



Legislative Assembly of the Cayman Islands

PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION NO. 2/2018-2019

Motion to Increase Funding for Education

WHEREAS there are concerns that the education portfolio of Government appears to be underfunded;

AND WHEREAS the 2018/19 Budget as proposed by the Government and approved in November, 2017 shows a reduction in education funding for secondary education and only a very modest increase in the funding for primary education;

AND WHEREAS the provisions in the 2018/19 Budget for staffing and other resources for special education needs also appear to be underfunded;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Finance has recently published accounts for January to June 2018 showing a substantial surplus, clearly indicating that funds are available to increase the education portfolio's budget;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Government consider increasing the budget allocation for the Education portfolio by the amount necessary to pay teachers a minimum wage of five thousand Cayman dollars per month, to increase the allocation for special education needs, and to fund some of the urgently needed improvements among those recommended by the Education Council.

Moved by:

Hon D. Ezzard Miller, MLA
Leader of the Opposition
Elected Member for North Side

Seconded by:

Mr Christopher S Saunders, MLA
Elected Member for Bodden Town West

Tabled in the Office of the Clerk this 22nd day of August, 2018.

Withdrawn by the Cayman Islands Legislative Assembly this 6th day of September, 2018.