

PARLIAMENT
OF THE
CAYMAN ISLANDS

REPORT

of the

STANDING BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Fourth Meeting of the 2022-2023 Session
of the Cayman Islands Parliament

Laid upon the Table of this Honourable House this 20th day of September, 2023.
By the Hon. Premier, Chairman of the Standing Business Committee.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Parliament appointed the Standing Business Committee with the passing on 23rd April 2021 of Government Motion No. 1 and resolved that –

"In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 79, this House appoints a Standing Business Committee charged with deciding the order of business of the House and, in particular –

(a) to consider the Business Papers of the House;

(b) to decide and inform the Clerk the order in which Private Members' Motions are to be debated on;

(c) to decide and to inform the Clerk two clear days before a Question Day the questions to be put down for reply on the Order Paper for that Question Day;

(d) to provide a ready means of consultation between Members who are not Members of the Cabinet, and the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition, the Speaker and the Clerk;

(e) to select a Member to read Prayers on each day of a Meeting of the House other than the State Opening Meeting;

(f) to inform the Clerk the order in which Bills shall be set down upon the Order Paper;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Standing Business Committee shall comprise six Elected Members;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the quorum for the Committee shall be four Members of the Committee including the Chairman and that the Committee shall meet at such times as called by the Chairman;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Committee review its terms of reference and report any recommendations to this Honourable House.

The Motion was moved by the Deputy Governor the Honourable Ex Officio Member responsible for the Portfolio of the Civil Service.

2. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE

The following are Members of the Committee:

Hon. G. Wayne Panton, JP, MP, Premier - Chairman
Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP - Member
Hon. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP, Leader of the Opposition (LoO) - Member
Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, MP - Member
Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP – Member
Hon. Sir Alden McLaughlin, KCMG, MBE, KC, JP, MP – Member

3. BUSINESS OF THE COMMITTEE

In arranging the business of the House for the Fourth Meeting of the 2022-2023 Session of the Parliament, the Committee held one meeting -

- Minutes – Friday, 2nd June, 2023;
- Round Robin 1 – Wednesday, 7th June, 2023; and
- Round Robin 2 – Thursday, 8th June, 2023.

The Minutes of the Standing Business Committee meeting and the two Round Robins are attached hereto as ***Appendix 1*** and form part of this Report.

Six (6) Business Papers containing the business of the House for the Fourth Meeting of the 2022-2023 Session of the Parliament were circulated to Members and are attached hereto as ***Appendix 2*** and form part of this Report.

4. REPORT TO THE HOUSE

The Committee agrees that this Report be the Report of the Standing Business Committee to this Honourable House.

Hon. G. Wayne Panton, JP, MP
Premier
Minister of Sustainability & Climate Resiliency
and Finance & Economic Development
Elected Member for Newlands
Chairman

Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP
Deputy Premier
Minister of Education *and* District Administration & Lands
Elected Member for Cayman Brac East

Hon. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP
Leader of the Opposition
Elected Member for George Town East

Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, MP
Minister of Tourism & Ports
Elected Member for George Town Central

Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP
Minister of Financial Services & Commerce *and*
Investment, Innovation & Social Development
Elected Member for West Bay South

Hon. Sir Alden McLaughlin, KCMG, MBE, KC, JP, MP
Elected Member for Red Bay

Appendix 1:

PARLIAMENT OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

STANDING BUSINESS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Meeting
Friday, 2nd June, 2023

Minutes of proceedings of the Standing Business Committee's meeting held at the House of Parliament and via Zoom on Friday, 2nd June, 2023 at 10:00 am to arrange the business of the House for the Fourth Meeting of the 2022-2023 Session of the Cayman Islands Parliament.

Present: Hon. G. Wayne Panton, JP, MP, Premier - Chairman
Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP, Deputy Premier - Member
Hon. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP, LoO - Member
Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, MP - Member
Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP - Member

Absent: Hon. Sir Alden McLaughlin, KCMG, MBE, KC, JP, MP – Member

Committee Clerk: Mrs Zena Merren-Chin

1. Meeting to Order

The Chairman welcomed and thanked the Honourable Members for attending the Meeting. There being a quorum present, the Chairman brought the meeting to order at 10:10 am.

The Chairman advised that the purpose of the meeting was to approve the Business of the House for the Fourth Meeting of the 2022-2023 Session of the Parliament commencing Wednesday, 7th June 2023.

2. Apologies

Apologies were offered for Hon. Sir Alden McLaughlin who was unable to attend.

3. Approval of Minutes and Report

i. The **Minutes** of **Monday, 24th April 2023** Business Committee Meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion moved by Hon. Roy McTaggart and seconded by Hon. Kenneth Bryan.

ii. The **Report** of the Standing Business Committee – Third Meeting of the 2022-2023 Session, Parliament of the Cayman Islands, which includes the Minutes of Monday, 24th April 2023, together with one Round Robin, was reviewed and discussed.

The Report of the Standing Business Committee – Third Meeting of the 2022-2023 Session, Parliament of the Cayman Islands, was approved, on a motion moved by Hon. McTaggart and seconded by Hon. Bryan.

The Committee agreed that the Report be laid on the Table of the House during the Fourth Meeting of the 2022-2023 Session of the Parliament.

4. Approval of House Business

The Committee considered Business Papers 1 through 3 and agreed as follows:

Reports:
The Committee agreed that all Reports be placed on the Order Paper for Wednesday, 7th June 2023. Any additional Reports which are received by the Clerk prior to the beginning of House on Wednesday, 7th June, are to be approved for the Order Paper by Round Robin.

Parliamentary Questions:
The Committee agreed that all PQs which have received answers, be placed on the Order Papers upon receipt, and in the order in which they are received.

Bills:
The Committee agreed that the two Bills be placed on the Order Papers on the following days:

Wednesday, 7th June 2023

1) **Supplementary Appropriation (January 2022 to December 2022) Bill, 2023**
   - (i) First Reading
   - (ii) Second Reading
   - (iii) Finance Committee ("FC")
     - Should the FC Meeting **not** conclude on Wednesday, it would reconvene on Thursday, 8th June 2023 at 9:00 am.

Thursday, 8th June 2023

Supplementary Appropriation (January 2022 to December 2022) Bill, 2023
- (iv) Report on Bill
- (v) Third Reading

Friday, 9th June 2023

2) **Proceeds of Crime (Amendment) Bill, 2023**
   - (i) First Reading
   - (ii) Second Reading
   - (iii) Committee on Bill
   - (iv) Report on Bill
     - **Suspension of Standing Order 47**
       To allow Bills to be given more than two readings at any one sitting.
   - (v) Third Reading

Statements:
The Chairman advised the Committee, there would be Section 11(5) Statements on Wednesday, 7th June 2023.

Private Member's Motions:
The Committee agreed that the three Private Member's Motions be placed on the Order Paper for Thursday, 8th June 2023, in the following order:

1) **PMM No. 16 of 2022-2023**
Interest Rates.

2) **PMM No. 17 of 2022-2023**
Pension and Employee Benefits Reform.

3) **PMM No. 18 of 2022-2023**
Reduce duty on medicines, medical and surgical supplies.

Hon. McTaggart, requested confirmation from the Chairman that should Finance Committee and Government Business (Bills) carry forward from Wednesday 7th June to Thursday, 8th June, that the three Private Member's Motions would similarly carry forward from Thursday, 8th June to Friday 9th June, as necessary, in order to be completed.

The Chairman agreed and confirmed that the three Private Member's Motions would be debated in the House on Thursday 8th June and/or Friday, 9th June, 2023.

Government Motions:
The Committee agreed that the following Government Motion be placed on the Order Paper, following **Bills**, on Friday, 9th June 2023:

1) **Government Motion No. 8 of 2022-2023**
Amendment to the Development Plan 1997 - Proposed Rezoning: George Town South, Block 14E Parcel 31.

5. Other Business

i. The Chairman advised the Committee that the Financial Secretary would be bringing several Section 12 and Section 11(5) Applications for the House to consider, in addition to the Supplementary Appropriation Bill.

ii. The Chairman advised, he anticipated the House would sit for three days only; namely, Wednesday, 7th June, Thursday 8th June, and Friday, 9th June.

iii. The Chairman further advised, the House would not sit during the summer months of July and August, unless an emergency arose, and Members should be notified accordingly.

6. Adjournment

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Minutes approved on 14th September, 2023, on a motion moved by Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly, and seconded by Hon. André Ebanks.

