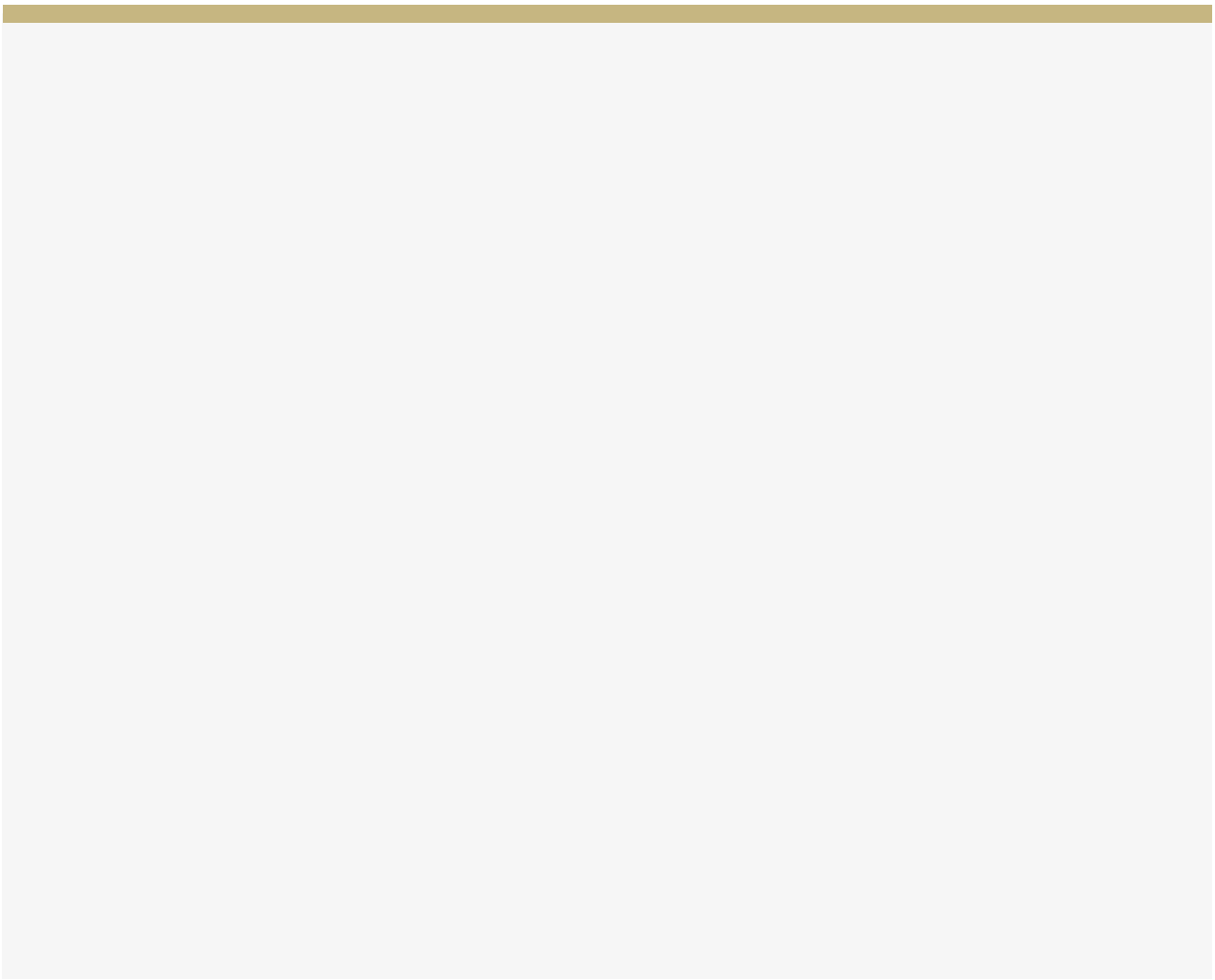
PARLIAMENT
OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

State Opening

THRONE SPEECH & BUDGET ADDRESS
SECOND MEETING | 2023-2024 SESSION



FRIDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 2023
HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT | 33 FORT STREET
GEORGE TOWN, CAYMAN ISLANDS



HIS MAJESTY THE KING'S REPRESENTATIVE
Her Excellency the Governor
Mrs. Jane Owen

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

THE PREMIER
Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP
Minister of Finance, Education, District Administration & Lands
Elected Member for Cayman Brac East

