6 October, 2022

Hon. Roy McTaggart
Leader of the Opposition
Office of the Leader of the Opposition
Cc. Clerk of Parliament

By Email

Dear Hon. Leader of the Opposition

Re: Private Member Motion No. 3

Further to my email of yesterday instance, addressed to Mr. Tatum for your attention, I hereby provide my reasoning as follows:

The Cayman Islands Parliament Standing Orders 24(5) provides that “no Member shall make a motion unless that Member has given notice in writing of that motion either at some previous sitting of the House, or to the Clerk, not less than five clear days prior to the commencement of the meeting of the House at which such motion is to be made.”

The Notice received from the Clerk dated 9 September 2022 (attached herewith for your ease of reference) expressly excludes the weekends in the calculation of the 5 clear days.
In my opinion, this said Standing Order, when viewed together with the usage and practice of our Parliament in calculating the 5 clear days, the said Motion would be deemed as out of time for this Meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Speaker

Hon. Katherine Ebanks-Wilks
7th September, 2022

To all Honourable Members
of the Parliament of the
Cayman Islands

Dear Sir/Madam,

First Meeting of the 2022-2023
Session of the Cayman Islands Parliament
Commencing Wednesday, 21st September, 2022

I have been directed by the Speaker, Honourable W. McKeeva Bush, JP, MP, to inform Members that the First Meeting of the 2022-2023 Session of the Cayman Islands Parliament will be held on Wednesday, 21st September, 2022, at 10:00 am.

Accordingly, Parliamentary Questions being submitted for this Meeting of the House should be received by the Clerk no later than 5:00 pm Friday, 9th September, 2022. (Standing Order 21(1) provides that questions shall be handed to the Clerk no later than (10) ten days prior to the commencement of the Meeting).

Government and Private Members’ Motions should be submitted to the Clerk no later than 5:00 pm Wednesday, 14th September, 2022. (Standing Order 24(5) provides that Motions require (5) five clear days’ (i.e. not including the weekend) notice prior to the commencement of the Meeting).

Yours faithfully,

Zena Merren-Chinn BSc, LLB
Clerk of the Parliament

cc: Hon Speaker