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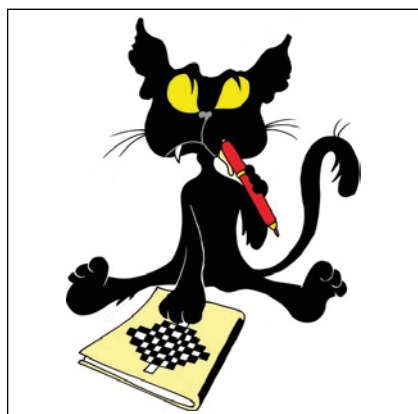
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Take a break and solve a puzzle

PENSION CHANGES RECEIVES OFFICIAL OPPOSITION SUPPORT

The reconvening of the Legislative Assembly this week has been welcomed by the Official Opposition, particularly for the changes to be made to the Pensions Law.

The Government has announced that an interim waiver of pension contributions has been approved by Cabinet along with allowing early withdrawals to offset the financial impact of the COVID-19 crisis.

Although Cabinet has approved these decisions they still require ratification by the Assembly.

In a joint statement at the weekend, the Official Opposition expressed its support saying: "These changes will allow individuals and businesses to benefit from a 'Pension Holiday', increasing disposable incomes at a time when essentials are becoming increasingly difficult to obtain.

"The changes will also allow persons employed in the private sector to withdraw funds from their pensions, providing them with much needed financial relief during this

period of reduced economic activity," it added.

The Hon. Leader of the Opposition, Mr. V. Arden McLean, JP, MLA, reflected on statements he'd made at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic when he had suggested that "this unprecedented time also gives us an opportunity to re-write several policies that were unfair and frankly did nothing to address the hardship being faced by our people."

He said he had written to Hon. Premier Alden McLaughlin on the matter.

"Our goal is to ensure that Cayman not only weathers this crisis, but, emerges stronger as well. Thus, when I wrote to the Hon. Premier last month outlining some additional relief initiatives which the Official Opposition wanted the Government to consider, we were hopeful that pragmatism rather than dogmatic political ideology would prevail."

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► The Hon. Leader of the Opposition, Mr. V. Arden McLean, JP, MLA

Agriculture takes shape



► Ensuring livestock was free from disease came under the remit of the Chief Agricultural and Veterinary Officer

In our first article on agriculture we examined how the industry had always been an integral part of life in the Cayman Islands, from the first settlers through to the 20th Century. This second part will trace how agriculture began to become a focus for the Government in the mid to late part of the 20th Century.

While industry leaders recognised the importance of being at least partly self-sufficient when it came to growing and rearing food, it was something of an uphill battle with tourism and the financial services industry taking centre stage within Cayman's economy from the 1960s.

In 1976 Dr Joseph Jackman became the Chief Agricultural and Veterinary Officer for the Cayman Islands, a post he

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Registration for Government Schools Opens on 27 April 2020



The registration for students enrolling in, or transferring to Government schools for the 2020/2021 school year

will open on Monday, 27 April 2020 and will close on Friday, 26 June 2020.

Registration for Government Reception is open for qualifying children aged 4 years 0 months before 1 September 2020. That means a child born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 is eligible for reception, and that he/she must have already turned 4 prior to 1 September 2020.

Registration for Year 1 in Government schools is open for qualifying children aged 5 years 0 months before 1 September 2020 in all primary schools. That means a child born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 is eligible for Year 1, and that he/she must have already turned 5 prior to 1 September 2020.

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Mr McLean said "allowing our citizens to play a part in our recovery is therefore not only sensible, but the right thing to do."

On the issue of accessing pension pots given the present unusual circumstances, he noted: "As a society, we encourage people to save for their rainy days albeit thinking it would be in their old age. However, this global pandemic means that for many people, their livelihood and standard of living is under threat now and without the assistance and ability to hold on to their standard of living, many may not make it to their old age."

The pensions payments holiday also finds favour with Hon. Deputy Opposition Leader Alva Suckoo, (MLA, Newlands).

"Allowing a Pension Holiday is the first step in the right direction, and I am grateful that the Government will be making the necessary changes to facilitate this. Our people need help now and while we all appreciate the need to save for our golden years, the current circumstances cannot justify continuing with a forced savings, especially with so many in need."

Hon. Chris Saunders, (MLA, Bodden Town West) also supports the move.

He said, "I believe that this is a step in the right direction and has the potential to invest hundreds of millions of dollars in our local economy. We have all seen the struggles that many countries are going through and why should we leave our money in foreign countries when it is needed at home here in the Cayman Islands."



► Hon. Bernie Bush, MLA, West Bay North



► Hon. Chris Saunders, MLA, Bodden Town West



► Hon. Deputy Opposition Leader Alva Suckoo, MLA, Newlands



► Hon. Anthony Eden, MLA, Savannah

"We do not know how long this global crisis is going to last, so it is imperative that people have access to their cash and not be dependent on the Government or some charitable organization."

Mr Saunders would also like to see the government "use this opportunity to make additional changes to the pension law to encourage more local investments as well as deal with the issue of dormant pension accounts."

Commenting on the development, Hon. Bernie Bush, (MLA, West Bay North) applauded businesses which have kept their employees on the payroll.

"Many small business owners who reached out to us, expressing the need to access their pension funds to meet their current payroll needs will be relieved. We are grateful that we have so many conscientious business owners who recognize the importance of retaining valuable employees even at their own personal sacrifice."

Mr Bush also said "this type of collaborative thinking presents a win-win situation and a step in the right direction for building a better and stronger Cayman."

For his part Hon. Anthony Eden, (MLA, Savannah) called on pension providers to work with the government on the interim changes being put forward for the pension scheme:

"In these troubling times, these measures will help our hard-working people to maintain their dignity and compassion during these troubling times. I am hopeful that the Pension providers will work with the Government to affect these changes to pension contributions which will ease the hardship of many of our people."

"In my 70 plus years I have seen the Cayman Islands weather many a storm and I have no doubt that this too shall pass away, and that our people and our country will once again emerge from

this period of doubt and uncertainty, this pension withdrawal will certainly assist."

The joint and individual statements of support from members of the Official Opposition suggests that the pension amendments approved by Cabinet will get overwhelming endorsement when the Assembly meets on the matter this Thursday.

Prior to that, the LA will meet on Wednesday for the first time since the COVID-19 crisis was declared here.

Wednesday's meeting will principally clear the legislative hurdles to allow for the historic virtual internet meetings of the Assembly. 🌐

Chamber supports restrictions to contain COVID-19 spread

The Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce supports the Government's decision to extend the curfew restrictions and urges everyone to follow them.

"Since the COVID crisis began", explained Chamber President Woody Foster, "the efforts of the Chamber have been focused on three strategic areas. First, supporting the government's containment strategy; second, alleviating the looming humanitarian crisis; and third, supporting the many business owners doing everything they can to keep their hard-working employees in jobs." He continued, "This is not a time for our community to be divided by criticism or blame aimed at the government or anyone else. It is a time for our community to pull together and for each of us to do the right thing by our neighbors."

With those objectives in mind, Chamber efforts to date have included:

- Daily email updates and a dedicated website (<https://chambercovidupdates.ky>) to share Government announcements and other developments and to

encourage compliance with the lockdown among members;

- A set of 23 policy action recommendations to government aimed at both alleviating the humanitarian crisis and the pressure on struggling businesses;
- Launched an initiative in partnership with the Department of WORC to redeploy unemployed tourism workers to serve the growing needs of local delivery companies;
- Launched a series of webinars on legal and business issues relating to the COVID-19 crisis, launched on 1st April;
- Initiated a new community assistance programme known as Resilience Cayman (see www.resilience.ky) which aims to provide financial assistance and counseling to residents in need among other services.
- Began collecting the names of guest workers and family members who have expressed a willingness to be repatriated.

A recent Harvard Business Review article citing nobel-prize winning econ-

omist Paul Romer stated that, in order for economies to begin to re-open in a phased manner, at minimum, several conditions must be met, including

- Evidence that the country is "over the peak" of the current wave, i.e. a significant reduction in daily infections.
- A fully resourced health system able to cope with any "second wave" or resurgence.
- Widespread, "unrestricted" testing, for both infection and antibodies, particularly among "front-line workers" (including electronic systems for tracing contacts and certifying those with immunity).
- Widespread availability of PPE.

The authors note that such pre-conditions are not "one size fits all" and must be adjusted to suit each location. While it is too early for the Chamber to express a view on the conditions that might pertain to us here in Cayman, we would note that only Public Health is qualified to judge whether the healthcare system is adequately resourced, and that, other than the supply of tests for COVID-19 infection, none of the other pre-conditions the authors propose appear close to being met at this time.

While it is, as the Premier has indicated, much too soon to ease the restrictions and re-open non-essential businesses, it is not too early for us to make a plan to do so for when the government is satisfied that the necessary pre-conditions have been met. The Chamber has begun to lay



the groundwork to assist in doing so by engaging with our members as well as independent subject matter experts. None of this work should be mistaken by our members, or any member of the public, as a call for the easing of restrictions.

Once again, we fully support the Premier's actions to contain the spread of the virus in our community.

About the Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce

The Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce represents more than 650 businesses and associations across all industry sectors in the Cayman Islands. Its members employ over 18,000 persons or about 45-percent of the country's labour force. The Chamber supports, promotes and protects the interests of its members and the public's welfare and serves as a catalyst for positive change, connecting community, business and government. 🌐

Cayman Islands COVID-19 Dashboard

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<p>Worldwide confirmed cases</p> <p style="font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">2,466,305</p> <p style="font-size: 8px;">Source: Johns Hopkins, 20/04/20, 2:30pm</p>	<p style="font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">1</p> <p style="font-size: 10px;">Deaths</p>
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*A person who initially tested positive and who has subsequently tested negative for the COVID-19 virus in two tests done at least 24 hours apart 14 days after their positive test, or after their symptoms have gone away, whichever is longer.

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Concerns re-Coronavirus and '5G' Technology

The Utility Regulation and Competition Office (OfReg) is aware that, there are a number of claims circulating in relation to '5G' Technology being linked to the Coronavirus.

5G refers to the fifth generation of wireless communication technologies supporting cellular data networks. Please note that there are currently no 5G networks licensed by OfReg for operations in the Cayman Islands. However, prior to licensing any use of electromagnetic spectrum, due diligence as well as proper technical and regulatory analysis by this office will be conducted. Applicants will have to demonstrate that the proposed technology poses no harm to any person.

On their website, the World Health Organization stated that



'viruses cannot travel on radio waves/mobile networks, COVID-19 is spread in many coun-

tries that do not have 5G mobile networks. COVID-19 is spread through respiratory

droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes or speaks. People can also be infected by

touching a contaminated surface and then their eyes, mouth or nose'. (<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/mythbusters>)

Although there have been some reports in overseas jurisdictions of damage to 5G cell towers, OfReg would like to advise the public under section 83 of the Information and Communications Technology Law (2019 Revision), causing damage to ICT infrastructure is an offence and upon conviction, a person may be liable to a fine of twenty thousand dollars or to imprisonment for two years.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact OfReg at 946-4282 or by emailing info@ofreg.ky.

POLICE NEWS

Anti-Corruption Commission Statement: Charges

On 14 April 2020 Investigators from the Anti-Corruption Commission charged:

Ms. Evita Dixon a public officer aged 38 years from the Prospect area (first arrested on 3 October 2019), with one count of Breach of Trust contrary to s.13 of the Anti-Corruption Law (2019 Revision) in her capacity as a member of support staff with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

The matter was internally identified at an early stage, and was immediately referred to the Commission for investigation. Charging advice was provided by an independent legal advisor, at the request of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Ms Dixon has been bailed to appear in Summary Court on 26th May 2020.



As the matter is now before the Courts, the Commission will not provide any further comment on the matter.

Motor Vehicle Collision Involving a Cyclist

Just after 10:30AM on Saturday 18 April, police and other emergency services were dispatched to Shamrock Road in the vicinity of Pedro Castle Road. It was reported that a motor vehicle collision involving a cyclist had taken place at the location.

The collision took place when a cyclist was travelling towards George Town along Shamrock Road when a black Kia Optima that was exiting the gas station in the area, pulled onto the roadway and struck the cyclist.

The ambulance attended the location and assisted the cyclist who had visible injuries on the scene. The cyclist was transported to the Cay-



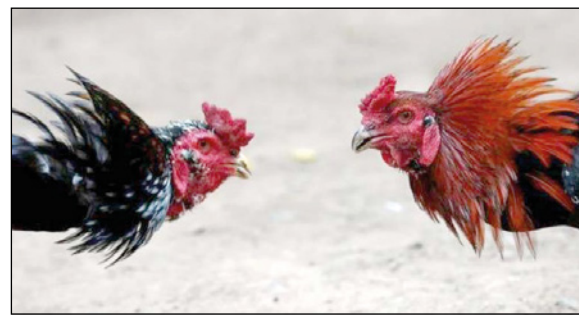
man Islands Hospital and treated for non-life-threatening injuries and later released. No other injuries were reported as a result of this incident.

The matter is being investigated by the police.

Police Operation due to Public Gathering

On Saturday 18 April, police conducted an operation in the area of Fairlawn Road, George Town in response to concerns about a public gathering taking place in contravention of the soft curfew order under the new Public Health Regulation. A gathering of several people engaging in cockfighting were seen at the location.

During the operation, 2 men age 25 and 32, both of George Town, were arrested on suspicion of animal cruelty, illegal gambling, possession of ganja and as well as for breach of curfew relating to COVID 19 prevention. Several other people who were present at the time of the police arrival were also warned for intended prosecution for COVID related



offenses as well as offenses relating to animal cruelty.

Animal welfare and control officers from the Department of Agriculture assisted with the operation and over 30 roosters were seized.

The men will remain in police custody pending further investigations.

The matter is currently under police investigation.

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Cayman Enterprise City Community Member Helps Establish Coronavirus (COVID-19) Testing Programme

Dr. Frank Koentgen of Rhetus International SEZC and Joanne Deys team up with Doctors Hospital to establish COVID-19 testing programme

Cayman Enterprise City (CEC) special economic zone community member Dr. Frank Koentgen PhD of Rhetus International SEZC, part of the Ozgene group, has been granted special permission to assist CTMH Doctors Hospital with an extensive COVID-19 testing programme in the Cayman Islands.

