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Cayman Contacts EU to Begin the Delisting Process



The Cayman Islands Government has already contacted EU officials to begin the process of being removed from the EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions as soon as possible, which is understood to be October this year, said the Cayman Islands Premier, the Hon. Alden McLaughlin.

Acknowledging that the EU's decision today (Tuesday, 18 February) is deeply disappointing, Premier McLaughlin

noted that over the past two years, Cayman's Government has cooperated with the EU to deliver on our commitments to enhance tax good governance.

He noted that since 2018, Cayman has adopted more than 15 legislative changes in line with the EU's criteria.

In April 2019 the EU confirmed that Cayman had satisfied its economic substance requirements, with the exception

of economic substance for funds, also known as collective investment vehicles (CIVs). This is a specific EU requirement, as Cayman's economic substance legislation was evaluated in June 2019 as "not harmful" – the highest rating possible – by the OECD's Forum on Harmful Tax Practices.

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Government reporting better, but issues still remain



► Auditor General Sue Winspear

The Office of the Auditor General (OAG) has just released its report on the audits of Cayman's 40 Government Ministries, Portfolios, Offices, Statutory Authorities and Government Companies' financial accounts for the year ending 31st December 2018. Out of the 36 entities that have submitted their audited financial reports, all 36 have got the thumbs up from the OAG, with just four entities' audits still outstanding. The four entities' audits whose accounts are still outstanding for 2018 are: The Ministry of Health, Environment and Culture; the Airports Authority; the Turtle Centre and Cayman Airways Limited. The Ministry of Health, Environment

and Culture, and the Airports Authority are outstanding for the prior period of 2016-17 as well, the OAG said.

"The 2018 entity financial audits are mostly complete with only four entities outstanding at this time. I am delighted that of the 36 audited so far, I have not given a single audit qualification which demonstrates the marked improvement in the quality of government financial reporting over the years. It also means that by the end of 2019, my office has virtually cleared the audit backlog leaving only four entities still with audits outstanding," the Auditor General Sue Winspear said

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NEW OVERSEAS TERRITORIES MINISTER

A new Minister has been assigned to the Overseas Territories in the British government.

Baroness Liz Sugg has replaced Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon.

The new OTs Minister has also been assigned oversight of Sustainable Development.

Baroness Sugg was previously Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department for International Development (DfID) from April last year.

In a Tweet, her predecessor Lord Tariq Ahmad said he would be continuing as Minister of State for the Com-

monwealth and Asia in the Foreign Office and as Minister of State for the Department for International Development (DfID).

The new Secretary of State for International Development, which includes DfID, is Anne-Marie Trevelyan, with Dominic Raab remaining as Secretary of State for the Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.

The new appointments are part of last week's cabinet reshuffle carried out by Prime Minister Johnson.

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► Baroness Liz Sugg

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► Students from LHS and CIS pick up trash in Beach Bay last Wednesday

Lighthouse School and Cayman International School Partner in Civic Projects

The Lighthouse School (LHS) and Cayman International School (CIS) are working together in a new civic collaboration partnership. Year one and two students from LHS and Grade six students from CIS have been working together to make a difference in the community and develop their civic understanding and responsibilities.

After initial 'getting to know each other sessions' that took place in both CIS and LHS, the group embarked on their first civic project last week.

On Wednesday, the students went to Beach Bay and spent the afternoon cleaning the beach. Equipped with gloves and trash pickers they gathered up several bags of trash including hundreds of coloured bottle caps that will be recycled.

They have now begun sorting the trash recovered from the beach and will utilise several items in a shared art project and display.

Dr. Aidan Tumilty, Deputy Principal LHS, said, "It is really wonderful to see

the relationships developing between the students, having fun, and learning through these projects. The younger children from our school really admire and look forward to working with, and learning from, the older students from CIS. I also feel the students from CIS are gaining so much from this experience in terms of coming to know and understand the learning differences our students have, and developing civic responsibilities and understanding for all in our community."

Mr. Ben Calsbeek, Assistant Principal at CIS also expressed his delight in the new partnership.

"We are really happy to be building a friendship and partnership with the Lighthouse School. It is really important for schools on the island to connect, to create a broader sense of community amongst the youth in Cayman. Doing these kinds of projects together make our island better in so many ways," he said. 🌐



► A group of year 1 & 2 students from LHS (1st row) are photographed with some year 6 students from the CIS (2nd row) during their recent visit to their school

Cayman's financial services industry supports Government's efforts to be delisted by the EU



Cayman Finance fully supports actions being taken by the Cayman Islands Government to constructively engage with European Union officials with an aim to reverse an EU decision to include the jurisdiction on a list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes.

