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PARLIAMENT MEETING POSTPONED DUE TO HURRICANE BERYL

GEORGE TOWN, 2nd July 2024

The Honourable Speaker of Parliament, Sir Alden McLaughlin, KCMG, MBE, KC, JP, MP, has informed Members of Parliament that the Fourth Meeting of the 2023-2024 Session that was scheduled for 5th July has been postponed due to the approach of Hurricane Beryl.

A new date has not yet been set but will be announced as soon as is practicable.

"I echo the sentiments shared by the Hon. Premier O'Connor-Connolly and the Government, and I encourage all residents and visitors to adhere to the guidelines published on caymanprepared.gov.ky" said the **Hon. Speaker**. "I encourage the public not to take anything for granted – prepare, prepare, prepare."

Several Acts now exist in the Cayman Islands that address the environment and disaster management, including the *Disaster Preparedness and Hazard Management Act (2019)* that was first enacted in 2016.

"We have developed rigorous processes since Hurricane Ivan, and effective emergency legislation to manage disasters" said the **Hon. Speaker**. He added that the Parliament could convene if required in an emergency.

The *Act* established the Hazard Management Cayman Islands, as well as the National Emergency Notification System, Community Emergency Response Teams, and a National Hazard Management Plan for large-scale disasters in the Cayman Islands.

Residents and visitors are urged to stay informed through the Government's official news channels via caymanprepared.ky and https://www.caymanprepared.ky/hazards/hurricanes.

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Images with credit to the Parliament of the Cayman Islands:

- "Hon Speaker Sir Alden McLaughlin.JPG": The Honourable Speaker addressing Members during the Third Meeting of the 2023-2024 Session.

Notes:

- More information about the upcoming Meeting can be found on the Parliament's website: https://parliament.ky/news/fourth-meeting-of-the-2023-2024-session/

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