



# Legislative Assembly of the Cayman Islands

PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION NO. 6 OF 09/10

## CONTROLLING POPULATION OF INTRODUCED IGUANA SPECIES

**WHEREAS** the **ANIMALS LAW (2003 Revision)** provides that all iguanas are protected animals and makes it an offence to hunt or take into possession any iguana, its eggs or its nest;

**AND WHEREAS** the Grand Cayman Blue Iguana (*Cyclura lewisi*) and the Cayman Brac and Little Cayman Rock Iguana (*Cyclura nubila caymanensis*) are the only species of iguana endemic to the Cayman Islands;

**AND WHEREAS** in recent years other species of iguana have been introduced to the Cayman Islands and have been released or escaped into the wild and have proliferated in numbers and are causing a major nuisance and threat to local flora, cultivations and gardens and to the indigenous iguana of the Cayman Islands.

**NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** the **ANIMALS LAW (2003 Revision)** and any other applicable legislation or regulations be amended to restrict the protection presently afforded all species of iguana by legislation to only the Grand Cayman Blue Iguana (*Cyclura lewisi*) and the Cayman Brac and Little Cayman Rock Iguana (*Cyclura nubila caymanensis*).

Moved by: Alden McLaughlin, J.P., MLA  
Third Elected Member for George Town

Seconded by: Anthony S. Eden, OBE, JP. MLA  
Second Elected Member for Bodden Town

Tabled in the Office of the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010.

Passed/Rejected by the Legislative Assembly of the Cayman Islands this    day of                    2010.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly