baseline Inspection Report.

Moved by: _____

Mr. Alva H. Suckoo Jr, MLA
Fourth Elected Member for Bodden Town

Seconded by: _____

Hon Anthony Eden, OBE, MLA
Deputy Speaker
First Elected Member for Bodden Town

Received in the Office of the Clerk this 20th day of May, 2016.

Passed/Rejected by the Cayman Islands Legislative Assembly this day of 2016.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly