

Statement by Hon Roy McTaggart, The Leader of the Opposition

Bush must Resign says the Opposition Leader.

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The Premier has published a letter that he has written to Mr Bush asking for his resignation. After respecting the 10-day period of official mourning for Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, I and my colleagues in the Opposition are also calling on McKeeva Bush to resign as Speaker of Parliament.

The Royal Cayman Islands Police Service stated last week that a senior politician had allegedly assaulted two women while attending the Caribbean Tourism Organisation cocktail reception. The police also confirmed that they have started an official investigation into the matter. Let me state that the thoughts of myself and my colleagues are with the women who have suffered the alleged assaults.

As we have all become aware, this senior politician concerned is the current Speaker of Parliament, McKeeva Bush.

We must be clear that the behaviour alleged is never acceptable and those in positions of power have a duty to uphold the highest standards. In the circumstances, there is no alternative for Mr Bush but to resign his position as Speaker.

My colleagues and I also lament that 16 months after he formed the PACT Government the Premier has been unable to implement a Code of Conduct for all Parliamentarians.

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