"The Cayman Islands has had a track record of meeting evolving global standards and that is expected to continue," said Cayman Finance CEO Jude Scott. "As an organisation, we stand ready to work with government, as it sees fit, as it cooperates with the EU to be removed from the list. We anticipate this decision will happen in the not too distant future."

Mr Scott noted that the Cayman Islands Government recently introduced modernised legislation that enhanced the oversight of investment funds. This was in response to an evolution in global regulations, primarily driven by the European Union and other global standard setting bodies.

"Just as approximately 30 other jurisdictions were removed after a taking the necessary actions, we look forward to the same happening with regard to the Cayman Islands. In the meantime, clients can continue to expect the usual high professional standards from their Cayman service providers that they have always received," Mr Scott added.

He noted that as a premier global tax neutral financial hub, Cayman has adopted at least as many global standards for transparency as any G20 country – and more, when agreements specific to International Financial Centres (IFCs) and UK Overseas Territories are included.

The jurisdiction proactively shares tax information with more than 100 other governments under the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Common Reporting Standard. This assists those countries in the collection of taxes, regardless of what their unique tax laws are.

Cayman was recently rated by the OECD as largely compliant (the second highest of a six-tier rating) with the international standard for transparency and exchange of information – the same rating given to G20 countries like the USA, UK, Canada, Australia and EU member states Austria, Belgium, Denmark and Germany.

In 2016, EU member state Italy included the Cayman Islands on a 'white list' of countries that cooperate with facilitating the exchange of tax information.

Within the past year, after a review of the Cayman Islands' domestic legal framework that includes economic substance, the OECD found that the Cayman Islands tax neutral regime is not harmful and meets all economic substance requirements. The EU also came to the same conclusion, with the exception of the EU's requirement for investment funds, which the government recently introduced new legislation to address.

With the full support of industry, Cayman Finance is confident that the

Cayman Islands Government will take all necessary actions to address any remaining EU concerns in a timely manner to ensure removal from the list at the earliest possible opportunity.

The Cayman Islands Directors Association also noted it was "obviously disappointed by the recent EU decision to include the Cayman Islands on its list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes. CIDA along with other private sector organisations have worked tirelessly along with the Government, to devise and implement relevant and effective legislation.

"As one of the world's leading financial centres and a domicile of choice for investment funds, we are committed to continued cooperation and engagement on this issue. We remain optimistic that there will be fair play and proper recognition of the steps which have been and continue to be taken, to address the EU's concerns."

STEP Cayman Islands added that it "supports the work of the Cayman Islands Government and its resolve to continue to engage with the EU to ensure that Cayman is removed from the EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions with all haste."

Cayman International Insurance, formerly IMAC, also indicated for the Cayman Islands Government in taking the necessary steps. "This technical listing does not impact or hinder Cayman Islands based international insurers and reinsurers from supporting our clients and meeting their insurance needs. Internationally recognised standards for regulation will continue to be met and we are confident that recent legislation



► Cayman Finance CEO Jude Scott

passed by the Cayman Islands Government will be affirmed as meeting the required standards and will lead to our removal from the listing at the next possible opportunity."

Cayman Islands Institute of Professional Accountants CEO Sheree Ebanks commented, "While it is disappointing that the Cayman Islands has been placed on the list of non-cooperative jurisdictions, the Cayman Islands Institute of Professional Accountants fully supports the Government's efforts towards delisting. CIIPA is committed to continue to work with Government to overcome the technical issues that led to the EU's decision, and with the excellent public sector-private industry collaboration will be removed from this list at the earliest possible opportunity." 🌐

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On 31 January 2020, Cayman passed The Private Funds Law and The Mutual Funds (Amendment) Law, both of which address the EU's concerns for CIVs. The laws came into force on 7 February 2020.

Premier McLaughlin said the EU was duly notified that Cayman would pass the CIVs-related legislation by 31 January 2020. However, it appears that the listing stems from Cayman's legislation not being in force by 4 February, which was the date of the EU's Code of Conduct Group (CoCG) meeting to advise the EU Finance Ministers, prior to the Finance Ministers' decision regarding the listing today.

"While Cayman consulted with a number of stakeholders on our legislation, including our financial services industry, the principal components of our new and revised laws were shaped by the EU's criteria," Premier McLaughlin said.

This includes Cayman's commitment to a six-month transition period for registering funds that are now required to do so, in accordance with the new Private Funds and amended Mutual Funds laws.

Since the EU began its listing process in December 2017, almost 30 countries have been listed as non-cooperative. The majority have been subsequently removed, once required actions have been taken.



