PARLIAMENT
OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

18th Youth Parliament

Together We Thrive

Commonwealth Day
Monday, 10th March, 2025
10:00 a.m.

House of Parliament
33 Fort Street, George Town
Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands

COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION
Cayman Islands Branch

CAYMAN ISLANDS YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Programme

9:35 a.m.

Members of Cabinet, Former Members of Parliament and special guests seated in the Chamber.

Members of the Public to be seated in the Public Gallery.

9:55 a.m.

Seated on the platform:

Hon. Katherine Ebanks-Wilks
Past Chair of the CPA Youth Parliament Organising Committee

Hon. Sir Alden McLaughlin, KCMG, MBE, KC, JP
Former Speaker of Parliament
Past President of the CPA Cayman Islands Branch

Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP
Premier, Minister for Finance & Economic Development, Education and District Administration & Lands and Financial Services & Commerce, and Health
Past Joint Vice-President of the CPA Cayman Islands Branch

Mr. Joseph Hew
Former Leader of the Opposition
Past Joint Vice-President of the CPA Cayman Islands Branch

10:00 a.m.

Youth Parliamentarians seated.

10:01 - 10:30 a.m.

Opening Remarks
Hon. Katherine Ebanks-Wilks

Welcome Address
Hon. Sir Alden McLaughlin, KCMG, MBE, KC, JP

Remarks
Mr. Joseph Hew

Opening of the Eighteenth Youth Parliament
Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP

SPEAKER'S PROCESSION	All Rise
PRAYER	Honourable YP Premier, Minister of Planning, Agriculture, Housing, Infrastructure, Transport & Development

READING OF MESSAGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE HONOURABLE SPEAKER OF YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Statement by the Honourable Speaker of the CPA Eighteenth Youth Parliament

OTHER BUSINESS	**Private Member's Motion No. 1 of 2025 YP:** A Multi-Faceted Approach to Reducing the Cost of Living and Ensuring Economic Relief for Caymanians **Private Member's Motion No. 2 of 2025 YP:** Implementation of a Sex Offender Registry and Enhanced Victim Protection Measures
ADJOURNMENT	This Honourable Eighteenth Youth Parliament stands adjourned siné die.

Youth Parliamentarians

Speaker of Youth Parliament

HON. JERRIN REYNOLDS-VELASQUEZ, YP

Ministers of the Cabinet

HON. JHENELLE COLQUHOON, YP
Newlands
Premier, Minister of Planning, Agriculture, Housing, Infrastructure, Transport & Development

HON. JORDAN MCDONALD, YP
West Bay South
Deputy Premier, Financial Services & Commerce and Investment, Innovation & Social Development

HON. SOPHIA HENDERSON, YP
Prospect
Minister of Tourism & Ports

HON. JOHANAH O'CONNOR, YP
East End
Minister of Finance & Economic Development and Education, District Administration & Lands

HON. AYLANI MORRIS- SEYMOUR, YP
West Bay North
Minister of Health & Wellness, and Home Affairs

HON. DE-ANDRE BECKFORD, YP
George Town Central
Minister of Youth, Sports & Heritage

HON. ZARA MAJID, YP
George Town East
Minister of Sustainability & Climate Resiliency

HON. NATALIA HYRE, YP
Red Bay
Minister of Border Control, Labour & Culture

Ex-Officio Members

HON. YUSUF KHAN, YP

Deputy Governor, ex officio Member responsible for the Portfolio of the Civil Service

HON. TASHYLA THOMPSON-BROWN, YP

Attorney General, ex officio Member responsible for the Portfolio of Legal Affairs

Government Backbench

MISS RANIAH BERRY, YP
Bodden Town East
Parliamentary Secretary for FSC & IISD

MR. JADEN EBANKS, YP
Cayman Brac West & Little Cayman
Parliamentary Secretary for PAHIT & D

MISS ANGELINA SCOTT, YP
Cayman Brac East
Parliamentary Secretary for FED & EDAL

The Opposition

HON. RALDAYNE THOMAS, YP
Bodden Town Central
Leader of the Opposition

MISS CHLOÉ REID, YP
Bodden Town West
Deputy Leader of the Opposition

MR. CHARLES PLAYER IV, YP
George Town West

MISS JACKELINE ACOSTA, YP
George Town North

MR. ELVIN POWELL, YP
North Side

MR. NATHANIEL LORD, YP
Savannah

MISS ISABELL AKAGAC, YP
West Bay West

MR. GARSON GARDINER, YP
West Bay Central

MR. RAYNE HARDING, YP
George Town South

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Clerk

MR. ABE MOHAMMED, YP
Serjeant-at-Arms

Motions

PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION NO. 1 OF 2025

A Multi-Faceted Approach to Reducing the Cost of Living and Ensuring Economic Relief for Caymanians