As announced by the World Health Organization, the capability to test for COVID-19 is one of the most important steps required to get the global pandemic under control. Tests assist countries to accurately track the spread of the virus so that hospitals can better execute their pandemic plans. Accurate and readily available testing also ensures that individuals who are infected are identified immediately and isolated from the wider community to stop the virus from spreading.

“Under normal circumstances special economic zone workers may not also work with companies operating in the local economy,” noted Charlie Kirkconnell, Chief Executive Officer at CEC. “In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, however, Workforce Opportunities & Residency Cayman considered that the greater good would be best served through a temporary special exception enabling Dr. Koentgen to take a leading role in helping to establish this critical testing programme.”

Joanne E. M. Deys, President of Ozgene LLC who is also assisting with the COVID-19 testing programme by leading project logistics, explained that testing is not only about patients showing up at the hospital and then waiting for results, it is also about what happens after that. “We’ve carefully designed a systematic

closed loop process which, after three weeks of intense planning, as of 9 April 2020, was successfully validated using Health Services Authority’s COVID positive clinical specimens,” announced Deys.

A team at CTMH Doctors Hospital, led by Dr. Frank Koentgen and Joanne Deys alongside Dr. Yaron Rado, chairman of the hospital board, and his colleagues are capable to support broader COVID-19 testing in the Cayman Islands. The lab is enabling the Cayman Islands Government to open testing to a wider base, which together with efforts made by the Health Services Authority, will significantly increase COVID-19 testing throughout the Cayman Islands.

“The principle of it is to find out whether or not people carry, or do not carry, the coronavirus. We’re looking for the specific genetic code of the coronavirus by having medics at Doctors Hospital take general swabs from individuals, then we’ll extract the genetic material, and run it through a machine which can tell us if this material contains the specific genetic code of the coronavirus or not,” explained Dr. Koentgen. “We can currently run 120 coronavirus tests on a shift with a turnaround time of three hours and are scaling to run 650 tests in a shift. This will significantly increase current throughput and offer shorter lead-times, enabling results back to the patient sooner.”

Ozgene, which has its main operation in Australia, generates genetically modified (GM) mice for drug validation and medical research trials worldwide with the objective of advancing humanity



► CEC Community Member Dr. Frank Koentgen and Joanne Deys

and inspiring curiosity. Ozgene’s success is evidenced by the distribution of published papers that reference mice by Ozgene; the number of such published papers is now over 440, which is more than any other comparable institution. The business was founded by Dr. Koentgen in 1999 following his becoming the first to successfully produce a C57BL/6 knockout mouse in 1993. Since then, Ozgene has established a long history of continued success and today is one of the leading companies providing genetically customised mice for researchers in 31 different countries on five continents.

Rhetus International SEZC, part of the Ozgene group who are based in the Cay-

man Islands, are primarily focused on coordinating global research services, developing cloud-based software solutions, streamlining global operations and expanding Ozgene services by providing coaching and consulting services worldwide.

“Dr. Koentgen and Deys are leveraging their technical knowledge, experience, leadership skills, and global networks to assist CTMH Doctors Hospital and our wider community during the COVID-19 outbreak,” added Kirkconnell. “I can think of no better example of how important it is to have world-class technically qualified people as part of the Cayman Islands community – we cannot thank them enough.”

NAU Adds Capacity: Streamlines Processes to Meet Demand

The Needs Assessment Unit (NAU) reminds the public of its work priorities and procedures, during the COVID-19 crisis, as follows:

- services to Caymanians remain a priority, with immediate focus placed on providing urgent food assistance
- other services, such as rental assistance and utilities support, continue to be reviewed and processed as secondary needs
- housing repairs are temporarily placed on hold
- services are available to existing clients without the need to visit the NAU offices.

For clients’ convenience, and to reduce waiting times following an increase in those registering for the Unit’s services, the NAU has acquired five addi-

tional telephone lines and is introducing a revised processing system.

Starting Monday, 20 April 2020, the Unit will use the following three-digit number and last name assignments. During office opening hours from Monday through Thursday, 9am to 1pm, existing and prospective clients can call the NAU on the telephone numbers directly below, using a system which assigns a group of numbers for calls based on the first letter of a surname:

- Last names A-K
 - * 936-0NAU
 - * 936-1NAU
 - * 936-2NAU
- Last names L-Z
 - * 936-3NAU
 - * 936-4NAU

Additionally the NAU wishes to reinforce the following advice:

- existing clients and new applicants will continue being contacted with updates on service approvals
- clients who have changed their telephone number, or have a new point of contact (e.g. residential or email address), must call the NAU so that staff can update their records.
- new clients should visit www.nau.gov.ky for forms and can email NAUinfo@gov.ky to submit documents or ask questions

While NAU offices continue to be open on week days (excluding Fridays) to help clients, the need for social distancing is important and must be maintained during visits for the safety of all. For general enquiries regarding service approval,



the NAU’s other phone numbers are: Grand Cayman, 946-0024 or 244-2426, and Cayman Brac, 948-8758.

