



Legislative Assembly of the Cayman Islands

PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION NO. 2/2011-12

Lack of Confidence in the Government

WHEREAS having regard to the general conduct of the Government since it assumed office on 28th May, 2009 and particularly with regard, but not limited to:

1. The Premier's handling of the published operational deficit of the Government for the 2008/2009 financial year, suggesting that the country was bankrupt;
2. The presentation of surplus budget projections for the 2009/2010 financial year which proved to be unrealistic instead of developing and adopting a 3 year plan to eliminate the operational deficit of the Government;
3. The failure to adequately address the issues and concerns raised in the Miller/Shaw Report regarding the fiscal sustainability of the Government;
4. The failure to get Government accounts up to date;
5. Announcing that the Ministry of Finance would not be producing Accounts for the 2008/2009 financial year;
6. Failing to hold regular meetings of the Standing Finance Committee of the Legislative Assembly;
7. Significantly increasing fees and taxes on businesses and the people of the Cayman Islands in 2009 and 2010 amidst the worst recession the world has known in 80 years;
8. Re-imposing in 2009 the 20 cent per gallon import duty on fuel used by Caribbean Utilities Company (CUC) which had been removed in 2008 in order to reduce the costs of electricity to consumers;
9. Further increasing the cost of electricity in 2010 by adding a further 25 cents duty per gallon to the cost of diesel fuel;
10. Proposing to sell off significant Government assets such as the new Government Administration Building and the Cayman Water Authority;
11. Overriding the decision of the Central Tenders Committee and awarding to Cohen and Company LLC a contract for Government financing in the sum of US\$185 Million, then subsequently having to terminate that contract because Cohen was unable to meet its terms regarding a rate-cap on interest.
12. The Premier declaring at a recent conference that Dart Enterprises would be conducting the remediation of the Landfill and creating a new one, thereby overriding the decision of the Central Tenders Committee to award the contract to Wheelabrator Technologies Inc. of the United States of America (USA).

13. Persisting in the announcement of major projects without a reliable assessment of feasibility, costs, benefits or economic or environmental impact;
14. Promoting and supporting major dredging of the North Sound, including a channel to accommodate mega-yachts and the creation of 2 Islands in the North Sound;
15. Promoting and supporting the excavation of a large area of the East End sea coast and inner land;
16. Promoting and supporting the development of an oil refinery in Grand Cayman;
17. The incidence of crime;
18. Unemployment levels among Caymanians;
19. The proposal not to adopt an electoral system based on one person, one vote;
20. The Premier's attitude to the Freedom of Information Law and his threats to impose fees and fines on certain sectors of the media;
21. The extent and costs of official travel;
22. The failure after almost 2 years in office to complete either the John Gray High School or the Clifton Hunter High School and the hurricane shelter facilities which they include.; and
23. The failure after almost 2 years in office to secure a contract for the construction of much needed cruise-ship berthing.

BE IT NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly does declare a lack of confidence in the Government.

Moved by:

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Third Elected Member for George Town

Seconded by:

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Elected Member for East End

Received in the Office of the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly this 27th day of April, 2011.

Passed/Rejected by the Legislative Assembly this day of , 2011.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly