# Parliament of the Cayman Islands

## GOVERNMENT MOTION NO. 1 of 2024-2025

### REFERENDUM ON CRUISE BERTHING INFRASTRUCTURE

**WHEREAS** Section 69 of the Cayman Islands Constitution Order 2009 provides that a law enacted by the Legislature may make provision to hold a referendum amongst persons registered as electors in accordance with Section 90 on a matter or matters of national importance;

**AND WHEREAS** there has been much debate for the last two decades on the subject of cruise tourism, in particular cruise berthing infrastructure;

**AND WHEREAS** since cruise ships returned to the Cayman Islands in 2022 following the end of the COVID 19 pandemic, passenger arrivals have significantly declined, registering 743,394 passengers for the nine-month period that the port was open in 2022, 1.2 million for the full year in 2023 – the lowest arrival numbers in over two decades, and 643,212 cruise passengers arriving during January to June 2024;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government intends to hold a referendum on the cruise berthing infrastructure on the day of the 2025 General Elections;

**BE IT NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** the following question be declared to be a matter of national importance:

"Should the Cayman Islands develop cruise berthing infrastructure?"

**AND BE IT NOW FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the said question be specified in a Bill and brought by the Government to this Parliament for debate in accordance with the provisions of Section 69 of the Cayman Islands Constitution Order 2009.

**Moved by:** **Honourable Kenneth Bryan, MP**
**Minister for Tourism and Ports**

**Received** in the Office of the Clerk this 27th day of September, 2024.

**Passed** by the Parliament this 7th day of October, 2024

Zena Merren-Chin
**Clerk of Parliament**