The NAU thanks members of the public for their continued cooperation and patience as staff work diligently to process the increase in applications received.

Registration for Government Schools Opens on 27 April 2020

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Registration for older students transferring internally, re-entering or entering for the first time into the Government school system, should be completed by the 26 June 2020 deadline in order for the child to be eligible to attend school at the start of the school year.

Due to circumstances of COVID-19, school registration will take place online. The online registration form will be available by Monday 27 April 2020, and will be found on the Department of Education Services (DES) registration web page - <https://schools.edu.ky/Pages/School-Registration.aspx>.

Only applications received through the online form will be accepted. Additionally, children registering after 26 June 2020, cannot be guaranteed a space at their zoned catchment school.

Please refer to the attached guidance notes; visit the DES website at <https://schools.edu.ky/Pages/School-Registration.aspx> or email edu.registration@gov.ky for additional information on school registration.



► Clifton Hunter High School

Shelter-in-Place Curfew for the Cayman Islands



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Outdoor exercise includes walking your pet. This may be done alone or together with a family member living at the same residence. Exercise is permitted for an **hour-and-a-half each day**, between the hours of **5:15am** and **6:45pm**. Driving any place for the purpose of exercise is prohibited.

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Hard Curfew on Beaches



All public beaches will be closed throughout the Cayman Islands for a full 24 hour hard curfew from 17th April to 5AM 1st May, 2020. Breach of the hard curfew order is a criminal offence carrying a **penalty of CI\$3,000, imprisonment for one year or both.**

**Private owners with beach access are not allowed beyond the high water mark.*

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CAYMAN INCLUDED IN EU COVID-19 REGIONAL FUND

The Cayman Islands and its sister Caribbean UK territories are included in the roll-out of an emergency EU10 million (\$KY8.8 million) fund to support their efforts in the fight against COVID-19.

The EU says the programme was established against the backdrop of overwhelmed public health systems across the OCTs, and “jarringly deepening social and economic crises in most Territories”.

The UK OTs in the region are included as Brexit is still in the transition phase until December 31st.

The funds are being funnelled through the EU’s RESEMBID (Resilience, Sustainable Energy and Marine Biodiversity) COVID-19 Resilience Response programme with a ‘fast-track’ disbursement component.

The Facility is funded by the European Union under the 11th European Development Fund, and is a component of its regional RESEMBID Programme.

It’s being managed by Expertise France, the French government’s development cooperation agency.

According to Fabian McKinnon, RESEMBID’s Programme Director, the programme was set up in light of “crushing pressure” that the increasing number of cases and mortality are placing on the public health systems of the OCTs, on vulnerable groups and on the capacity

of Governments to manage and respond.

He said, “In these exceptional circumstances, and as the outbreak began to gather pace and rapidly internationalise, our team at RESEMBID quickly set out to explore ways and means of leveraging our Programme in order to come to the support of the OCTs at this terribly trying time.”

It has been pointed out that while the new facility is an integral part of the ongoing RESEMBID Programme, it does not displace any strategic or functional aspect of the existing Programme, that the allocated funds are geared specifically towards financing COVID-19 Resilience response actions across the twelve OCTs.

Highlighting the simplified approval procedures, McKinnon further noted, “We crafted it [the Facility] as a purpose-designed, fast-track, flexible response tool for the OCTs to confront the multiple challenges of responding to the pandemic.

“Its aim is to be very quick and flexible, whilst affording each Territory maximum control and latitude in determining their needs and requests. We will do our utmost to support the OCTs.”



Speaking on the European Union’s decision to support the new “fast-track” Facility, Karel Lizerot, Head of Cooperation at the Delegation of the European

Union in Guyana cited the convenience of having a pre-existing resilience-based programme already operational within the OCTs.

Referring to the recently concluded RESEMBID formulation missions to all twelve OCTs, Lizerot said, “To have Expertise France and RESEMBID already up and running, and comprehensively covering all the Caribbean OCTs in a way that is very much based on listening, and taking care of their needs, has been very encouraging.

The EU notes that while most governments have already implemented drastic measures to prevent the community spread of COVID-19 to avoid a complete collapse of local public health systems, it acknowledges that the socioeconomic fabric of the OCTs, are today being tested in ways previously unimaginable.

Explaining the flexibility of the RESEMBID programme to incorporate funding for COVID-19 efforts, Karen Lizerot said while the programme was more based on climate change resilience, “it was also contractually and procedurally relatively easy for the European Union to reorient it towards the health resilience.”