► European Flags Front European Commission Headquarters

Premier McLaughlin said the Cayman Islands Government acknowledged the EU's statement today, which said dialogue

will continue with listed jurisdictions. He said the Cayman Islands also remains fully committed to cooperating with the

EU, and will continue to constructively engage with them with the view to be delisted as soon as possible.

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The fact that the Auditor General has not qualified any of the 2018 reports so far was an improvement as, in 2008-09, only 37 per cent of entity audits were unqualified with 39 per cent of them being qualified and 24% per cent disclaimed compared to 100 per cent unqualified to date for the 2018 audits.

But even though the Auditor General had no major issues with the audit of the financial accounts, the OAG pointed out that the financial results of Statutory Authorities and Government Companies (SAGCs) "continues to show a mixed picture." On the positive side, the Port Authority and Water Author-

ity both returned to profit for the first time since 2014-15. However, 13 SAGCs recorded a deficit in 2018 and several of these have had a long-standing deficit position, The OAG noted UCCI, the National Drug Council and the National Gallery had all gone from a surplus in 2016-2017 to deficit position in 2018.

"...a good proportion of SAGCs show signs of being under financial strain and CINICO, the Turtle Centre, Cayman National Cultural Foundation and both Sister Islands Affordable Housing Development Corporation and National Housing Development Trust have all consistently recorded year on year deficits," the report noted.

This situation would continue to be the case in most instances without changes in operations, business restructuring or ongoing and further government support or changes in government policy, the OAG stated.

The Auditor General made a series of recommendations to continue improving financial reporting in Government, including the need for annual reports to be laid in the Legislative Assembly in a timely way to ensure accountability and compliance with the law but most importantly to help inform the public of all the work being done by public sector entities in a timely way.

The report is available at www.auditorgeneral.gov.ky.

CIDB delinquent loans still too high

The Office of the Auditor General's report 'Financial Reporting of the Cayman Islands Government: General Report 31 December 2018', which summarises the results of the financial audits for the year 2018 for Cayman's 40 Government entities, has found that high delinquency rates in the loan portfolio of the Cayman Islands Development Bank still exist and have barely changed from its previously audited accounts.

Delinquent loans stood at \$16,338,612 as at 31st December 2017 representing 56 per cent of the entire loan portfolio and \$13,542,381 as at 31st December 2018, representing 54 percent of the total loan portfolio. The total amount of performing loans remained similar, year-on-year, at \$12,756,383 as at 2016-2017 and \$12,168,473 as at 2018.

Management at the CIDB said in response to this issue was that the delinquency rate had not risen despite the decrease in the loan portfolio from principal payments and limited loan growth. The Board approved the write down of \$1.7 million in old, fully provisioned debt, it said, and the net effect was a decrease in delinquencies. The management assured that there would be more write downs that would reflect the current portfolio performance from newer loans written under a re-



vised policy. The management also said that pursuing these loans through the Courts did not always produce better collection results and could often lead to increased provisioning to absorb legal costs.

"The bank will increase collection efforts and enter standstill agreements if applicable to manage problem accounts prior to a final sale scenario," it stated.

The Auditor General also worried that the ability of the bank to meet its

obligations and capacity to sustain its operational expenditures were significantly reliant on continued government support from the proceeds of capital injection and services provided to government.



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They reflect a shift in how the various portfolios function at the centre of government with a combination of centralisation and overlap.

This approach led to the dramatic resignation of then-Chancellor of the Exchequer Sajid Javid over demands that he sack all of his advisors, a move seen as giving up some of his ministerial autonomy.

In the case of DfID, the more defined overlap is seen as a respite as it was

widely speculated that the department was on the cards to be subsumed into the FCO.

While that has not materialised, the new structure forces a more direct working relationship between DfID and the FCO.

This would be particularly evident with those OTs reliant on UK aid for annual budgetary support and those which would have a call on the aid budget for disaster relief.

It is generally felt that these two arms of the UK government were ably navi-

gated by Lord Ahmad, the previous Minister of State for the OTs.

His successor, Baroness Sugg, is no stranger to DfID having served as its Parliamentary Under-Secretary since last April. She is known as a champion of the UK aid's commitment to women and girls' rights.

The new Minister for the OTs will operate out of the FCO where she will have direct contact with Lord Ahmad in his new role focusing on the Commonwealth (of which the OTs are members by default), and Asia.

Baroness Sugg was Government Whip (Baroness in Waiting) and Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport from October 2017 to April 2019.