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION
Hon. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP
Elected Member for George Town East

MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

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

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

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

Hon. Sabrina T. Turner, MP
Minister of Health & Wellness *and* Home Affairs
Elected Member for Prospect

Hon. Johany S. Ebanks, MP
Minister of Planning, Agriculture, Housing, Infrastructure, Transport & Development
Elected Member for North Side

Hon. Isaac D. Rankine, JP, MP
Minister of Youth, Sports & Heritage
Elected Member for East End

Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks, MP
Minister of Sustainability & Climate Resiliency
Elected Member for West Bay Central

Hon. Dwayne S. Seymour, JP, MP
Minister of Border Control & Labour *and* Culture
Elected Member for Bodden Town East

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Hon. Franz I. Manderson, MBE, Cert. Hon., JP
Deputy Governor, Ex-Officio Member Responsible for the Portfolio of the Civil Service

Hon. Samuel W. Bulgin, KC, JP
Attorney General, Ex-Officio Member Responsible for the Portfolio of Legal Affairs

ELECTED MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES

Hon. Heather D. Bodden, OCI, Cert. Hon., JP, MP
Deputy Speaker, Elected Member for Savannah

Hon. Dr. W. McKeeva Bush, JP, MP
Elected Member for West Bay West

Mr. Bernie A. Bush, MP
Elected Member for West Bay North

MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION

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

Mr. Joseph X. Hew, MP
Deputy Leader of the Opposition
Elected Member for George Town North

Mr. Moses I. Kirkconnell, JP, MP
Elected Member for Cayman Brac West and Little Cayman

Ms. Barbara E. Conolly, JP, NP, MP
Elected Member for George Town South

Mr. David C. Wight, JP, MP
Elected Member for George Town West

INDEPENDENT OPPOSITION MEMBERS

Hon. G. Wayne Panton, JP, MP
Elected Member for Newlands

Mr. Christopher S. Saunders, MP
Elected Member for Bodden Town West

PROGRAMME

9:40 am Guard of Honour in Position

9:45 am Members of Parliament seated

Members of the public seated

9:50 am Pastor Headley Young seated

Chief Justice Honourable Margaret Ramsay-Hale seated

9:52 am Arrival of the Honourable Speaker

General Salute

9:54 am Arrival of the Honourable Premier

General Salute

10:00 am **PROCESSION INTO THE CHAMBER**

ALL STAND

The Serjeant-at-Arms (bearing the Mace)

The Honourable Speaker followed by the Clerks

The Honourable Speaker proceeds to the Chair and bows to the right and to the left

PRAYERS

The Honourable Speaker requests Pastor Young to say prayers.

The Honourable Speaker asks for all to be seated.

READING BY THE HONOURABLE SPEAKER OF MESSAGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTION FOR THE SUSPENSION OF THE HOUSE FOR ADMISSION OF HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

To be moved by the Premier, Honourable Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP, Minister of Finance, Education, District Administration & Lands:

"That this Honourable House do suspend to await the arrival of Her Excellency the Governor Mrs. Jane Owen, to receive a gracious message from the Throne."

The Honourable Speaker suspends the House to meet Her Excellency the Governor Mrs. Jane Owen.

The Serjeant-at-Arms places the Mace in the lower cradle.

ALL STAND

The Honourable Speaker, preceded by the Serjeant-at-Arms and followed by the Honourable Premier, the Honourable Leader of the Opposition, and the Clerks, proceeds to the forecourt of the Parliament Building to meet Her Excellency the Governor.

INSPECTION OF THE GUARD OF HONOUR

10:10 am Arrival of Her Excellency the Governor, Mrs. Jane Owen

Met by the Honourable Speaker

The Honourable Speaker, the Honourable Premier, the Honourable Leader of the Opposition, the Clerks, and the Serjeant-at-Arms in attendance, stand at the top of the steps to witness the Inspection of the Guard of Honour.

10:14 am Royal Salute

10:16 am The Honourable Speaker and the Clerks escort Her Excellency the Governor and the Governor's Aide-de-Camp inside the Parliament Building.

PROCESSION INTO THE CHAMBER

The Serjeant-at-Arms
The Honourable Speaker
Her Excellency the Governor
The Governor's Aide-de-Camp
The Honourable Premier
The Honourable Leader of the Opposition
The Clerks
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Proceed to the main doors of the Chamber.

