



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

of the

**CAYMAN ISLANDS**

**REPORT**

of the

**STANDING BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

**First Meeting of the 2017/2018  
Session of the Legislative Assembly**

Laid upon the Table of this Honourable House this 1st day of November 2017.

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

The Legislative Assembly appointed the Standing Business Committee with the passing on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2017 of Government Motion No. 1 and resolved that –

*“In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 79, this House appoints a Standing Business Committee charged with deciding the order of business of the House and, in particular –*

- (a) to consider the Business Papers of the House;*
- (b) to decide and inform the Clerk the order in which Private Members’ Motions are to be debated on;*
- (c) to decide and to inform the Clerk two clear days before a Question Day the questions to be put down for reply on the Order Paper for that Question Day;*
- (d) to provide a ready means of consultation between Members who are not Members of the Cabinet, and the Leader of Government Business, the Leader of the Opposition, the Presiding Officer and the Clerk;*
- (e) to select a Member to read Prayers on each day of a Meeting of the House other than the State Opening Meeting;*
- (f) to inform the Clerk the order in which Bills shall be set down upon the Order Paper;*

*AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Standing Business Committee shall comprise five Elected Members;*

*AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the quorum for the Committee shall be three Members of the Committee including the Chairman and that the Committee shall meet at such times as called by the Chairman;*

*AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Committee review its terms of reference and report any recommendations to this Honourable House.*

The Motion was moved by the Deputy Governor the Honourable ex officio Member responsible for the Portfolio of the Civil Service.

## **2. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE**

The following Members are Members of the Committee:

Hon Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MLA, Premier - Chairman  
Hon Moses I Kirkconnell, JP, MLA, Deputy Premier - Member  
Hon Ezzard Miller, MLA, LoO – Member  
Hon Bernie A Bush, MLA, Deputy Speaker - Member  
Mr Alva Suckoo MLA, Deputy LoO - Member

### **3. BUSINESS OF THE COMMITTEE**

In arranging the business of the House– First Meeting of the 2017/2018 Session of the Legislative Assembly, the Committee held one meeting -

- Minutes – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017;
- Round Robin – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2017
- Round Robin No. 2 – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.

Thirteen Business Papers containing the business of the House for the First Meeting of the 2017/2018 Session of the Legislative Assembly were circulated. The Minutes of proceedings are attached hereto and form part of this Report.

### **4. REPORT TO THE HOUSE**

The Committee agrees that this Report be the Report of the Standing Business Committee to this Honourable House.

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Hon Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MLA  
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Elected Member for Red Bay  
Chairman

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**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS**

**STANDING BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**Meeting  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017**

Minutes of proceedings of the Standing Business Committee's meeting held in the Committee Room on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017 at 10:25 am to arrange the business of the House for the First Meeting of the 2017/2018 Session of the Cayman Islands Legislative Assembly.

Present: Hon Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MLA, Premier – Chairman  
Hon Moses I Kirkconnell, JP, MLA, Deputy Premier – Member  
Hon Ezzard Miller, MLA, LoO – Member  
Hon Bernie A Bush, MLA, Deputy Speaker - Member  
Mr Alva Suckoo, MLA, Deputy LoO – Member

1. **Meeting to Order**

There being a quorum present, the Chairman brought the meeting to order at 10:25 am

2. **Consideration of Business**

The Committee considered Business Papers 1 through 9 and agreed to the following:-

**First Sitting – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2017**

Prayers: Clerk to arrange the selection of prayers.

Reports:

- (i) Annual Report 2015/2016 - Financial Reporting Authority (CAYFIN), Cayman Islands Government – Portfolio of Legal Affairs
- (ii) Audited Financial Statements – National Gallery of the Cayman Islands for the year ended June 30, 2016
- (iii) Audited Financial Statements – CI National Museum for the year ended 30, June 2016
- (iv) Audited Financial Statements – CI Health Services Authority for the year ended 30th June, 2016
- (v) Trade Marks (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2017
- (vi) Report of Office of the Auditor General – Governance in Aviation Bodies – Summary of Key Findings

The Chairman advised that the Strategic Policy Statement for 2018 and 2019 Financial Years will be sent to the Clerk's Office for distribution to the Members. The Committee agreed that it will be laid on the Table during the 1<sup>st</sup> Sitting.

Government Business:

Motions:

- Government Motion No 1 of 2017/2018 – Strategic Policy Statement for the 2018 and 2019 Financial Year

**Second Sitting – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2017**

Prayers: Clerk to arrange the selection of prayers.

Questions: The Chairman informed the Honourable Members that when Parliamentary Questions were ready to be answered by the Ministers the Clerk would be notified and they would be placed upon the Order Paper.

Other Business:

Private Member's Motions:

- (i) Private Member's Motion No. 1/2017-2018 -Healthcare Reform
- (ii) Private Member's Motion No. 2/2017-2018 - Custom Duty Allowances for Caymanians
- (iii) Private Member's Motion No. 3/2017-2018 -Construction or Purchase of Housing
- (iv) Private Member's Motion No. 4/2017-2018 - Increase of Monthly Seamen Benefits
- (v) Private Member's Motion No. 5/2017-2018 - Expatriate Workers Pension Exodus
- (vi) Private Member's Motion No. 6/2017-2018 - Immigration and Labour Reform
- (vii) Private Member's Motion No. 7/2017-2018 - Banking Reform

**Third Sitting – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

Prayers: Clerk to arrange the selection of prayers.

Questions: The Chairman informed the Honourable Members that when Parliamentary Questions were ready to be answered by the Ministers the Clerk would be notified and they would be placed upon the Order Paper.

Government Business

Bills:

The Committee agreed to the First, Second Readings, Committee and Report stages of the following Bills: -

- The Supplementary Appropriation (July 2013 to June 2014) Bill, 2017

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3. **Other Business**

**Parliamentary Questions not been answered**

The Honourable Leader of the Opposition, the Elected Member for North Side raised concerns that Parliamentary Questions were only put on the Order Paper when the answers to the Questions were received in the Clerk's Office. He indicated that his interpretation of the Standing Orders was that once a Parliamentary Question was put on a Business Paper it should be put on the Order Paper, and the Member responsible for answering the Question should either answer or advise the House that he was not ready to answer, and the reason why.

4. **Adjournment**

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
STANDING BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

**ROUND ROBIN**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017**

We, the undersigned Members of the Standing Business Committee agree to the following documents to be placed upon the Order Paper for Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2017:-

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- **Private Member's Motion No. 8 of 2017/2018**  
Amendment to Registered Land Law (2004 Revision)

To be moved by the Elected Member from Bodden Town West and seconded by the Elected Member for East End

**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND OF REPORTS**

- (i) **Report of the Standing Public Accounts Committee on the Reports of the Office of the Auditor General on Follow-up on past PAC Recommendations – July 2017 and Governance in Aviation Bodies *Summary of Key Findings***
- (ii) **Office of the Auditor General Report – Follow-Up on pass PAC Recommendations**

To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Leader of the Opposition, the Elected Member for North Side - Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee.

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**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
STANDING BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

**ROUND ROBIN NO. 2**

**Thursday 24th August, 2017**

We, the undersigned Members of the Standing Business Committee agree to the following documents to be placed upon the Order Paper for Friday 25th August 2017:-

**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND OF REPORTS**

- (i) **2013/14 Supplementary Annual Plan and Estimates for the year ended 30 June 2014**
- (ii) **2014/15 Supplementary Annual Plan and Estimates for the year ended 30 June 2015**
- (iii) **2015/16 Supplementary Annual Plan and Estimates for the year ended 30 June 2016**

To be laid on the Table by the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development.

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