“Prior COVID-19, I had my questions about how we were going to set up a truly regional approach among twelve OCTs, that are very diverse – different languages, different systems, different geography.

“However, I think now is really a good time to actually come together, and be one front against COVID-19 – all of the OCTs because COVID does not discriminate.”

The RESEMBID COVID-19 Resilience Response Facility is now deployed across the twelve OCTs, under a fast-track expedited procedure, with priority actions to be determined by each country or territory, consistent with local needs.

The twelve participating OCTs are Anguilla, Aruba, Bonaire, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Curaçao, Montserrat, Saba, Saint Barthélemy, Sint Eustatius, Sint Maarten, and Turks and Caicos Islands. 🌐

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held until 1982. In an oral history interview with the Cayman Islands National Archives, Dr Jackman recalled that Cayman's farming community wasn't very well organised when he came to the island from Montserrat.

"The only real organised farm we had was John Bothwell, who had an egg farm in West Bay. I mean, really nicely set up and so on," he said.

He described the Department of Agriculture's "little plot" of land by the airport where it would propagate plants and sell plants such as grafted mango trees and avocados, and explained how the Department of Agriculture forged relationships with Floridian growers.

"...we went up to Florida, went down to Homestead, got friendly with some of the growers and so on down there and they would tell me about the new varieties coming in and I would say, "Okay, we'll try and get them in Cayman". We brought them down and several varieties did and several varieties didn't do so well...everybody wanted to have a tree or two, and then we started the programme, and that's how we got the Department actually doing and going out to help people."

Dr Jackman detailed how the Department expanded its services to include crop spraying and going aboard all boats to perform checks, working alongside the Mosquito Research and Control Unit. His duties also included visiting local farms to undertake regular examinations of animals and plants to prevent the spread of any disease. In his first year at the Department of Agriculture he also began writing for the Nor'wester magazine to help spread the word about the value of agriculture among the local community with information and recipes to try at home [see a recipe for mango chutney from the Nor'wester in our third and final article].

Vision

In 1978 Austin Bothwell was the president of the Cayman Islands Agricultural Society and in the programme for the Agriculture Show of that year he urged the promotion of agriculture and showed interesting foresight when he wrote:

"One only has to read good books and listen to the news over the radio to realise what a mess this world of ours is in as far as food is concerned. For thousands are dying daily. This is one reason why we must plant more food crops so that we

can make our country more self-sufficient in food production."

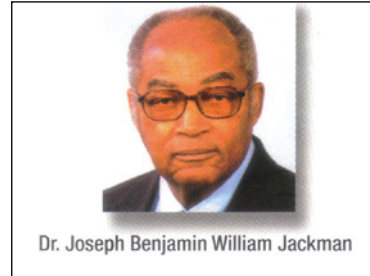
Ten years later, Dr Alfred Benjamin took over the role as Cayman's Chief Agricultural and Veterinary Officer, a post he held until December 2007 when he retired.

In an oral history interview with the Cayman Islands National Archives, Dr Benjamin explained how he began to modernise Cayman's agricultural industry. He began by forging relationships with agriculture experts in Jamaica and Florida when they would come down to attend Cayman's annual agriculture shows.

"...out of those discussion, I was able to put together a team to come and do the agriculture survey... and to collect data and put together programmes for a five year development programme down the road," he said, adding that this eventual plan allowed Cayman to move from subsistence to a more commercial product.

Dr Benjamin continued: "...we have all been very proud of that and I thank the farmers ought to be congratulated for the cooperation with these efforts."

Following the survey, Dr Benjamin said the one big issue for him was that



Dr. Joseph Benjamin William Jackman
 ▶ Former Chief Agricultural and Veterinary Officer (1976 to 1982) Dr Joseph Jackman. Photo from The Montserrat Reporter

farmers refused to fertilise their land, another glimpse into the foresight of Cayman's farmers who had embraced organic farming long before it became a popular trend.

"...grass fed beef, for example, was the norm here and think about the health of the consumers who are

being fed grass-fed beef as opposed to feed that has been laced with antibiotics and hormones and all that sort of thing," he said. "So while the farmers may have appeared antiquated, in those times, ... their raw intelligence put them way ahead of the crowd, and that's the kind of pride that I developed with the farming community that we had to serve here."

Farmers did eventually use fertiliser, he said, which was used in conjunction with improved technology, as Dr Benjamin recalled a hydroponic tomato farm - again ahead of its time - run by Otto Watler. Mr Watler, he said, added different nutrients to the water in which his tomatoes grew, such as sodium, potassium and nitrogen.

In the third part in this series, we examine agriculture's development from the 1990s to the present day. 🌐



▶ Former Chief Agricultural and Veterinary Officer (1988 to 2007) Dr Alfred Benjamin

Self-isolation

Advice for persons with & without symptoms of infection, who are isolating themselves due to potential exposure to novel coronavirus (COVID-19). These actions will help to protect others inside & outside of your home from infection.

