PARLIAMENT
OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO. 17
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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION
ASKED BY

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TO

THE HON. DWAYNE SEYMOUR, MP - MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR BORDER CONTROL, LABOUR AND CULTURE

QUESTION:

Can the Honourable Minister state when a decision will be made on the implementation of an uplift to the Minimum Wage?

ANSWER:

Since the release of the Minimum Wage Advisory Committee's Final Report, the members of Cabinet have been debating the various approaches to making changes to the existing Minimum Wage regime while giving careful consideration to the implications for Caymanians, as well as general economic concerns.

After much consideration, a decision was made to initiate the reactivation of a Minimum Wage Advisory Committee with specific instructions to investigate and recommend a sectoral approach to Minimum Wage for the Cayman Islands.

At this time, it was also decided that effective 1st July 2025, employees of the Hospitality and Service Industry would be the only sector to receive an increase in the minimum wage to $7.00 per hour; it was also decided that the current structure for this sector whereby 25% of the minimum wage can be made up by gratuities will be removed as of 1st July 2025.

For the time being, until the new Minimum Wage Advisory Committee completes their investigations, all other sectors will remain at the current minimum wage of $6.00 per hour.