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## New leadership at CBC

Customs & Border Control Service (CBC) confirms the appointment of Kevin Walton as the new Senior Deputy Director.

Mr. Walton brings a wealth of experience and a proven track record of excellence to this senior role. He has been a valued member of the CBC team for over

(30) thirty years, since he commenced employment at the then Her Majesty

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# LEADERSHIP CHANGE FOR THE PROGRESSIVES



▶ Hon Joseph Hew



▶ Hon Roy McTaggart

Veteran Cayman Islands politician Roy McTaggart has formally announced that he is relinquishing the position of leader of the People's Progressive Movement (PPM/Progressives) and Leader of the Parliamentary Opposition.

In a press release on Sunday 11th August following a meeting of the Progressives's National Council the previous day, Mr McTaggart announced that he will be stepping down at the next Party Conference in January.

Mr McTaggart who took over as leader of the Progressives following the 2021 election which the PPM lost, also revealed that he would give up the role of Leader of the Opposition at the next Parliament meeting.

He had succeeded Sir Alden McLaughlin - currently Speaker of the Parliament - who had led the Progressives in the previous two of its three terms in office.

The exiting party leader also confirmed that he would nominate his Deputy, Joey Hew, as his successor for both roles.

"All elected members of the Progressives Opposition fully support this tran-

sition, which provides Mr Hew with the opportunity to better prepare to lead the Progressives into the upcoming election," the party said.

With elections due by next April, it's expected that Mr Hew would lead the Progressives in an election campaign even if the polls were called before January when Mr McTaggart formally demits the post of party leader.

The statement said that in his address to Party members, Mr McTaggart expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve as the Leader of the Progressives and the Leader of the Opposition, highlighting his confidence in the party's future and Joey Hew's leadership.

"Serving as the Leader of the Progressives and Leader of the Opposition has been a tremendous honour, and I am proud of what we have accomplished together. We have a great Party with a storied history, and I believe it is time for new leadership to continue our mission of driving positive change for the Cayman Islands," McTaggart said.

Expressing gratitude for what is expected to be a no-contest changing of the guard, Mr Hew said he is looking forward to the election process at the party conference in January and is focused on returning to Government after the elections.

The Progressives credit Mr McTaggart with ably guiding the party through significant challenges while in opposition and for what it called holding the "chaotic, disunified, and spendthrift PACT/UPM government accountable."

According to the party, its outgoing leader has "actively pressured the government to address the impact of the rising cost of living crisis, particularly for vulnerable groups like pensioners."

Additionally, it said Mr McTaggart has consistently pushed for effective measures to combat increasing crime, completing the mental health facility, and prudent fiscal management of public funds... "demonstrating his unwavering commitment to the well-being and security of the Caymanian people."

Regarding the incoming party and pre-sumptive Opposition Leader Joey Hew, the Progressives's statement noted: "Mr. Hew has vigorously advocated for affordable housing, modern transportation, small business support, and job creation. Additionally, he has championed environmental protection and sustainability by promoting renewable energy, advanced waste management solutions, and conservation initiatives."

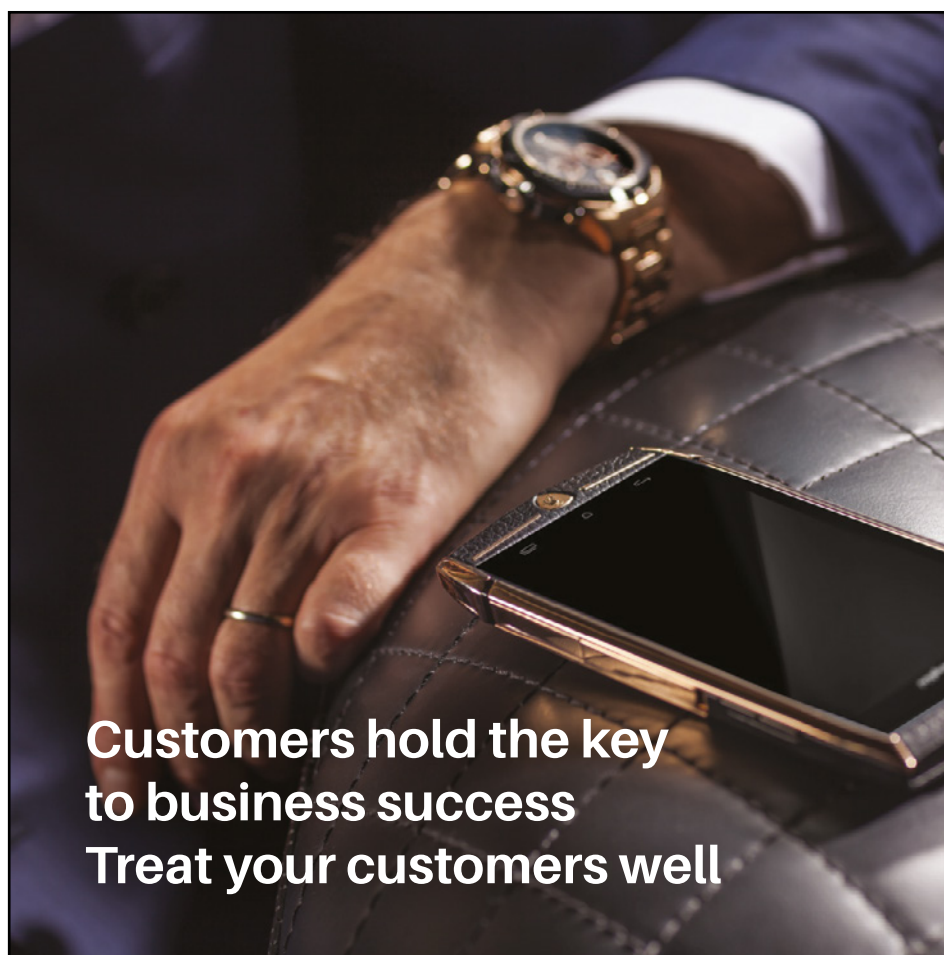
The Progressives Party traces its history starting with Kurt Tibbetts, followed by Sir Alden McLaughlin and Roy McTaggart. If elected Party Leader of the Progressives at the Party Conference, Mr Hew will be the Party's fourth leader over its 22-year history. The party said this reflects its uniqueness among political parties and its strong tradition of orderly leadership transitions.

The Progressives were in government in 2005 with Kurt Tibbetts as leader, and for two consecutive terms (2013-2017/2017-2021) led by Sir Alden McLaughlin.



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# CAYMAN RANKED 10<sup>th</sup> GLOBALLY FOR RELOCATION

Despite the challenges with the cost of living for many people locally, the Cayman Islands continues to be a preferred relocation destination for many people from around the world.

New research published by the UK-registered international insurance agency William Russell, which specialises in coverage for expatriates, lists Cayman among the most affordable tax-free countries globally.

The report is titled Tax-Free Relocation Report: Which Tax-Free Countries Are The Cheapest For Expats To Move To?

“The Cayman Islands are the tenth most affordable tax-free country,” it concluded, quoting from its survey which ranked popular tax-free destinations based on relocation cost factors such as flights, rent and utility bills.

In its listing of the world’s most affordable tax-free countries to relocate to this year, the agency ranked Cayman above Bermuda at number 11 and two places behind the Bahamas (8) as the other choice relocation destinations in the region.

The William Russell global relocation insurance agency stated: “Expats can expect to pay around US\$811 for a one-way economy ticket from London to the capital, George Town. Those flying from New York can expect to pay around US\$289 for the same ticket.”

It also said that on average, it costs around US\$1,134 per square metre to purchase an apartment in the Cayman Islands. Monthly costs are approximately US\$1,770 and the average utility bill is around US\$409 per month.

The agency said its research showed that the average monthly net salary in the Cayman Islands is US\$4,631.

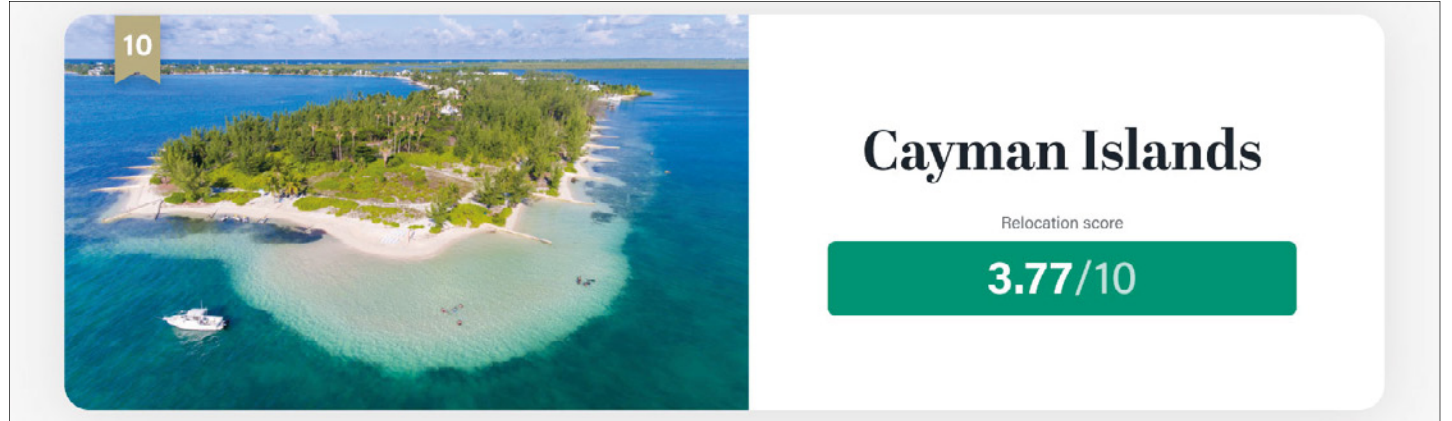
Those compare favourably to its research data for Bermuda.

“In eleventh place is Bermuda. A one-way economy ticket to the territory’s only airport will cost expats around US\$2,005 from London and US\$489 from New York. On average it costs around US\$2,705 per month to rent an apartment in Bermuda. Expats can expect to pay approximately US\$280 per month for their utilities and have monthly costs of around US\$2,063.”

It put the average monthly net salary in Bermuda at US\$6,750.

Regarding the Bahamas in eighth place as a relocation destination for expatriates, the William Russell agency report stated:

“Expats can expect to pay around US\$964 for a



one-way economy ticket from London to the country’s capital, Nassau. Those flying from New York can expect to pay around US\$131 for the same ticket. It costs around US\$1,122 per month to rent an apartment in the Bahamas, on average. Expats living in the Bahamas will pay around US\$285 for utilities per month and have monthly expenses of approximately US\$1,391.”