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ROUND ROBIN 1

Wednesday, 7th June, 2023

We, the undersigned Members of the Standing Business Committee agree that the **Proceeds of Crime (Amendment) Bill, 2023** be removed from the Order Paper for the Fourth Meeting of the 2022-2023 Session *and* the following Reports be placed on the Order Paper for Thursday, 8th June, 2023:

1. **Ministry of Investment, Innovation & Social Development – Cayman Islands Government – Annual Report 2022**

2. **Ministry of District Administration & Lands - Cayman Islands Government – Annual Report and Financial Statements (for the year ended 31 December 2021)**

3. **OfReg 2021 Annual Report**

4. **Office of the Commissioner of Police – Cayman Islands Government – 2022 Annual Report (April 2023)**

5. **Cayman Islands Government – 2022 Portfolio of the Civil Service Annual Report**

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Premier
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and Finance & Economic Development
Elected Member for Newlands
Chairman

Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP
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Minister of Education *and*
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Elected Member for Cayman Brac East

Hon. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP
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Minister of Tourism & Ports
Elected Member for George Town Central
Member

Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP
Minister of Financial Services & Commerce *and*
Investment, Innovation & Social Development
Elected Member for West Bay South
Member

Hon. Sir Alden McLaughlin, KCMG, MBE, KC, JP, MP
Elected Member for Red Bay
Member

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STANDING BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ROUND ROBIN 2

Thursday, 8th June, 2023

We, the undersigned Members of the Standing Business Committee agree that the following Report be placed on the Order Paper for Friday, 9th June, 2023:

i. **Hazard Management Cayman Islands – Annual Report 2022 – Preparing Communities Today For Disasters Of Tomorrow**

Hon. G. Wayne Panton, JP, MP
Premier
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and Finance & Economic Development
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Elected Member for Red Bay
Member

Appendix 2:

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BUSINESS PAPER NO. 1

Fourth Meeting of the 2022-2023 Session
Parliament of the Cayman Islands

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND OF REPORTS

i. **Cayman Islands Government Plan & Estimates – 1st Supplementary Plan and Estimates For the Financial Year: 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022**

To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Premier, Minister of Sustainability & Climate Resiliency and Finance & Economic Development.

ii. **The Cayman Islands Law Reform Commission – Annual Report No. 18 – 1st April, 2022/31st March, 2023**

To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Attorney General, ex-officio Member responsible for the Portfolio of Legal Affairs.

iii. **Financial Reporting Authority – 2022 Annual Report – Cayman Islands Government Portfolio of Legal Affairs**

To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Attorney General, ex-officio Member responsible for the Portfolio of Legal Affairs.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

(i) **Bills:**

1. **Proceeds of Crime (Amendment) Bill, 2023** *(gazetted 3rd April, 2023)*
2. **Supplementary Appropriation (January 2022 to December 2022) Bill, 2023**

(ii) **Motions:**

- **Government Motion No. 8 of 2022-2023**
  Amendment to the Development Plan 1997
  Proposed Rezoning: George Town South, Block 14E Parcel 31

  To be moved by the Honourable Minister of Planning, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure.

17th May, 2023

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BUSINESS PAPER NO. 2

Fourth Meeting of the 2022-2023 Session
Parliament of the Cayman Islands
commencing Wednesday, 7th June, 2023

QUESTIONS TO HONOURABLE MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

The Elected Member for George Town North to ask the Honourable Premier, Minister of Sustainability & Climate Resiliency *and* Finance & Economic Development

No. 1: Can the Honourable Premier update the House on the progress with the ReGen Project, including the date for the financial close and also advise whether the scope of the project has changed since the March 2021 contract signing between the Dart Group and the Government, and if so, what are those changes?

The Elected Member for George Town North to ask the Honourable Premier, Minister of Sustainability & Climate Resiliency *and* Finance & Economic Development

No. 2: Can the Honourable Premier update the House on the Government's position on a moratorium on the granting of some forms of Caymanian Status?

The Elected Member for George Town North to ask the Honourable Minister of Financial Services & Commerce *and* Investment, Innovation & Social Development

No. 3: Can the Honourable Minister advise whether the Government has considered any strategies to assist the public in the current rising interest rate regime?

The Elected Member for George Town North to ask the Honourable Minister of Planning, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure

No. 4: Can the Honourable Minister update the House on the plans to complete the Airport Connector Road, including the anticipated completion date?