Isolate yourself



stay in your home or temporary residence, do not go to work, school or other public areas



separate yourself from others in your home or temporary residence



use separate facilities if sharing, these should be cleaned before use by others



have food, medication & other supplies delivered to you



do not have visitors in your home or temporary residence



there is no evidence that pets can be infected with coronavirus however, it is good practice to wash your hands after contact

Prevent the spread of infection



frequently **cleanse hands** with soap & water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer



cough or sneeze in a tissue & bin it



use separate household items such as towels, bedding, cups & dishes



wear a mask when you are around others, **only** if you have been told to do so



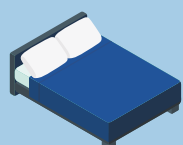
wash hands with soap & water after using the restroom



wash hands with soap & water before cooking & eating

Take care of your health & wellbeing

For those with symptoms of infection:



get plenty of rest until you feel better



drink enough fluids so that you pass urine regularly



take paracetamol as advised, to reduce pain & fever

For everyone in self-isolation:



keep in contact with friends & family by phone, video & online



carry on hobbies & interests within your home if you are able to



take regular exercise within your home if you are able to

Seek help if you develop symptoms or existing symptoms worsen (eg. difficulty breathing) by calling the flu hotline on **1-800-534-8600** or **947-3077**. For emergencies call **911**.

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Entire Parish on Lockdown in Jamaica as 32 New COVID-19 Cases Confirmed in One Day

Jamaica has 105 confirmed cases of COVID-19, following confirmation that 32 new cases were recorded in a 24-hour period – all but one linked to a call centre in the coastal town of Portmore – and the death of a fifth person, a 63-year-old woman from Portland, from the disease yesterday.

As a result, the southeastern parish of St Catherine, in which Portmore is located, has been placed on a one-week lockdown.

Addressing a virtual press conference yesterday, Minister of Health and Wellness, Dr Christopher Tufton said the new cases comprise five males and 27 females, ranging in age from 19 to 70 years old.

Of the 32 cases, 31 are linked to a case at Alorica Jamaica, a call centre with 787 workers.

Prime Minister Andrew Holness said that from 5 a.m. today until 5 a.m. next Wednesday, April 22, residents are expected to remain in their premises unless they are exempted and should only leave their homes to attend work or business places.



► A passenger in a vehicle stopped at a checkpoint along Mandela Highway shows his identification to a soldier (Photos by JIS)



► Members of the Jamaica Defence Force and the Jamaica Constabulary Force man a checkpoint

All persons who are exempted are required to provide appropriate identification such as work ID, passport, drivers' licenses and national ID, as well as proof of their legitimate reasons for being on the road.

"We have always known and, indeed, we have said that as we progressed through the epidemic that there would be an increase in num-

bers and even a spike," Prime Minister Holness said.

"We have done fairly well. We have lasted about 33 days in a linear scale. We have put in place measures, which, by and large, the country has followed. We could say that the majority of Jamaicans were faithful in abiding by the tighter curfew hours imposed during the Easter period."

People who must traverse St Catherine, including transient commuters, have been told expect to encounter various check-points across the parish. Where possible, commuters are encouraged to avoid traversing the parish unnecessarily and to use alternative routes.

About 20 per cent of the Jamaica's population of 2.7 million live in St Catherine. 🌐

Jamaica Government to Investigate Outbreak at Call Centre; Cases Jump to 125

Prime Minister Andrew Holness says a COVID-19 outbreak at a call centre is now under investigation to determine whether any charges should be laid against the operator.

The disclosure came as Jamaica on Tuesday confirmed 32 new cases in a 24-hour period – 31 of them linked to the call centre, Alorica Jamaica, in Portmore in the southeastern parish of St Catherine – taking the total to 105. By yesterday, the number of cases in Jamaica jumped to 125 when 20 more people tested positive – 18 of them arising out of the Alorica case. The total number of confirmed cases working at Alorica stands at 52.

Holness, at a press conference on Tuesday, said a probe is being carried out to determine whether there were any breaches of established protocols and guidelines.

"I've asked the Commissioner of Police to thoroughly investigate, along with the Health Department, the circumstances under which this outbreak took place and to pursue charges under the Disaster Risk Management Act," he said.

"We cannot take this thing lightly and consequences must fall where we can establish culpability... What we will be doing in investigating is looking at whether or not there was any breakdown in our own procedures, whilst we also investigate to see what breakdowns there were in the particular company where the outbreak occurred.

"So yes, we will be looking to see whether or not we could have acted any earlier than we did. The fact is that as soon as a case came to our attention, the entire machinery of the Ministry of Health was mobilized," Holness added.

From yesterday at 5 a.m., a seven-day lockdown took effect in St Catherine. That will end at 5.m. next Wednesday, April 22.