The William Russell agency report put

the average monthly net salary in the Bahamas at US\$1,858.

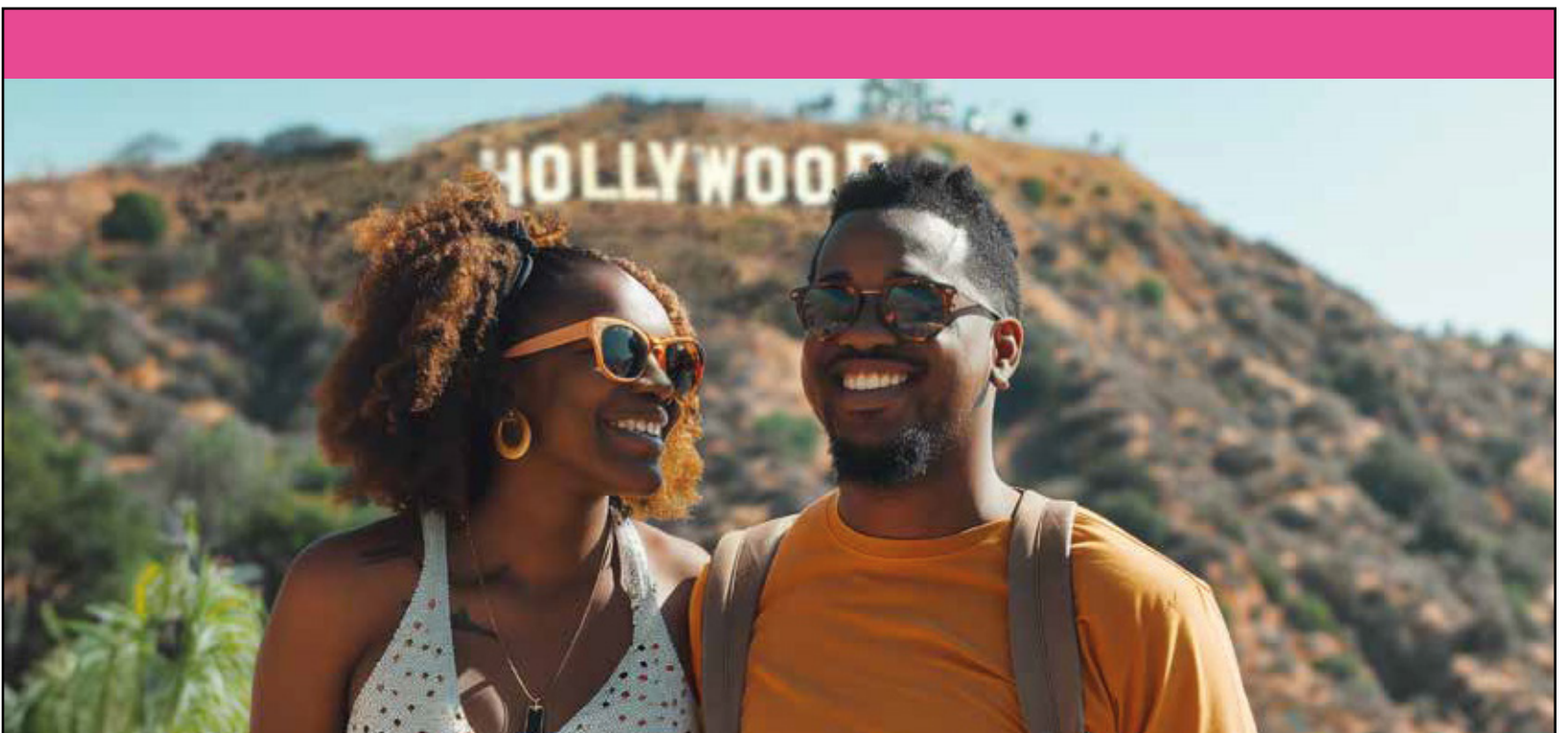
According to the report of the top 10 most affordable tax-free countries in the world, the most affordable tax-free country for expats to relocate to is Oman in the Middle East, calling it the cheapest country to purchase or rent an apartment in, as well as being the most affordable country in terms of monthly costs. It out the average month-

ly net salary in Oman at around US\$2,205.

It ranked Kuwait second, Bahrain third, and the United Arab Emirates fourth.

The others are Brunei (5), Maldives (6), Qatar (7) and Monaco (9).

The UK-registered William Russell agency describes itself as specialist independent providers of international health, life and income protection insurance plans for the expatriate market.



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# CBC Appoints New Senior Deputy Director



► CBC\_K Walton and Bruce D. Smith shake hands

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Customs in 1987. He has demonstrated exceptional dedication and leadership as the Deputy Director for the Trade and Revenue portfolio where he managed a large team of officers and support staff

as well as lead CBC's modernisation programs and technology development projects.

He currently holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration - Cum Laude and has been a member of the Institution's Sigma Beta Delta Inter-

national Honor Society since 2016. He also holds a Diploma in Customs Executive Management from the Caribbean Customs Law Enforcement Council in partnership with the Centre for Customs and Excise Studies at the University of Canberra in Australia.

"I am honoured to step into the role of Senior Deputy Director," said Mr. Walton. "In this position, I will support the Director in providing strategic leadership and management to our organisation. I look forward to collaborating with our many stakeholders to achieve our strategic goals and uphold the high standards of excellence that define our work. I am excited about establishing new partnerships, fostering continued collaboration, and creating new synergies."

As Senior Deputy Director, Mr. Walton will work closely with the Director and other senior leaders to empower, enable, support, and inspire CBC staff, ensuring they perform at their best and contribute to maximising the organisation's service delivery and product offerings. He will also take on additional Portfolio responsibilities including managing the Intelligence and Investigation Unit.

CBC Director Bruce D Smith said, "I congratulate Mr. Walton on his new role as Senior Deputy Director. I am confident that his leadership will further strengthen our organisation."

Mr. Walton's promotion marks a significant step forward for CBC as it continues to enhance its operations and maintain its commitment to excellence. Furthermore, this promotion at CBC is a great example of the significance of succession planning within the Cayman Islands Government, as it ensures continuity and strengthens leadership across the public service.

"Congratulations to Mr. Walton on his promotion to Senior Deputy Director," said Minister Seymour. "His professional career as a dedicated civil servant of over 30 years brings a wealth of knowledge to this position. I look forward to seeing the future of the CBC service strengthen under his leadership."

## HSA appoints Sharon Buckley-Omier Director of Corporate Services

The Health Services Authority (HSA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Sharon Buckley-Omier as Director of Corporate Services effective 1 August 2024. Her responsibilities include oversight of quality and risk management, disaster planning and management, infection prevention and surveillance, occupational health and safety, accreditation, health information management, data protection and complaints within the Authority.

Ms. Buckley-Omier has been the Support Services Manager at HSA since 2019. Prior to this, she held the positions of Acting Manager for the Specialist Clinic, Nursing Supervisor, and Registered Nurse in various units since joining HSA in 1997.



► Sharon Buckley-Omier

"I am deeply honoured and excited to step into the role of Director of Corporate Services. This promotion is not just a personal achievement but a reflection of the collective effort and support of my incredible colleagues. I look forward to continuing our mission of excellence and contributing to the continued success of our organisation." – Ms. Sharon Buckley.

Ms. Buckley-Omier has a long-standing history with the HSA having pursued her Practical Nurse training at the George Town Hospital School of Nursing. Subsequently, she completed her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Northern Caribbean University in Jamaica and her Master of Science in Nursing Management and Organiza-

tional Leadership at American Sentinel University. Ms Buckley-Omier was also among a group of HSA managers who completed the ILM-Level 5 Certificate in Leadership and Management at CI Civil Service College earlier this year.

"The Board and Senior Management team congratulate Nurse Sharon on her well-deserved promotion to Director of Corporate Services. She has consistently demonstrated outstanding contributions and leadership throughout more than two decades of service with us. We are excited to see her take on this important position and are confident she will excel and lead with the same passion and commitment she has always shown." – HSA CEO Lizzette Yearwood.

# CINICO unveils new home insurance policy with first-in-market Parametric Coverage

The Cayman Islands National Insurance Company (CINICO), has announced that as of 9 August 2024, they will be offering home insurance policies featuring a first-in-market benefit, Parametric Insurance coverage, which pays out pre-agreed amounts automatically to cover incidental expenses, without the need to submit a claim in the event of a hurricane of a Category 3 or above, which passes within a specified distance from the Cayman Islands.

This means homeowners can receive a payment, typically within 14-21 days of the passage of a hurricane to help with expenses not normally covered by insurance, such as additional groceries, securing the premises, and cleanup expenses after the passage of the storm, whether the home is damaged or not.

CINICO's new home insurance policy with Parametric Insurance coverage follows the launch of their new motor insurance product in March 2024. Both insurance offerings are the outcomes of CINICO's broader expansion plan announced in 2022 aimed at ensuring that Cayman Islands' homeowners and residents have access to sufficient insurance capacity and coverage in an increasingly vulnerable insurance market.

CINICO's CEO, Michael Gayle explained, "We are thrilled to offer home insurance



► Mr. Michael Gayle, CEO, CINICO

and include Parametric coverage as a standard feature for new policies. Outside of the Cayman Islands, Parametric Insurance cover is sometimes available to home insurance policy owners at an additional cost. However, this benefit will be included for the first time in Cayman as a standard feature of CINICO's home insurance policies."

New home insurance policy holders aren't the only ones that benefit from CINICO's Parametric coverage. It is also

available as a separate stand-alone policy for homeowners with existing home insurance policies whether insured with CINICO or not, and can be used to offset the impact of policy deductibles.

Mr. Gayle is on the Board of the Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility (CCRIF SPC) which provides Parametric coverage to many Caribbean and Central American governments which will pay out more than US\$80 million to countries affected by Hurricane Beryl, all within 14 days after the passing of the hurricane.

Mr. Gayle continued, "CINICO is raising the bar in the insurance industry, and fulfilling our promise to bring innovation to the insurance industry. Providing Cayman Islands' homeowners with reliable and timely support, especially in the face of hurricanes, helps achieve that goal. By including Parametric Insurance coverage as a standard feature, CINICO ensures that homeowners have access to swift, reliable support when they need it most."

He also noted that CINICO's venture into homeowners insurance fulfils its mission as the government-owned insurance company to ensure a resilient insurance sector.

"Reinsurance restrictions have imposed limits on the number of policies that we can issue for the balance of this year, particularly in the face of a poten-



tially active hurricane season," Mr. Gayle explained. "We expect our Parametric product to be a successful addition to the insurance market and anticipate having to seek additional capacity in 2025 to meet the demand. Innovation is critical to the resilience of the insurance sector in Cayman and we will continue to look for more ways to improve products and benefits."

Premier and Minister for Finance, Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly, who holds responsibility for CINICO, welcomes this new advancement in the Cayman Islands insurance market.

Hon. Premier O'Connor-Connolly said, "A strong and stable insurance industry is vital for the resilience of our islands. The inclusion of parametric coverage as a standard feature in CINICO's new home insurance policy, demonstrates a significant step forward in ensuring our residents are well-protected."

CINICO members and new customers can find out more about the new motor and home insurance policies by visiting [www.cinico.ky](http://www.cinico.ky), calling 345-949-8101 or emailing [property@cinico.ky](mailto:property@cinico.ky).

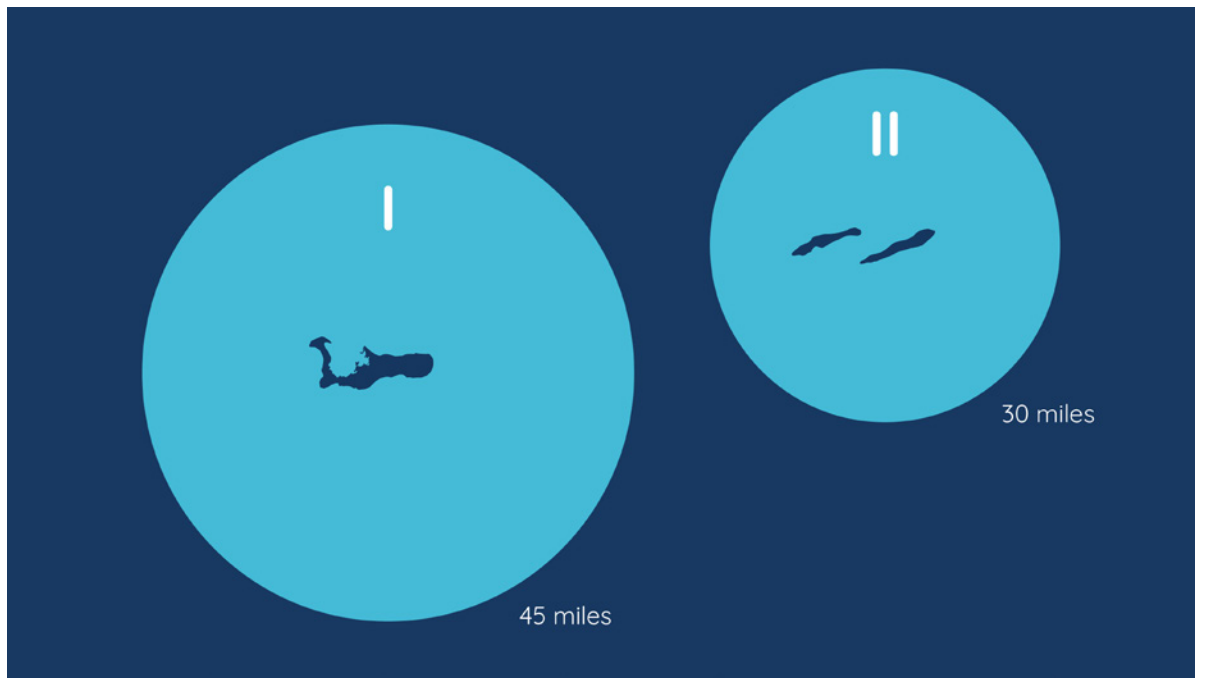
Insurance has for the most part, been a homogeneous product. There has tended to be not much difference between the offerings from one insurance company and another. CINICO's venture into Property Insurance aims to change that.

In the face of a potentially active hurricane season, CINICO will be introducing a Homeowners policy which provides all of the usual coverage, plus a little extra. When a hurricane is coming, homeowners incur additional expenses before and after the hurricane. There are costs associated with securing the premises, purchasing extra groceries and supplies and cleanup expenses after the storm. There may even be minor damage which is too small for an insurance claim or the need to purchase a generator if there is prolonged disruption of the electricity supply. None of these costs have been recoverable under normal circumstances. Until now.

CINICO is introducing Parametric Insurance coverage as an addition to our Homeowners policy. This addition to the coverage will provide a payment to help with these expenses, typically within 14 to 21 days of the passage of a hurricane, whether your home is damaged or not. For example, if your home is insured for

\$500,000 and a hurricane with sustained winds (as determined by the National Hurricane Centre in Miami) over 110 m.p.h. within a 45-mile radius of Grand Cayman or 30-mile radius of the Sister Islands (see map below), you would receive \$1,000, whether you suffer damage or not. It is assumed that this \$1,000 will help to offset your unexpected costs, but there are no restrictions on how you can spend it.

If the sustained wind speed is, say, 140 m.p.h., you would receive \$2,500, and for sustained wind speeds of 160 m.p.h. or above, you would receive \$5,000. These payments are not dependent on damage, but merely on the confirmation that the parameters (wind speed and proximity)



have been met.

Property policies have a deductible which is typically 3% (or sometimes higher) and many instances of damage will fall below that figure. It is possible to buy additional parametric coverage to offset the impact of the deductible.

With the inclusion of Parametric coverage in our Homeowners policy, CINICO is raising the bar in the insurance industry, and fulfilling our promise to bring innovation to the insurance industry.

We are fortunate in that our CEO is one of a small handful of people in the Caribbean with hands-on experience with Parametric insurance, as he sits on the Board of the Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility (CCRIF SPC) which provides parametric coverage to many Caribbean and

Central American governments and which will pay out more than US\$80 million to countries affected by Hurricane Beryl, all within 14 days after the passing of the hurricane. Having this expertise in-house has enabled CINICO to make this coverage available to the individual homeowner in Cayman for the first time.

This venture into Homeowners insurance is the first small step for CINICO as reinsurance restrictions have imposed limits on the number of policies that we can issue for the balance of this year, particularly in the face of a potentially active hurricane season. We expect our Parametric product to be a successful addition to the insurance market and anticipate having to seek additional capacity in 2025 to meet the demand.

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Sister Islands (II):

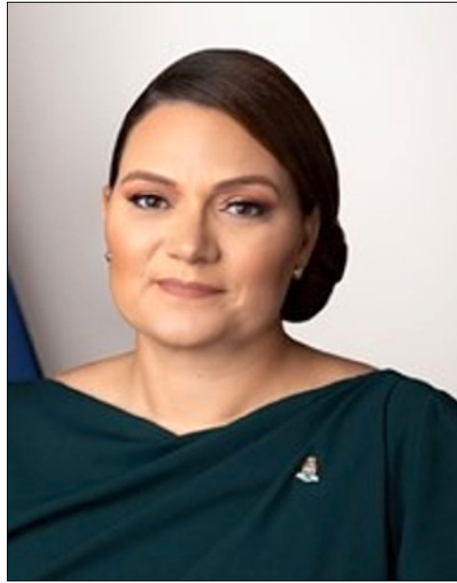
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# Energy Audit Reports Completed for CHEER Programme

The Cayman Islands Ministry of Sustainability and Climate Resiliency is pleased to announce that all energy audit reports for their Community Home Energy Efficiency Retrofits (CHEER) Programme have been received. This milestone marks a significant step forward in the Ministry's efforts to help homeowners reduce their energy consumption and utility bills.

Launched in July 2023 with a budget allocation of CI\$500,000, the CHEER Programme aims to support homeowners in improving their home energy efficiency. Resilience Cayman, known for its work with vulnerable community members, was contracted to manage the programme, ensuring a seamless application and implementation process.

The initiative is in response to the implementation of strategy 3.3.9 of the National Energy Policy which refers to energy efficiency retrofits of existing buildings. The impetus for this programme stems from a public education campaign on energy efficiency which was launched by the Ministry in partnership with the Caribbean Utilities Company, Ltd. (CUC) in 2021. The campaign included an opportunity for one homeowner to enter a prize draw to receive a free Home Energy Efficiency Makeover worth up to \$35,000. Over 800 people entered the prize draw and the winner received a free energy audit and smart thermostat sponsored by CUC and free



► Hon Catherine Ebanks Wilks



► Troy-Jacob

attic insulation and a new energy efficient air conditioning air-handler, condenser and ducting, which were sponsored by Cooling Pros and Foam Pros. As a result of the retrofit, the homeowner saw a reduction of 50% in their energy usage. See below graph.

Following the success of the Home Energy Efficiency Makeover, the CHEER Programme was developed with the goal of not only assisting more people to reduce their consumption but also to educate the public with tangible results to show the impact of insulation and an energy

efficient air conditioning unit. 109 applications were submitted, with 29 homeowners qualifying based on the criteria of home ownership, home size, income and energy consumption. CUC conducted free energy audits for all qualifying homes to identify necessary improvements.

Minister Katherine Ebanks-Wilks expressed her excitement about this development, stating, "Receiving the energy audit reports is a crucial step in the CHEER Programme. These reports will guide us in making effective energy efficiency upgrades, helping homeowners save on their

utility bills and promoting sustainability across the Cayman Islands. We would encourage all homeowners to explore various options when getting started with improving their home's energy efficiency, whether that is turning off unused lights, re-sealing window or door frames, installing insulation, or replacing old, inefficient air condition units. Lots of little changes can make a big difference. I also want to thank CUC for their valuable participation in the CHEER Programme by providing free energy audits to these selected homes."

Sacha Tibbetts, Vice President for Customer Services & Technology at CUC noted "CUC is proud to support the Ministry of Sustainability and Climate Resiliency in such important initiatives. Not only is CUC committed to affordable and clean energy solutions, we are also committed to helping customers manage their energy consumption through education and projects such as those offered by the Ministry."

The energy audits have revealed that many homes can benefit from insulation and, if within budget, new energy-efficient air conditioning units. To date, 12 homes have received new insulation, and quotes for the remaining homes are being sought by Resilience Cayman.

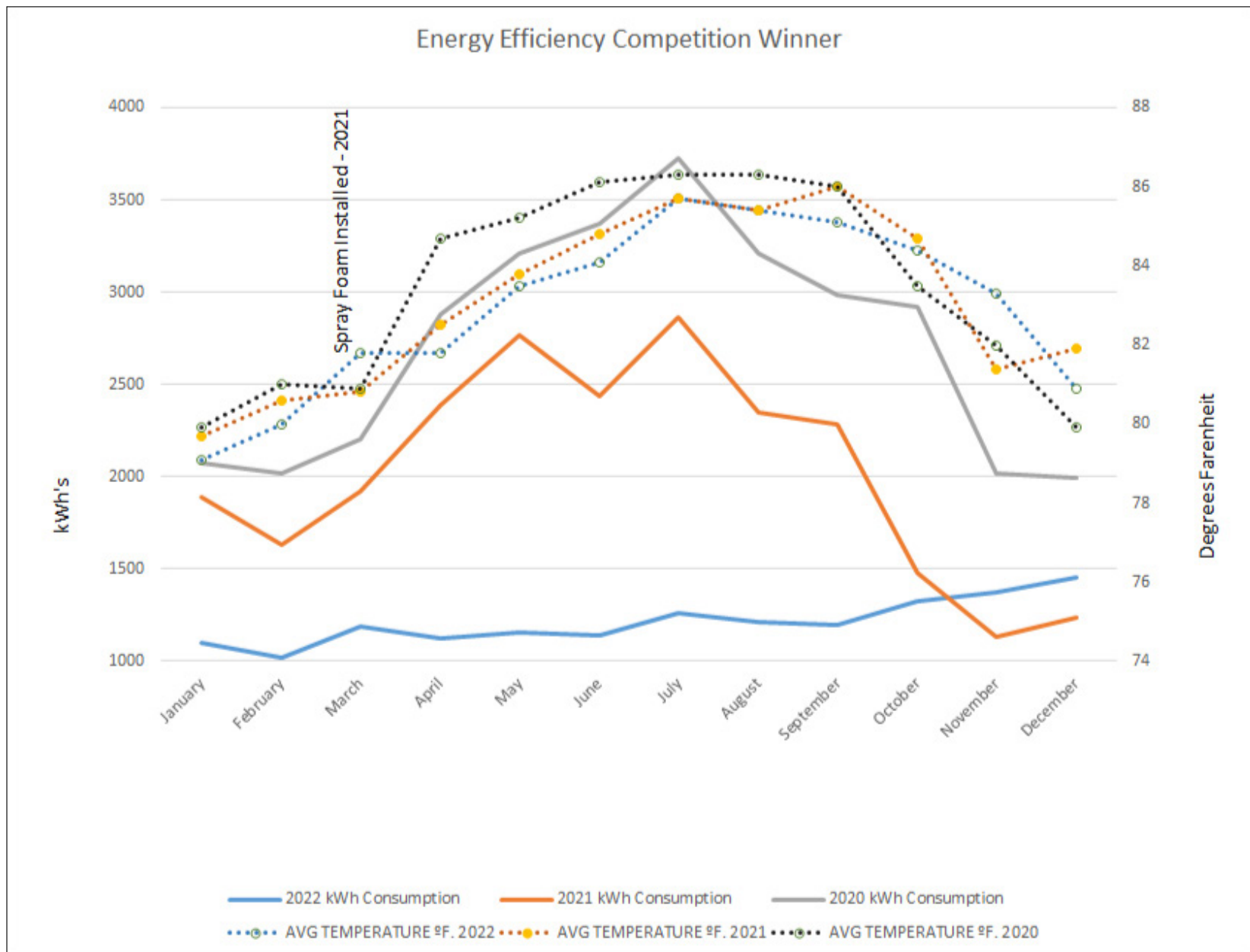
Troy Jacob, the Acting Chief Officer in the Ministry stated "Every step toward improving energy efficiency in the home is a step in the right direction. We thank

our reliable partners like CUC for conducting the energy audits free of charge, in this way, the Government is able to put more funding toward helping those in need."

"We are proud to be managing this impactful programme that aligns so clearly with our mission to empower all residents of Cayman, and to deliver initiatives in the areas of energy, food and housing security. CHEER is an especially timely programme given the ongoing cost of living crisis facing families in Cayman" said Jan Gupta, Director of Resilience Cayman.

The Ministry anticipates that these energy efficiency improvements will have a lasting impact, reducing the need for monthly government support by lowering energy costs for homeowners.

For more information about the CHEER Programme and other Ministry projects, visit [gov.ky/energy](http://gov.ky/energy) and [www.resiliency.ky](http://www.resiliency.ky).



# Open Letter | Youth of Cayman urge Parliamentarians to take action

Dear Representatives of the Cayman Islands and United Kingdom Government,

We, the youth of Cayman, urgently call upon you to develop a comprehensive plan to prepare our islands for the imminent impacts of climate change. Time and time again, we have all been warned about the effects of climate change, yet virtually nothing has been done to strengthen our climate resilience. The climate crisis is no longer something that we can overlook; failing to prepare our economy is failing our children's future.

The purpose of this letter is not to oppose development on our islands but to advocate for sustainable, innovative, and responsible growth that we, as a country, can achieve. The residents of the Cayman Islands are still looking for a plan for developing climate-resilient infrastructure, diversifying our economy, or protecting our natural barriers of defence against strengthening storms. The truth is that without a clear strategy, the youth of Cayman feel lost in the hopelessness of our future.

Twenty years ago, Hurricane Ivan devastated our island, livelihoods, and economy. Recovery took months, and the trauma remains. Facing such destruction every hurricane season is not a question of if but when. Science predicts this scenario will occur within our generation.

Rising global temperatures lead to warmer ocean waters, which provide more energy for hurricanes, resulting in higher wind speeds and increased precipitation. The indispensable role of the Central Mangrove Wetlands as a buffer against storm surges and its function to protect biodiversity makes it invaluable in the defence against the climate crisis and global ecocide. The protection provided to our community by these wetlands is constantly undervalued, and with Hurricane Beryl emerging as the earliest high-intensity hurricane on record this year, the protection of our mangrove ecosystems is critical. We call on you to take necessary actions to protect our children, economy, mangroves, coasts, heritage, and futures in our beloved Isles. No amount of promise will ensure our security without action. Our Government must adhere to the Constitution under Section 18 to "secure ecologically sustainable development and use of natural resources."

It is only right that the voices of the youth are heard and included in the decision-making process. The significant infrastructural choices made today will have long-lasting impacts on our environment and economy, shaping the island we will inherit. Integrating climate awareness in schools and universities will build community resilience by providing essential information on climate risks, adaptation options, and disaster preparedness. In other British Overseas Territories, such as Gibraltar, climate education is compulsory in the curriculum and implemented as a necessity through legislation. Raising awareness



of our vulnerabilities to climate change and correcting misinformation is imperative to empowering the local populace. Enhancing education programs is essential to brace our livelihoods for the impacts of the climate crisis.

Under the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, the Cayman Islands signed on under the United Kingdom in 2009 for a Biodiversity Action Plan. The 2020 targets were classified as "little progress" or "no progress" due to "weak legislation" and mismanagement of the Environmental Management Fund. The Cayman Islands significantly contribute to the UK's biodiversity, and yet, this richness is continuously threatened by unsustainable overdevelopment. Our legislation must be strengthened, and any plans to develop which threaten biodiversity hotspots must be placed through a thorough Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). EIAs are necessary for making informed decisions. Making them a necessary process by law can ensure that Cayman develops sustainably, combining anthropocentric and ecocentric mindsets within our local Government.

Many small island nations are already experiencing the detriments of being low-lying, with the numbers continuing to grow - the foreseen effects of climate change on the Caribbean point to an unpredictable exposure to our national security. As the UK holds inherent liability for climate disasters, it is, therefore, the role of their Government to ensure that its Overseas Territories are making sound climate decisions. The British National Security Strategy's consciousness surrounding climate change and its potential effects across a plethora of factors is a big part of making Britain more resilient. This awareness should be appointed throughout the public and private sectors to ensure sound climate decisions are being made throughout different aspects of the Caymanian socio-economy. We have reached a point in our history where business cannot go on as usual, and now, more than ever, we need the governance of the Sovereign to guide us to a secure, survivable future. The cost of rebuilding Cayman repeatedly is far greater than that of investing in our future resiliency now.

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bouring islands after Hurricane Beryl, highlighting our potential to lead the Caribbean in sustainability. To harness this potential, diversifying our economy is crucial. Our heavy dependence on fossil fuels for energy and our economy's reliance on the tourism industry make us vulnerable to climate-related disruptions. In order to enhance our stability in the face of climate change, we must adopt forward-thinking policies. Following the example of the plans detailed in the Labour Government Manifesto intensified efforts and decisive actions are necessary to meet the targets laid out in our National Energy Policy. Evidence from other Caribbean islands, like Barbados, demonstrates that diversification into renewable energy is feasible and beneficial.

Securing households' and businesses' energy supplies to be resilient in the aftermath of climate disasters is vital to softening the negative impacts on our livelihoods and economy.

The urgency of addressing climate change cannot be overstated. Immediate action is essential to ensure a sustainable and resilient future for the Cayman Islands. The decisions made today will profoundly impact our environment and economy, safeguarding them for future generations. Government officials, the time to act is now! Prioritise sustainable development and community protection. Every choice you make today shapes the future we will inherit.

We urge our government to take charge in bringing a future that the youth of the Cayman Islands envision, to a reality. Through the empowerment of the United Kingdom, our voices and concerns may influence the government of its Overseas Territory to become leaders of environmental guardianship in the Caribbean region.

We, the future, are pleading with you to take bold, decisive steps to secure a thriving, resilient, and sustainable Cayman for us all. This is our future you are defining. Your actions will determine whether we face a future fraught with climate disasters or one where we can live in harmony with our environment. Make the choice that history will remember kindly.

Protect our islands, protect our people, and build a legacy of sustainability and resilience that we can all be proud of. The time is now - our tomorrow depends on it.

Sincerely,

Those that face the consequences tomorrow of your inaction today.

# Ministry of Health & Wellness Issues Advisory on Oropouche Virus

The Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) has issued a warning that the risk of transmission of Oropouche Virus in Central and South America and the Caribbean is now of significant concern.