WHEREAS the Cayman Islands faces a severe cost of living crisis, with rising housing costs, and healthcare expenses placing significant financial pressure on Caymanian families;

AND WHEREAS data indicates that food, rent, and healthcare costs have increased significantly over the past five years;

AND WHEREAS the current housing market is increasingly inaccessible to young Caymanians and families due to skyrocketing rental and purchase prices;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Honourable Youth Parliament Government considers the introduction of a Housing Affordability Program, including incentives for affordable housing and rent stabilization;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Honourable Youth Parliament Government considers amending the necessary legislation to allow the Health Insurance Commission to regulate supplemental Health Insurance coverages;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Honourable Youth Parliament Government considers implementing a Consumer Oversight Committee to monitor essential goods pricing and ensure savings reach consumers.

Moved By:	Hon. Raldayne Thomas Leader of the Opposition Elected Member for Bodden Town Central
Seconded By:	Mr. Charles Player IV Elected Member for George Town West

PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION NO. 2 OF 2025

Implementation of a Sex Offender Registry and Enhanced Victim Protection Measures

WHEREAS the Cayman Islands Government recognises the paramount importance of ensuring the safety, dignity, and well-being of all residents of the Cayman Islands, including the safeguarding of our communities from the devastating impacts of sexual crimes;

AND WHEREAS the Cayman Islands lack an existing centralised system to track, and monitor convicted sexual offenders upon release, which limits law enforcement's ability to manage risks to the community;

AND WHEREAS the current rehabilitation measures in place for victims and offenders of sexual crimes, leave gaps in recovery support for victims and effective reintegration for offenders;

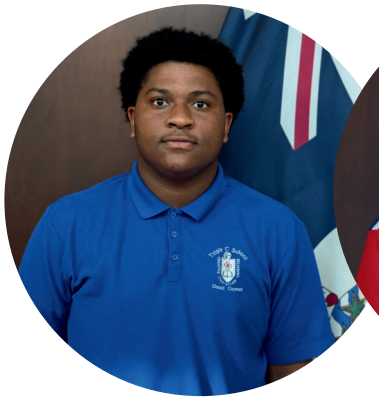
AND WHEREAS the establishment of a sex offender registry has been demonstrated in other jurisdictions to be a critical tool in monitoring offenders and enhancing public safety;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Honourable Youth Parliament considers the implementation of a sex offender registry accessible to law enforcement agencies and, where deemed necessary, the public, with strict guidelines to protect individual rights while prioritising community safety;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Honourable Youth Parliament considers the institution of a structured rehabilitation process for both offenders and victims, with mandatory periodic assessments for offenders to monitor progress and ensure public safety.

Moved By: Ms. Raniah Berry
Elected Member for Bodden Town East

Seconded By: Ms. Angelina Scott
Elected Member for Cayman Brac East



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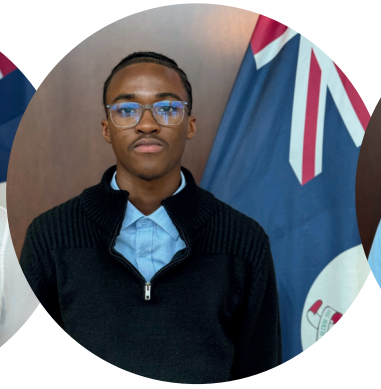
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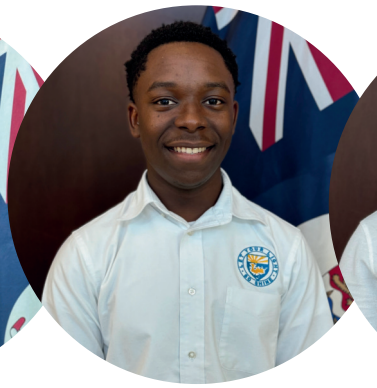
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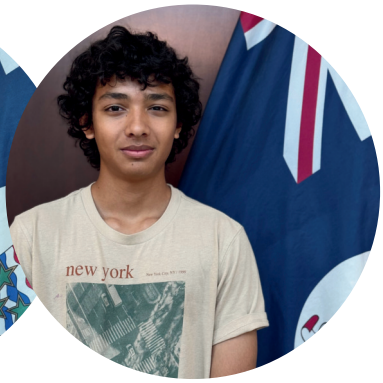
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- Ms. Nordra Walcott, LL.B (Hons.), PGDip | *Asst. Clerk*
- *Mrs. Patricia Priestley, BSc., LLB (Hons)*

Guest Speakers

Several guest speakers dedicated their time and expertise to educating and assisting the students as they learned about the legislature, the government, and effective speaking and research skills.

Thank you to all of the speakers who attended training sessions, including:

- *Deputy Governor Hon. Franz Manderson*
- *Attorney General Hon. Samuel Bulgin*
- *Hon. Kenneth Bryan*
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