The Governor's Aide-de-Camp gives three knocks on the door to the Chamber.

As the doors open, the Serjeant-at-Arms heads the Procession and announces, "Her Excellency the Governor."

ALL STAND

Her Excellency the Governor proceeds to the left and takes the Speaker's Chair. The Honourable Speaker takes a seat to the right of Her Excellency the Governor, and the Governor's Aide-de-Camp takes a seat to her left.

The Honourable Speaker invites Her Excellency the Governor to address the House.

THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

Her Excellency the Governor delivers the Throne Speech.

At the conclusion, the Governor's Aide-de-Camp approaches Her Excellency the Governor, bows and receives a copy of the Address, bows again and gives the copy to the Clerk to be Laid on the Table.

DEPARTURE OF HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

ALL STAND

Her Excellency the Governor bows to the right and to the left.

The Serjeant-at-Arms approaches the Clerk's Dais.

Procession departs in the following order:

The Serjeant-at-Arms
The Honourable Speaker
Her Excellency the Governor
The Governor's Aide-de-Camp
The Honourable Chief Justice
Pastor Headley Young

THE HONOURABLE SPEAKER RETURNS

The Serjeant-at-Arms announces: "Mister Speaker."

ALL STAND

The Honourable Speaker re-enters the Chamber preceded by the Serjeant-at-Arms who lays the Mace in the upper cradle.

RESUMPTION OF THE SITTING OF PARLIAMENT

The Honourable Speaker bows to the right and the left and takes the Chair, then calls the House to order.

VOTE OF THANKS TO HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

Hon. Dr. W. McKeeva Bush, JP, MP, Father of the House moves:

"This Honourable Parliament does record its grateful thanks to Her Excellency the Governor, Mrs. Jane Owen, for the gracious address delivered at this Sitting."

MOTION TO DEFER DEBATE ON THE THRONE

The Honourable Premier moves: "Be it resolved that the debate on the Address delivered by Her Excellency the Governor, Mrs. Jane Owen, be deferred until Monday, 11th December, 2023."

The Question is proposed and put.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS

- Plan & Estimates for the 2024 and 2025 Financial Years
- Budget Statements for the 2024 and 2025 Financial Years
- Purchase Agreements for the 2024 and 2025 Financial Years
- Ownership Agreements for the 2024 and 2025 Financial Years

To be laid upon the Table by the Premier, Honourable Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, Minister of Finance, Education, District Administration & Lands.

STATEMENTS BY HONOURABLE MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

POLICY STATEMENT

"NURTURING OUR FUTURE: A UNITED, SUSTAINABLE PATH TO RECOVERY, HOPE AND PROSPERITY"

By the Premier, Honourable Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP, Minister of Finance, Education, District Administration & Lands

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

BILLS:

FIRST READING:	Appropriation (Financial Years 2024 and 2025) Bill, 2023
SECOND READING:	Appropriation (Financial Years 2024 and 2025) Bill, 2023

BUDGET ADDRESS

"LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR OUR PEOPLE'S WELLBEING"

To be delivered by the Premier, Honourable Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP, Minister of Finance, Education, District Administration & Lands

MOTION FOR THE DEFERRAL OF DEBATE ON THE BUDGET ADDRESS

The Honourable Premier moves: "BE IT RESOLVED that the debate on the Budget Address be deferred until Monday, 11th December, 2023."

The Question is proposed and put.

MOTION FOR THE THRONE SPEECH, THE POLICY STATEMENT, AND BUDGET ADDRESS TO BE DEBATED SIMULTANEOUSLY

The Honourable Premier moves: "BE IT RESOLVED that the Throne Speech, the Policy Statement, and the Budget Address be debated simultaneously on Monday, 11th December, 2023."

The Question is proposed and put.

MOTION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE

The Honourable Premier moves for the adjournment of the House.

The Question is proposed and put.

PROCESSION FROM THE CHAMBER

ALL STAND

The Serjeant-at-Arms, bearing the Mace, leads the Honourable Speaker from the Chamber.

OFFICERS OF THE PARLIAMENT

Mrs. Zena Merren-Chin, BSc., LLB
Clerk & Chief Officer of the Parliament

Mrs. Patricia Priestley, BSc., LLB (Hons)
Assistant Clerk of the Parliament

Ms. Nordra Walcott, LL.B (Hons.), PGDip
Assistant Clerk of the Parliament

Mr. J. Kim Evans, NP
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