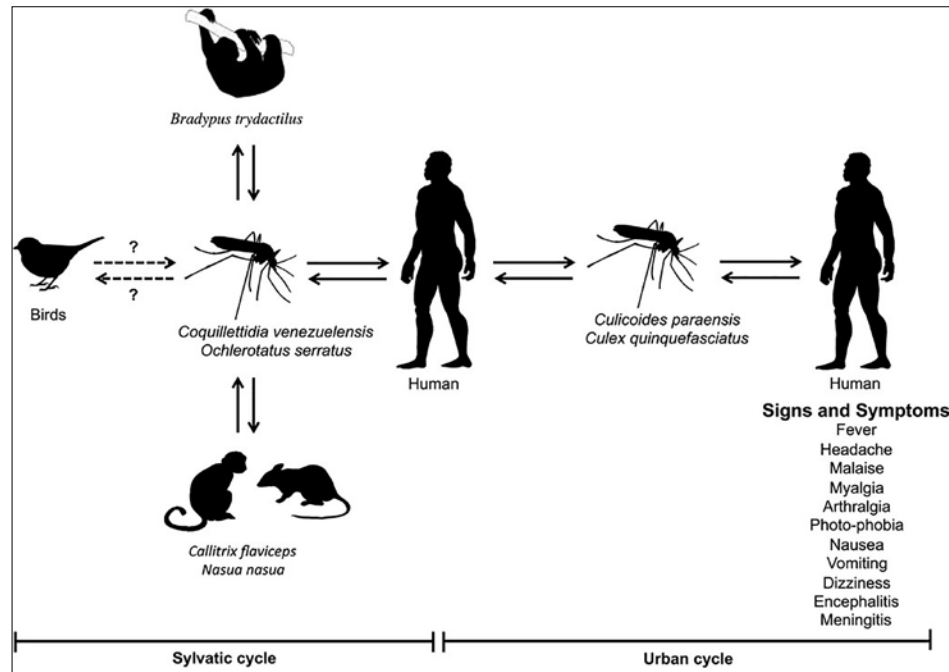
Hence, the Ministry of Health & Wellness is issuing an advisory notice to residents of the Cayman Islands to warn them of this development.

"It is important for us to note that no cases of Oropouche Virus disease have been reported in the Cayman Islands," emphasises Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Nick Gent. "However, as the overall risk level for the region has been upgraded to high by PAHO, and given our connection to numerous countries that have been impacted by this virus- mainly Cuba, Brazil, Colombia, Peru and Bolivia- it is in our best interest to ensure our residents are aware of these risks and to take precautions when travelling to endemic area. And, furthermore, as the insect vectors that can transmit Oropouche Virus are present in the Cayman Islands, remember to take measures to prevent onward local transmission."

Oropouche Virus is transmitted to humans by the bite of a midge (small fly) and certain mosquitos.

Currently, there is no evidence of human-to-human transmission.

The disease symptoms are typically fever, headache, joint stiffness, pain and chills. Due to the similar symptoms, it can often be confused with dengue. The symp-



toms usually persist for 5-7 days. Severe cases of illness are rare.

There is no specific treatment or vaccine available for Oropouche Virus disease.

Oropouche was first detected in 1955 in Trinidad and Tobago. Outbreaks have occurred since in Central and South America. An increase in cases has been reported across some countries in South America and in Cuba over the last few months. This has included countries that have not reported cases previously. There have been

two deaths in Brazil reportedly due to Oropouche infections. This is the first time that deaths have been attributed to OROV disease.

"Locally, we have been developing the capacity to be able to test for Oropouche Virus at the Cayman Islands Molecular Biology Laboratory (CIMBL) at the Health Services Authority," explains Dr. Samuel Williams, Medical Officer of Health. "The assay is currently being validated and health providers will be notified when it is

available for use," he adds.

Persons who have fever, and either muscle or joint pain are encouraged to contact their general practitioner for advice and testing, especially if they have recently travelled to an endemic area.

Those who are travelling through affected areas are encouraged to use insect repellent, and take precautions to prevent bites.

Locally, all residents are encouraged to always protect themselves from mosquito bites:

- o Use mosquito repellent, especially during peak times of mosquito activity (dusk and dawn)
  - o Wear light long sleeve shirts and long trousers to prevent bites
  - o Take steps to keep mosquitoes out of your home by the use of air conditioning, and window and door screens
  - o Once a week, empty and clean, turn over, cover, or throw out items that hold water, such as tires, buckets, planters, toys, pools, birdbaths, flowerpots, or trash containers. This will destroy mosquito breeding sites. Check inside and outside your home. Mosquitoes lay eggs near water.
  - o Contact the Mosquito Research and Control Unit on 949-2557 with a service request should the mosquito situation in your area be of concern.
- Queries and requests for additional information should be directed to nick.gent@gov.ky or rachel.corbett@gov.ky.

## CAL addresses erroneous flap asymmetry indication issues

Cayman Airways Limited (CAL) confirms that flight KX792 destined to New York from Grand Cayman on August 10, 2024, landed safely at John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) at 10:36pm (EST) after encountering a flap indication issue during its final approach.

In keeping with the airline's stringent and abundantly cautious operating procedures, Captain Basil Hamaty, assisted by First Officer Felton Beneby, declared an emergency with the knowledge that the aircraft was perfectly capable of landing safely at a higher speed than normal without the use of flaps on JFK's very long runway, and without any potential need for excessive deceleration. Additionally, in a procedural abundance of caution, the Captain ordered that the passengers be prepared for such an event. This incident involved the same aircraft that previously experienced a similar issue on August 8, 2024 during flight KX481's approach to Grand Cayman from Los Angeles.

This aircraft had previously been removed from service



on August 8th following a flap lockout caused by a false flap asymmetry indication during the flight from Los Angeles. A defective sensor was identified and replaced, and after extensive and

successful checks, the aircraft was returned to service. The aircraft conducted four flights on August 10th without issue before the flap indication error reoccurred on approach to JFK.

Given the repeat occurrence of this issue, the aircraft was immediately removed from service in JFK for further investigation. Cayman Airways is working closely with Boeing and has re-

ceived new and additional troubleshooting steps to be taken before the aircraft is cleared for further flights.

To ensure continued service to passengers, Cayman Airways positioned a different aircraft at JFK early this morning. This replacement aircraft successfully operated flight KX793 from New York to Grand Cayman today, albeit with a delay. Passengers travelling on CAL's jet service today can expect some delays across the network, and affected passengers will be contacted directly with updates.

Cayman Airways President and CEO, Fabian Whorms, stated: "The safety of our passengers and crew is our top priority at Cayman Airways. We are committed to maintaining the highest standards of operational safety and reliability and will not compromise on these standards. We understand the concern this situation must have caused, and we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience. We assure our passengers and the public that we are taking every necessary step to resolve this issue swiftly and thoroughly."



# Environmentally Optimal Route Selected for Cayman Islands East-West Arterial Project

The Ministry of Planning, Agriculture, Housing, Infrastructure, Transport, and Development of the Cayman Islands Government proudly announces that the Cabinet has endorsed Route B3 as the preferred route for the East-West Arterial (EWA) project. This strategic decision follows a meticulous evaluation process, where four potential routes - B1, B2, B3, and B4 - were carefully considered to ensure the optimal balance between infrastructure development and environmental stewardship.

## Strategic Evaluation and Decision-Making

Route B3 was selected after a rigorous, data-driven analysis highlighted its superior alignment with the Cayman Islands' long-term infrastructure vision. Route B4 was initially dismissed due to its significant environmental, social, and historical impacts. Further studies, conducted from September 2023 to April 2024, led to the elimination of Route B1, primarily due to its high environmental impact - affecting lands owned by the National Trust - and its prohibitive cost.

Routes B2 and B3 emerged as the final contenders, scoring equally in the comprehensive Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA). However, Route B3 was ultimately chosen based on several critical factors:

**Alignment with Long-Term Planning:** Route B3 aligns more closely with the original long-term gazette plan, ensuring it supports the Cayman Islands' strategic infrastructure goals and future growth.

**Environmental Responsibility:** Route B3 minimizes the impact on lands owned by the National Trust, a key priority in preserving the nation's natural heritage. Moreover, it has a significantly lower impact on the critically important parrot habitat compared to Route B2.

**Constructability:** The route offers more favourable conditions for construction, reducing potential challenges and costs during the development phase, ensuring a smoother and more efficient project execution.

**Lower Greenhouse Gas Emissions:** Despite being marginally longer - by just 0.5 kilometres (0.3 miles). Route B3 results in lower greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions per trip compared to Route B2. This key finding debunks the notion that a shorter route would be inherently more environmentally friendly, underscoring Route B3's environmental advantages.

## Commitment to Transparency and Environmental Stewardship

The National Roads Authority (NRA), working in close collaboration with the Ministry, played an instrumental role in

conducting a thorough Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the EWA project. This multi-disciplinary study evaluated the potential effects on both the environment and local communities, providing the data necessary to inform the Cabinet's final decision. The EIA ensured that the project not only meets strategic goals - such as improving connectivity and reducing congestion - but also adheres to the highest standards of sustainable development and environmental conservation.

## Ministerial Statement

Johany "Jay" Ebanks, Minister for Planning, Agriculture, Housing, Infrastructure, Transport, and Development, emphasized the significance of this decision: *"The selection of Route B3 for the East-West Arterial project is a testament to our unwavering commitment to developing sustainable and efficient infrastructure. This choice reflects a careful balance between development, cost-effectiveness, and environmental responsibility. Route B3 not only aligns with our strategic goals but also ensures the preservation of vital natural resources for future generations."*

## Future Steps

The East-West Arterial project is a cornerstone of the region's transportation strategy, aimed at enhancing connectivity, alleviating congestion, and fostering economic growth. With the approval of Route B3, the project now moves into its

next phase, which will involve detailed planning, design, and continued stakeholder engagement to ensure that the development proceeds with full transparency and community involvement.

## A Decision for the Future

While all stakeholders have their individual assessments and goals, the Ministry remains committed to transparency and accountability. It is crucial to recognize that, while Routes B2 and B3 were closely matched, Route B3 emerged as the clear choice, prioritizing environmental preservation, development feasibility, and the overall best interests of the Cayman Islands, its people, and the diverse ecosystems with which we share our beautiful island.

## For Further Information

For more details on the East-West Arterial project or to address any inquiries, please contact Mrs. Anne Kensington Lott, Head of Communications and PR for the Ministry. Additionally, further information can be found on the following websites:

- **National Roads Authority (NRA):** [NRA Website](#).

- **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the East-West Arterial:** [Your EIA in Action Website](#).

These resources will provide ongoing updates and comprehensive information regarding the project and its environmental assessments.

## About the Ministry of Planning, Agriculture, Housing, Infrastructure, Transport & Development (PAHITD):

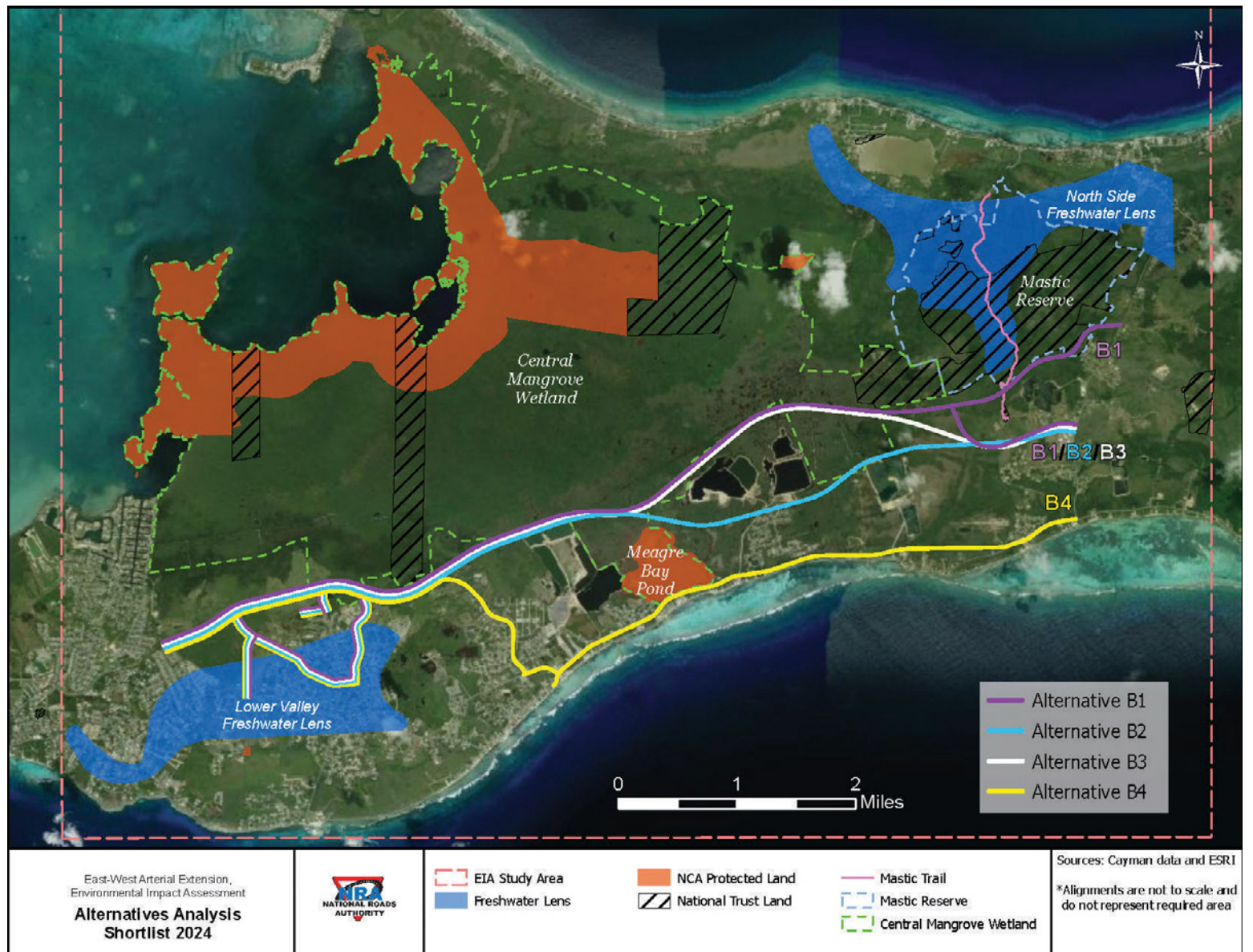
Under the guidance of Hon. Minister Johany "Jay" Ebanks, The Ministry of PAHITD is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life and economic prosperity of the Cayman Islands through comprehensive planning, sustainable agriculture, efficient housing solutions, and critical infrastructure development. Our mission is to create a resilient and thriving future for all residents and visitors.

## About the East-West Arterial Project

The East-West Arterial project represents a significant infrastructure initiative designed to enhance transportation links across the Cayman Islands. It aims to create a sustainable and efficient route for commuters and goods, driving economic development and improving the quality of life for all residents.

## About the National Roads Authority

The National Roads Authority (NRA) is responsible for the administration, management, control, development, and maintenance of public roads and related facilities in the Cayman Islands. The NRA's role is crucial in ensuring that infrastructure projects like the East-West Arterial are developed with a focus on sustainability and environmental consciousness.



Sources: Cayman data and ESRI

\*Alignments are not to scale and do not represent required area.

# Cayman Motoring Federation Shines at JSRA Formula 4 Championship Series



► Ian Charlery in Rig



Association (JSRA) Formula 4 Championship Series on iRacing. This series, which began in June 2024, served as a preparatory event for the FIA Motorsports Games scheduled for October 2024. Racers from across the Caribbean, the Americas, Europe and the United Kingdom participated in this highly competitive 6-round series.

Ian Lance Charlery, a standout racer from the CMF, was a dominant force throughout the initial rounds of the championship. Leading the poles through race 4, Ian showcased remarkable skill and determination. Unfortunately, due to un-

foreseen circumstances, he was unable to participate in races 5 and 6. Despite this setback, Ian's exceptional performance secured him a 5th place overall finish out of a field of 28 competitors. His achievement underscores his talent and resilience in the face of adversity.

Reflecting on his experience, Ian stated, "To be leading the championship through the 4th round against some of the most competitive drivers in the region was an awesome feeling. The competition is fierce! Even small mistakes are costly. The JSRA F4 championship is a great experience not just for fast racers but also for those trying to get their feet wet."

Other CMF member racers were Alessandro Di Felice (11th), and Julian Narcisse (15th). The JSRA F4 series is an excellent simulator racing experience for all esports racers.

The Cayman teams also delivered commendable performances in the team standings, with Charlery's team finishing in an impressive 2nd place and the other team securing the 11th position out of 20 teams. These results highlight the depth of talent and competitive spirit within the Cayman Motoring Federation.

The JSRA Formula 4 Championship Series has set a high standard for virtual racing events, providing racers with a platform to hone their skills and compete against some of the best talents in the region. The CMF is excited about the future of sim racing and looks forward to more opportunities for its members to shine on the international stage. Ian Charlery will be representing the Cayman Islands in esports F4, and Karyll Iton will be representing the Cayman Islands in esports GT at the FIA Motorsport Games.

For more information about the Cayman Motoring Federation and its upcoming events, please contact: Jane Scaletta, President, Phone: +1 345-916-6599 Email: info@caymanmotoringfederation.org

**About Cayman Motoring Federation:**

The Cayman Motoring Federation is dedicated to promoting and developing motorsport activities in the Cayman Islands. Through various events and educational initiatives, the CMF aims to foster a vibrant, safe and sustainable motoring community and provide opportunities for locals to compete at national and international sports.

The Cayman Motoring Federation (CMF) proudly announces the impressive performance of its members in the recently concluded Jamaica Simulation Racing

iRacing		JSRA Jamaica Simulation Racing Association		F4 CHAMPIONSHIP		
Position	Driver	Team	Points	Qualifying Points	Championship Points	
1	Ian Lance	Cayman Motorsports Federation	15	4	43	
2	Tahj Edwards	Orion Racing Team	26	3	29	
3	Thor Tulloh	Brabham Esports Academy	DNS	0	25	
4	Peter Arrindell	Calypso Racing Team	1	5	22	
5	Illia Rakitin	Team RLR	18	0	18	
6	Anthony Mcnamee	KEN Racing	0	0	16	
7	Chad Dillon		12	0	12	
8	Carlos Villavicencia	NOBA Racing Team	DNS	0	10	
9	MarcAnthony Eaton	Jamaica Simulation Racing Association	2	0	10	
10	Julian Narcisse	Cayman Motorsports Federation	10	0	10	
11	Alejandro Di Felice		8	0	8	
8	Kurt Moss	Brady Racing Team	DNS	0	7	
9	Oswyne Wilson	Premature Acceleration	DNS	0	6	
10	Joshua Brady	Brady Racing Team	6	0	6	
11	Matthew Titus	Yellow birds	4	0	5	
12	Jayden Harrison	Jamaica Simulation Racing Association	0	1	3	
13	Vasyl Faramets	Lonely Motorsports	DNS	0	2	
13	Reese Anzivino	Reese's Pieces	0	2	2	



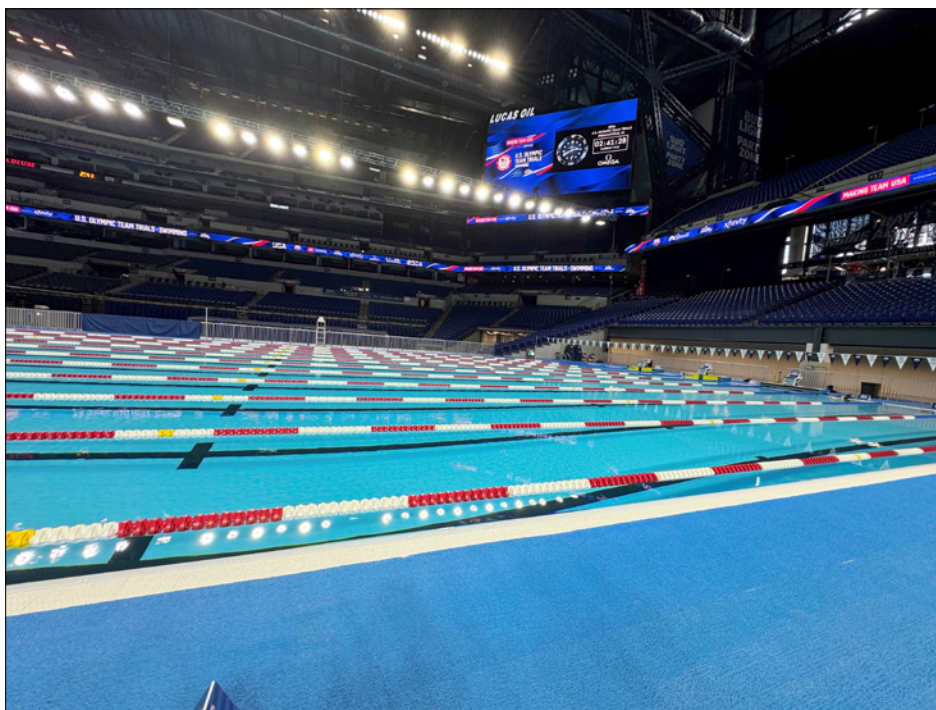
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# CAYMAN ISLANDS AQUATIC CENTRE (CIAC) - UPDATE

The Ministry of Youth, Sports & Heritage has now completed the procurement of a 50m and a 25m pool for the new Cayman Islands Aquatic Centre, as well as the contract for the installation. These pools will be instrumental in the ongoing development of swimming in the Cayman Islands, providing first-class training and development facilities locally. The 25m pool will replace the current 25m Lions Pool at the Truman Bodden Sports Complex, with the installation of the long awaited new 50m pool at the same site.