The 20 new COVID-19 cases recorded yesterday included five males and 15 females, ranging in age from 2 years to 43 years. The ages of all confirmed cases range from 2 to 87 years old.

The Ministry of Health said health departments across the island are tracing approximately 432 close contacts of the confirmed cases.



► Jamaica Prime Minister Andrew Holness

The total number of persons recovered and released from hospital is 21 while there have been five deaths.

Currently, 66 patients remain in isolation and 21 persons are in quarantine at a government facility. 🌐

Bermuda Extends COVID-19 Lockdown, Records Death Number 5

The lockdown in Bermuda that was to end on Saturday has been extended until May 2.

Premier David Burt announced yesterday, the same day it was reported that the country recorded its fifth death from a total 57 cases.

The latest person to die was a resident of a senior citizens home. More than 50 people linked to the home have since been tested for COVID-19.

"It is regrettable that the nature of this disease is such that it can end in the death of those of our most vulnerable demographics. Our mission therefore must be unchanged. We must protect all of our residents, especially our most vulnerable," Burt said.

"Therefore, following the unanimous recommendation of the Public Health Emergency Response Team, the Cabinet today determined that the current shelter in place regulations should be



► Bermuda Premier David Burt

extended for an additional two weeks, through to May 2."

Burt said he was keenly aware of the impact the extension would have on how residents work, live and play.

"There is an emotional and psychological effect on all of us as we seek to

manage our response to this global pandemic. But, guided by the needs to save lives, we must continue the adjustment to our routines, and encourage our families and friends to comply with the new normal of social distancing and heightened personal hygiene," he said.

"We all long for and want for our lives to go back to the way they were before, but it is for the preservation of lives, the protection for health and safety our community that the Cabinet, upon the advice of our public health experts has made this decision."

The Premier said a Cabinet subcommittee has been created to address a number of community concerns given the extension of the stay at home order,

including the need for laundromats to open and access to business supplies to make the best use of time at home for repairs to own homes or upgrades.

"The committee will make recommendations on how to address legitimate concerns raised during the initial shelter in place order, under the simple condition that households continue to not mingle with other households, and to maintain social distance," he said.

Burt said the committee will make recommendations and the determinations will be announced tomorrow to give people time to plan for the next two weeks.

Of Bermuda's 57 COVID-19 cases (31 men and 26 women), 30 people have recovered.

Six people are hospitalized – three of them in Intensive Care – and 16 others are under public health monitoring.

The infected range in age from 18 to 86. 🌐

IMF Approves Debt Relief for Haiti Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Haiti is one of 35 countries granted immediate debt relief by the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva said the decision was approved by the Executive Board under the IMF's revamped Catastrophe Containment and Relief Trust (CCRT) as part of the Fund's response to help address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This provides grants to our poorest and most vulnerable members to cover their IMF debt obligations for an initial phase over the next six months and will help them channel more of their scarce financial resources towards vital emergency medical and other relief efforts," she said.

"The CCRT can currently provide about US\$500 million in grant-based debt service relief, including the recent

US\$185 million pledge by the U.K. and US\$100 million provided by Japan as immediately available resources. Others, including China and the Netherlands, are also stepping forward with important contributions. I urge other donors to help us replenish the Trust's resources and boost further our ability to provide additional debt service relief for a full two years to our poorest member countries."

Haiti is the only Caribbean country to benefit from the debt relief.

The French Caribbean nation has 40 confirmed cases of COVID-19 from 365 tests carried out. There have been three deaths.

The other 24 are: Afghanistan, Benin, Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, D.R., The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia,



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REQUIREMENTS

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- Good physical condition.
- Excellent communication skills, both written and oral.
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- Excellent Customer Service skills

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2

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3

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Coronavirus – Self-Isolating

Do

- Stay at home
- Try not to be in the same room as other people at the same time
- Only allow people who live with you to stay
- Stay in a well-ventilated room
- Ideally, keep two weeks of food, drink, medication and cleaning supplies at home
- Ask friends, family members or delivery services to carry out errands for you such as getting groceries, medicines or other shopping
- Make sure you tell delivery drivers to leave items outside for collection
- Clean toilets and bathrooms regularly
- Think about a bathroom rota if a separate bathroom is not available, with the isolated person using the facilities last, before thoroughly cleaning the bathroom themselves
- Use separate sheets and towels from anyone else in the household and launder at the hottest temperature possible for the material
- Wash crockery and utensils thoroughly with soap and water. Dishwashers may be used to clean crockery and cutlery
- Stay away from your pets — if unavoidable, wash your hands before and after contact

Do Not

- Invite visitors to your home or allow visitors to enter
- Go to work, school or public areas
- Use public transport or taxis
- Do not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, bedding or other items with other people in your home

Self-Isolation and Mental Health

Stay in touch with friends and relatives on the phone or by social media. You may find it helpful to talk to them.

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