The Elected Member for George Town North to ask the Honourable Minister of Planning, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure

No. 5: Can the Honourable Minister update the House on the plans of the National Housing Development Trust (NHDT) to build affordable housing in George Town, and whether the 25 acres site off the Linford Pierson Highway will be utilised, as intended, for affordable homes or has the Government or the NHDT located replacement property in George Town of a similar size to accommodate affordable homes?

The Elected Member for George Town South to ask the Honourable Minister of Planning, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure

No. 6: Can the Honourable Minister advise what are the plans of the NRA regarding removing the double yellow lines placed on both sides of Hawkins Drive that have been a longstanding concern for many residents of that area?

The Elected Member for George Town South to ask the Honourable Minister of Planning, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure

No. 7: Can the Honourable Minister advise what are the requirements, if any, for motorised bicycles, electronic bicycles, and electronic scooters to be used on public roads, including whether they are required to be insured, licensed and inspected and for helmets to be worn by the users?

The Elected Member for George Town South to ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism & Ports

No. 8: Can the Honourable Minister advise the House on the Government's plans to improve the current condition of the temporary craft market?

The Elected Member for George Town South to ask the Honourable Minister of Health & Wellness *and* Home Affairs

No. 9: Can the Honourable Minister advise whether the Mental Health Facility is still on track to be handed over at the end of June, 2023?

30th May, 2023

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BUSINESS PAPER NO. 3

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commencing Wednesday, 7th June, 2023

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND OF REPORTS

i. **Ministry of Education - Cayman Islands Government – Annual Report 2022 – A Synopsis of our Achievements & Financial Statements**

To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Deputy Premier, Minister of Education.

ii. **Ministry of Investment, Innovation & Social Development – Cayman Islands Government – Annual Report 2021**

To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Minister of Investment, Innovation & Social Development.

OTHER BUSINESS

Motions:

i. **Private Member's Motion No. 16 of 2022-2023**
Interest Rates

To be moved by the Elected Member for West Bay West and seconded by the Elected Member for Bodden Town West.

ii. **Private Member's Motion No. 17 of 2022-2023**
Pension and Employee Benefits Reform

To be moved by the Elected Member for Bodden Town West and seconded by the Elected Member for West Bay West.

iii. **Private Member's Motion No. 18 of 2022-2023**
Reduce duty on medicines, medical and surgical supplies

To be moved by the Elected Member for Bodden Town West and seconded by the Elected Member for West Bay West.

1st June, 2023

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BUSINESS PAPER NO. 4

Fourth Meeting of the 2022-2023 Session
Parliament of the Cayman Islands
commencing Wednesday, 7th June, 2023

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND OF REPORTS

i. **Report of the Standing Business Committee – Third Meeting of the 2022-2023 Session of the Cayman Islands Parliament**

To be laid on the Table by the Chairman of the Standing Business Committee, the Honourable Premier, Minister of Sustainability & Climate Resiliency *and* Finance & Economic Development.

ii. **Ministry of Investment, Innovation & Social Development – Cayman Islands Government – Annual Report 2022**

To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Minister of Investment, Innovation & Social Development.

iii. **Ministry of District Administration & Lands, Cayman Islands Government – Annual Report and Financial Statements (for the year ended 31 December 2021) – 7 July 2022**

To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Deputy Premier, Minister of District Administration & Lands.

6th June, 2023

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BUSINESS PAPER NO. 5

Fourth Meeting of the 2022-2023 Session
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PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND OF REPORTS

i. **Office of the Commissioner of Police – Cayman Islands Government – 2022 Annual Report (April 2023)**

To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Premier, Minister of Sustainability & Climate Resiliency *and* Finance & Economic Development.

ii. **OfReg 2021 Annual Report**

To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Minister of Border Control & Labour.

iii. **Cayman Islands Government – 2022 Portfolio of the Civil Service Annual Report**

To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Deputy Governor, Ex Officio Member and Head of the Civil Service.

7th June, 2023

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BUSINESS PAPER NO. 6

Fourth Meeting of the 2022-2023 Session
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PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND OF REPORTS

i. **Hazard Management Cayman Islands – Annual Report 2022 – Preparing Communities Today For Disasters Of Tomorrow**

To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Premier, Minister of Sustainability & Climate Resiliency.

8th June, 2023