Honourable Minister Rankine stated "I am pleased to let you know the first pool modules arrived in Grand Cayman on 5th July 2024, just twelve (12) days after the USA Swimming Olympic Trials which took place from the 15th to 23rd of June 2024. This is another noteworthy step in the development of this project and this Government's commitment to advancing sports in the Cayman Islands. These pools which were a part of the facilities developed for the USA swim trials held in Indianapolis, is evidence that the Cayman Islands will have state-of-the-art pools in the new aquatic centre. This centre once completed will support programming from early childhood years to older persons, enhance the development of athletes not only in swimming but other sports who do aquatic training; and the development of safety programming. We must recognize that this project would not be possible without the partnerships and dedication of local Non-Profit-Organisations."

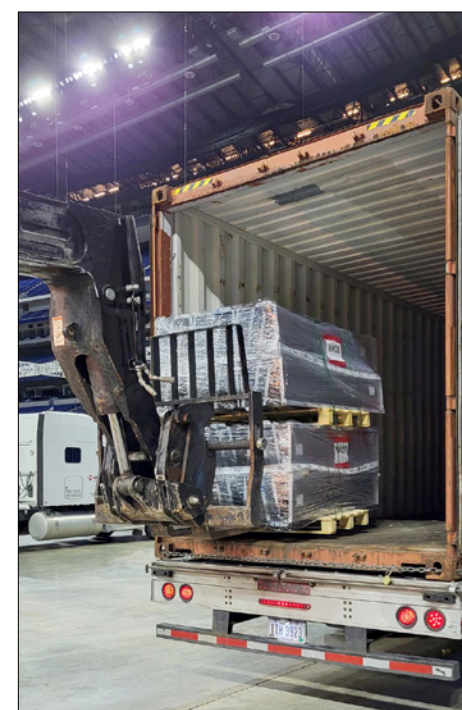


The Cayman Islands Aquatic Sports Association (CIASA) continues to play a significant role in this project and will do so through the long-term. Steve Broadbelt President of CIASA shares, "The arrival of the first shipment of pool components for the new Aquatics Centre marks the beginning of the next chapter in swimming for Cayman, but also charting the course for what a facility like this can do for the community, for the youth, for water safety, for desperately needed senior programs, and

water therapy. What we are building is so much more than a pool. This new centre will change how the people of Cayman enjoy the water and improve their quality of life. To the extent that we won't be able to imagine a time when it didn't exist."

Partnerships with other organisations are being pursued to ensure the success of this project.

The ability to have thirty (30) lanes versus the existing six (6) lanes at the CIAC will not only benefit current swimmers



but will address the 300 plus swimmers currently on wait lists and help prevent delays from learn to swim programmes in the community.

Ongoing works with plans for site development and reconfiguration is underway to ensure minimal disruption during the development of the Cayman Islands Aquatic Centre.

The Ministry will continue to provide additional updates to the public throughout this project.

## Cayman to host a pair of Caribbean foes as Concacaf Nations League play starts next month



The Cayman Islands Men's National team is set to play a pair of Caribbean opponents next month at the Truman Bodden Sports Complex as it kicks off Concacaf Nations League play.

Concacaf this week confirmed the schedule, host venues, and kickoff times for the 2024/25 Concacaf Nations League (CNL) Group Stage matches that will be played during the September 2024 FIFA Match Window.

Cayman is set to host British Virgin Islands on Wednesday, 4 Sept. before taking on St. Kitts and Nevis on Saturday, 7 Sept. Both matches are scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m.

"We look forward to getting back out on the pitch and having the chance to face quality opponents in front of our home crowd," Cayman Islands Football Association President Alfredo Whittaker said. "This competition allows us another opportunity to show the talent we have in Cayman and how we've come together as a team."

The last time the Cayman Islands side played at the national stadium was nothing short of magical. Joshwa Ebanks' late winner lifted Cayman to its first win in FIFA World Cup qualifying.

The squad will look to build off that momentum next month.



BVI enters the match having lost three of its last five matches, including its last two World Cup qualifiers earlier this year. St. Kitts and Nevis enters the match after having beat Bahamas in its previous World Cup qualifier match in June.

The fourth edition of the Nations League tournament continues to feature the region's 41 men's national teams divided into three leagues (A, B, and C), with the teams distributed into the Leagues according to the results of the preceding edition (2023/24). Matches for all three Leagues will be played across three upcoming men's FIFA Match Windows (Sep-

tember, October, and November 2024), followed by the Concacaf Nations League Finals (CNLF) in March of 2025.

League C includes nine teams divided into three groups of three teams. During the FIFA Match Windows of September and October, each team will play every team in its group twice, for a total of four matches per team.

In the previous edition of the CNL, Jamaica beat Panama 1-0 to make history as the first Caribbean team to secure a podium finish in the tournament. The United States won the tournament, its third consecutive title.

## National Emergency Notification Systems (NENS) Essential to Cayman Disaster Readiness

Hazard Management Cayman Islands (HMCI) is making an open call for enrolment in the National Emergency Notifications System (NENS) for all residents of the Cayman Islands. The system allows HMCI to issue critical emergency alerts in real-time, combatting misinformation during crucial times.

"NENS is a key step in helping the Cayman Islands adopt a culture of readiness. In our recent history, we have seen examples of our community being driven to panic by rumours and incorrect information. In signing up for NENS, you are assured that you are receiving the Cayman Islands Government's most current and approved information to empower you to make the safest decisions possible for yourself and your loved ones during a critical time", said HMCI Director Dani Coleman.

NENS is a multi-channel communication

tool powered by BlackBerry AtHoc technology, which is specialised to assist government bodies through crisis and emergent situations. Persons can opt to receive alerts via email, text or through the recommended mobile app.

"Our sign-up process is comprehensive but detailed, firstly to ensure that we have captured the relevant data necessary and secondly, to allow users a range of methods to receive alerts. We do recommend the mobile app because of its bespoke function, designed by BlackBerry AtHoc, to relay urgent alerts", said Director Coleman.

The National Emergency Notification System is directly aligned with Broad Outcome 3 – Future Proof to Increase Resilience, as it merges disaster and emergency preparedness with modern technology. To learn more and enrol in NENS, visit [nens.gov.ky](https://nens.gov.ky).



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### POLICE NEWS

## Two Male Juveniles Arrested Following Bodden Town Collision

Following an investigation into the collision that took place on 8th August at Anton Bodden Drive involving an excavator and a black Chevy Tahoe, police discerned that a report was made in relation to persons interfering with the same heavy equipment the evening prior to this incident, which were safely stowed at a location in the Anton Bodden Road area by the owner. The equipment was further secured by the owner and it appears that on the morning of 8th August, the excavator was further interfered with and moved into the roadway causing a serious hazard.

Moments before the collision took place, a member of the public, who was traveling on Anton Bodden Drive, reported that the arm of an excavator was in the roadway, causing an obstruction. Within seconds of this call with 9-1-1 Communication Centre, the member of the public then further reported that a vehicle just crashed into

the said excavator.

Following the incident police continued their investigation into the interference of the excavator. From these enquiries police had reason to suspect that juveniles residing in the Bodden Town area may have interfered with the excavator. Two male juveniles were arrested on suspicion of carrying out a reckless and negligent act having moved the excavator and placing the arm into the roadway. They were subsequently bailed pending further investigations.

Police continue to investigate this incident are appealing for any witnesses who may be aware of what took place to come forward. Anyone with information is encouraged to call the Bodden Town Police Station at 947-2220. Anonymous tips can be provided directly to the RCIPS via our Confidential Tip Line at 949-7777, or via our website.

## Man Arrested for Murder in Relation to 1997 Cayman Brac Incident

ON Thursday morning, 8 August, officers arrested a man, age 76 of Cayman Brac, on suspicion of murder in relation to the death of 35-year-old Eva Glee Ebanks in an incident which took place on 16 October, 1997, in Cayman Brac.

This arrest follows a re-opened investigation by the RCIPS Serious Crime Review

Team, which has taken place over the past three years. The investigation was also covered as part of the "Cold Case" series, a collaboration between the RCIPS and Cayman Compass.

The man has been released on bail with conditions as the investigation continues

## Police Investigate Collision with Injuries in Bodden Town



Shortly before 12:30AM on Thursday morning, 8 August, the 9-1-1 Communications Centre received a report that a CAT excavator was parked along the roadside on Anton Bodden Drive, Bodden Town, with the excavator arm extending into the roadway.

Shortly afterwards it was reported that a vehicle had collided with the excavator arm. Police, along with the Cayman Islands Fire Service and Emergency Medical Services, attended the location and observed the driver of the vehicle, who had sustained injuries to his head. The man, who is a senior politician, was transported to the Cayman Islands Hospital to be treated for his injuries, which appear to be

non-life-threatening. He remains in hospital at this time.

It was later confirmed that Minister of Labour, Border Control and Culture, Honourable Dwayne Seymour, was involved in a motor vehicle collision

Minister Seymour has been released from hospital and the Government extends prayers and speedy recovery to the Minister.

A request for a sample of blood was made to the attending physician for investigative purposes. The matter remains under investigation.

Police are also investigating how the excavator arm came to be extending into the roadway at the time of the collision.

# SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

## Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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		8	5			9		

### Answer to previous puzzle

3	1	4	7	9	8	2	6	5
2	7	5	3	1	6	9	8	4
8	6	9	4	5	2	1	3	7
6	4	2	8	7	1	3	5	9
1	8	3	9	6	5	4	7	2
9	5	7	2	3	4	6	1	8
5	2	6	1	8	9	7	4	3
7	9	1	5	4	3	8	2	6
4	3	8	6	2	7	5	9	1

Difficulty Level ★★★

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 45 Severe criticism

1 Hang open

5 Treat for Tabby

11 Persia, today

12 Each Glided

14 Spree

15 Great weight

16 Like some cars

17 Rich dessert

19 Cry loudly

22 Hooded snake

24 Theater feature

26 Speedy horse

27 Sledding site

28 Untrue

30 "Water Lilies" painter

31 Building wing

32 Milk buy

34 Wrath

35 Vigor

38 Travel woe

41 Tear down to the sky

43 Mystique

44 Word on a poster

DOWN

1 Main idea

2 Singer Guthrie

3 Colorful sport

4 Goal

5 Labrador explorer

6 Summits

7 Wee drink

8 Homer's neighbor

9 Driving hazard

10 Each

16 Lingerie buy

18 Spheres

19 Minnesota capital

20 Eyeball

21 Stiff

22 Bistro's kin

23 Vaccine type

25 Brother of Loki

29 Consider the same

30 Spring month

33 Encouraged

34 Level

36 Poet Pound

37 Summit

38 Mouth mover

39 Longoria of TV

40 Badge material

41 Brit. fliers

G	A	S	H	T	O	R	A	H
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Yesterday's answer

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

9/07

## Word Search

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- Album
- Bells
- Best man
- Blossom
- Bouquet
- Cake
- Cards
- Ceremony
- Church
- Confetti
- Family
- Friends
- Gifts
- Gown
- Groom
- Guests
- Honeymoon
- Hymn
- Limo
- Parents
- Photos
- Reception
- Ring
- Usher
- Veil
- Vows

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, back, up, down and diagonally.

