



Legislative Assembly of the Cayman Islands

PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION NO. 2/2019-2020

Climate Change

WHEREAS there is mounting global concern that the destructive impact of climate Change will impact all nations and populations;

AND WHEREAS the impacts of climate change will be devastating to Small Island Developing States (SIDS);

AND WHEREAS The Cayman Islands Constitution Order 2009, Bill of Rights, mandates that Government "shall in all its decisions, have due regard to the need to foster and protect an environment that is not harmful to the health or well-being of present and future generations..."

AND WHEREAS the Cayman Islands do not have a climate change Policy and there is no central agency/department tasked with addressing climate change concerns;

AND WHEREAS the Intergovernmental Panel on climate change (IPCC) has stated that urgent and transformative action is needed to limit global warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and that for SIDS to successfully adapt to climate change, increased support by the international community is needed;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Government considers taking the following immediate steps in order to create, and move forward with, the Cayman Islands climate change strategy:

- Convene a working group of Government and private sector partners for the purpose of creating a Cayman Islands Climate Change Commission whose primary functions will be:
 - a. To create the Cayman Islands Climate Change Policy.
 - b. Oversight and responsibility for the implementation of the Cayman Islands Climate Change Policy.
 - c. Ensuring that the Cayman Islands applies for membership and representation in regional and global organisations focused on climate change;
 - d. To engage with representatives from the private sector to increase awareness on climate change.
 - e. To recommend changes to the Cayman Islands Primary School Curriculum to ensure that the topic of climate change features prominently across all the Key Stages of Education.

- f. To ensure that the Cayman Islands develops its own initiatives in accordance with the Paris Agreement.

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.