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We are seeking a reliable and experienced Dry Cleaner to join our team. The successful candidate will be responsible for providing exceptional customer service by cleaning and pressing clothing and garments according to company standards. As a Dry Cleaner, the candidate must have a keen eye for detail, be able to work independently, and have outstanding communication skills.

#### Responsibilities

- Inspect garments for stains and damage before cleaning.
- Operate dry cleaning machines and pressers.
- Use specialized cleaning equipment and chemicals safely and effectively.
- Sort, correctly tag, and bundle garments for easy identification and retrieval.
- Uphold high standards of cleanliness and organization in the work area.
- Maintain accurate records of cleaned garments and customer orders.
- Collaborate with colleagues to ensure smooth and efficient workflow.
- Keep up to date with trends and developments in the dry-cleaning industry.

#### Requirements

- Proven experience as a Dry Cleaner or in a related role
- Knowledge of different types of fabrics and their cleaning requirements
- Familiarity with dry cleaning equipment and chemicals
- Ability to follow instructions and adhere to safety protocols
- Excellent customer service skills with a friendly and helpful demeanor
- Strong attention to detail and time management skills
- Ability to stand for long periods and lift heavy garments
- High school diploma or equivalent certification
- 3 to 4 year's experience

**Salary range: CI\$7.50 to 9.00 per hour**

All standard benefits will be paid as per the Cayman Islands Labour Law.

**Must be available to work Weekends, evenings, and Holidays.**

**Please send a CV/Resume, cover letter, and three verifiable references**  
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#### Cabinetmaker

Do you have strong woodworking skills and an eye for detail? We are seeking the right candidate to deliver practical and aesthetically pleasing cabinets. In addition, the candidate will use building and mathematical skills to create cabinets that meet specific guidelines. This is a great way to put your carpentry skills to use in an environment where your experience and insight will be sincerely valued.

#### Job Responsibilities

- Construct and assemble cabinet components, ensuring all pieces fit the specified dimensions.
- Verify and double-check all calculations to ensure the alignment of doors, hinges, and side panels, always using design plans as a reference.
- Clean and repair all equipment necessary for your work, including handsaws, table saws, skill saws, and various drills and sanding tools.
- Measurements and markings should be exact so that materials are used efficiently, and the projects meet budgetary restrictions.
- Install the appropriate hardware, such as hinges and handles, and order replacement materials when needed.
- Match materials and grains to create a uniform appearance for all the matching units.
- Reinforce joints and attachments to maximize sturdiness and durability without compromising aesthetic appeal or functionality.
- Maintain a safe working environment by cleaning and disposing of old materials, such as nails and screws.
- Varnish, stain, and paint cabinets

#### POSITION REQUIREMENTS

- Understanding of necessary mathematics
- Knowledge of materials and processing
- Applicable engineering and design skills
- Attention to detail
- High school diploma or equivalent
- 5 to 6 years or more of cabinetmaking experience

**Salary range: CI\$12.00 to CI\$14.00 per hour**

All standard benefits will be paid as per the Cayman Islands Labour Law.

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Cayman Electrical Supply Ltd. is an energetic and leading wholesale distributor located in Grand Cayman. Reporting to the General Manager, the Electrical Technician/Sales person will provide high level electrical knowledge to a large and diverse customer base.

Requirements for the position:

- 8+ years electrical counter sales experience;
- Ability to work with and advise the general public and contractor/construction clients;
- Excellent knowledge of electrical material with the ability to complete electrical drawing take off's;
- Strong computer knowledge;
- Excellent telephone/ communication skills;
- Detail-oriented with the ability to multitask and work independently;
- Production of accurate quotations and excellent numeracy is essential;
- Long Term Knowledge of MS Excel, MS Word, Outlook;
- Strong knowledge of Eclipse Operating System is essential;
- Group 3 driver's license;

Applicant must be able to work 7 AM to 5:00 PM Monday to Friday and scheduled Saturdays. Some overtime may be required. We offer excellent benefits, health, pension, vacation. Job offers are contingent upon successful completion of medical exam and driving test.

Salary range \$14-\$20 per hour depending on qualifications and experience.

**Send applications to:**

**P.O. Box 10419, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands KY1-1004**

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## CAYMAN ISLANDS GOVERNMENT MINISTRY OF BORDER CONTROL, LABOUR & CULTURE

Applications are invited for the post of:

**DATA ANALYST**

**SALARY: CI\$57,192.00 – CI\$74,772.00 PER ANNUM**

The Ministry of Border Control, Labour & Culture consists of four (4) departments / entities including the: Workforce Opportunities & Residency Cayman (WORC), Department of Labour & Pensions (DLP), Cayman Islands Postal Services (CIPS) and Customs & Border Control (CBC). Additionally, the Ministry has oversight for the subject matter of Culture.

The Data Analyst will be responsible for gathering, processing, and analyzing data to support decision-making processes within the organization. This role involves the creation of detailed reports, visualization of data trends, and providing actionable insights to various departments. The analyst will utilize statistical tools and methodologies to interpret data and provide comprehensive analysis to enhance business strategies and performance.

### Education and/or Experience /Qualifications

The post holder **must** possess:

Bachelor's degree in Data Science, Statistics, Computer Science, or a related field; minimum of 2 years of experience in data analysis or a similar role; a proven track record of delivering insightful data reports and visualizations and experience with big data tools. Cloud platforms (e.g., AWS, Azure) are a plus.

### Required Skills and Competencies

#### Technical Proficiency

- Advanced skills in statistical software (e.g., R, Python) and data visualization tools (e.g., Tableau, Power BI).
- Proficiency in SQL and database management.

#### Analytical Skills

- Strong analytical and problem-solving abilities.
- Capability to interpret complex data sets and translate them into actionable insights.

#### Communication Skills

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to present data findings to non-technical stakeholders effectively.

#### Attention to Detail

- High level of accuracy and attention to detail in data processing and analysis.

#### Organizational Skills

- Strong time management and organizational skills.
- Ability to handle multiple projects and prioritize tasks effectively

Benefits will be determined in accordance with the Public Service Management Act and Personnel Regulations, the Public Service Pensions Act and the CINICO Health Plan.

DETAILED job description, benefits information and application form are available at: [www.careers.gov.ky](http://www.careers.gov.ky)

**Closing Date:- 28 AUGUST, 2024**

## NOTICES

### PLANNING PERMISSION

This is to inform the public that an application for planning permission for the purpose of redevelopment consisting of 4 buildings for commercial use (self-storage, restaurants, retail, offices etc) 1 to 3 storey in height, 3x 1,000-gallon LPG tanks (buried), 2x roof-top LPG generators with fuel tanks, 8 ft chain-link fence, 4x signs on Block 15B and Parcel 406 has been submitted to the Central Planning Authority (CPA).

The application can be inspected on the Department's website <https://www.planning.ky/planning-notice/>, or at the Department of Planning; located at the Government Administration Building, 133 Elgin Avenue, George Town, Grand Cayman. If you wish to object or support the application you should do so in writing stating your precise grounds within 21 CALENDAR DAYS of the final advertisement of this notice. Please note: only owners of full legal capacity who for the time being reside within a radius of one thousand feet of the boundaries of the land to which the application relates, or who own land (including a strata lot) within a radius of one thousand feet of the boundaries but reside elsewhere in the Islands, may object to an application for planning permission. Your comments should be addressed to the Director of Planning, P.O. Box 113, Grand Cayman KY1-9000, Cayman Islands, or via e-mail to [planning.dept@gov.ky](mailto:planning.dept@gov.ky). Please include your return address (typically a PO Box number).

## NOTICES

Planning permission for:

New covered open bar, dining and service hut within the existing walled footprint of "Royal Palms". Covered bar will be located on the footprint of the existing pool deck columns. Existing pool bar to be removed/filled in. Covered dining and service hut will have a raised wood deck. Existing parking lot to be upgraded with required painted spacing and parking stops.

Existing seaward building to be demolished and retain the existing concrete piles to create a new raised timber deck with new timber access walkway from Royal Palms existing concrete deck. Rock revetment will be provided to reinforce existing wall as shown on drawings. Seawall extension added along the northern boundary with rock revetment to reinforce On Block and Parcel 12E-119

### PLANNING PERMISSION

This is to inform the public that an application for Planning Permission for the purpose of After the Fact application for Containers and Fuel Storage tank located on Block 48C Parcel 219 has been submitted to the Central Planning Authority (CPA).

The application can be inspected on the Department's website <https://www.planning.ky/planning-notice/> or at the Department of Planning; located at the Government Administration Building, 133 Elgin Avenue, George Town, Grand Cayman. If you wish to object or support the application you should do so in writing stating your precise grounds within 21 CALENDAR DAYS of the final advertisement of this notice. Please note: only owners of full legal capacity who for the time being reside within a radius of 500 hundred feet of the boundaries of the land to which the application relates, or who own land (including a strata lot) within a radius of 500 feet of the boundaries but reside elsewhere in the Islands, may object to an application for planning permission. Your comments should be addressed to the Director of Planning, P.O. Box 113, Grand Cayman KY1-9000, Cayman Islands or via email to [planning.dept@gov.ky](mailto:planning.dept@gov.ky). Please include your return address (typically a PO Box number).

### CAYMANIAN PARTICIPATION SOUGHT

Caymanian participation is being sought in relation to the acquisition of a thirty per cent (30%) shareholding in the local retail business of Penha Image Duty Free Ltd., a private limited company which is a retailer of fragrances, skincare, cosmetics and clothing which operates from its stores in George Town, Grand Cayman. The total level of upfront investment required for such 30% participation is US\$6,714,000. Interested parties should provide evidence of financial ability to participate in the venture supported by a letter from a Class "A" Bank or other reputable financial institution in the Cayman Islands by no later than 30 August 2024.

**Please direct responses to:**

**Loeb Smith Attorneys, P.O. Box 31493, Grand Cayman KY1-1206, Cayman Islands Attention: Robert Farrell**

A copy of any Caymanian interest must also be sent to the Trade and Business Licensing Board c/o The Department of Commerce and Investment, Government Administration Building, 133 Elgin Avenue, Suite 126 Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands or sent via email to [info@dci.gov.ky](mailto:info@dci.gov.ky).

In the event that suitable offers of participation from Caymanians are not received, an application will be made to the Trade and Business Licensing Board for a grant of a license under the Local Companies (Control) Act (2019 Revision).

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