She was appointed a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) on the recommendation of former prime minister David Cameron in the 2015 Dissolution Honours and became a Conservative life peer in 2016.

She had also served as Mr Cameron's Director of Operations and Campaigns. [🌐](#)

CAYMAN QUESTIONS TAX JUSTICE NETWORK(TJN) METHODS

The Cayman Islands Government has rejected the inclusion of the territory as one of the main offenders in the new secrecy index published by the Tax Justice Network's (TJN).

The government is also challenging the methodology used by TJN in reaching its conclusions.

The Tax Justice Network describes itself as an independent, non-politically-aligned global think network with a core mission 'to change the weather' on a wide range of issues related to tax, tax havens and financial globalisation.

It publishes a series of reports and commentaries, one of which is an annual tax secrecy index.

Chief Officer in the Cayman Islands Ministry of Financial Services, Dax Basdeo, refutes TJN's assessment of the territory.

"We do not work in 'secret', rather we continue to work cooperatively with tax and law enforcement authorities around the world as is reflected by independent assessments of our regime", he explained.

Mr Basdeo emphasises that the Cayman Islands' standards of transparency are based upon recognised global standards.

He also questions, what he describes as TJN's flawed methodology.

"Unfortunately, the TJN's methodology remains flawed, as does their defi-

nition of regulatory standards, which are not recognised by any global standard-setting body."

On its website, TJN admits to its unconventional approach.

"We challenge conventional wisdom, we relish lively debate, and our work gets media attention. We can quickly take positions on current news and issues, without needing long stakeholder consultation."

The Cayman Islands Government says it continuously makes enhancements to legislation and regulation "to ensure our transparency and international cooperation frameworks remain in line with evolving global standards."

It also chides TJN for ignoring that the Cayman Islands meets the global standards.

In questioning TJN's processes, the government highlights what it says are serious flaws in TJN's methodology.

"Firstly," it notes, "TJN's weighting system penalises countries with successful financial services industries. The index incorrectly equates a country's success in financial services with secretive banking, anonymous shell company ownership, anonymous real estate ownership or other forms of financial secrecy. That's not supported by the facts and is not how we operate in the Cayman Islands."

The Cayman Islands does not permit shell companies, bearer shares or anon-



ymously numbered bank accounts that conceal ownership, the government stresses.

It further points out: "We were also among the first International Financial Centres (IFCs) to commit to public registers of beneficial ownership. That puts us at the forefront of initiatives to enhance tax cooperation and transparency."

"Secondly," it notes, "TJN's assessment criteria are geared toward countries with direct taxation systems. Our public revenue is collected upon transactions, principally on goods, but the TJN's methodology doesn't account for this. For example, one of its Key Financial Secrecy Indicators (KFSI) isn't applied to jurisdictions with indirect taxation, and so TJN arbitrarily ascribes a full secrecy score to Cayman."

The government explains that it has a close working relationship with the UK's National Crime Agency and shares information with countries around the world so that tax administrations can pursue individuals or entities if they fail to pay the full amount of the taxes they owe to their home countries."

It also admonishes TJN for ignoring "the significant legislative and regulatory enhancements that the Cayman Islands has made."

The Cayman Islands government says, in line with evolving global standards, it has adopted a number of new laws that support tax transparency and even greater cooperation with international partners. [🌐](#)

RIPPLE EFFECTS FOR THE OTs FROM 'BORIS BOUNCE AND SHUFFLE'

The past few months have seen some quite dramatic shifts in British politics, none more so than within the new government of Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

These are developments that UK's Caribbean and other Overseas Territories(OTs) will be well-advised to follow closely and plan accordingly.

The sudden resignation of Chancellor of the Exchequer(Finance Minister), Sajid Javid, who held the second most powerful post in the Johnson cabinet, was as unexpected as it was full of drama.

Mr Javid's abrupt resignation came as he rejected demands to sack all of his advisors, a condition to keep his job he said no self-respecting minister could accept.

The much-debated, reviewed and analysed reshuffle is generally seen as a move by to consolidate power around Number 10 Downing Street, residence and office of the Prime Minister.

It's a departure from a system which has seen the occupant of Number 11 Downing Street (the Chancellor) functioning with a degree of autonomy and wielding considerable influence over government spending policies.

In the 2019 Autumn Spending Review, a veritable pre-election budget, he had outlined a series of vote-winning sweeteners amidst a spending spree.

While with it's not known what might have been in the erstwhile Chancellor's first full budget planned for March, equally uncertain at the moment is what his successor Rishi Sunak is likely to deliver.

Both men from Asian background have records to their names; Sajid Javid is the first person from Britain's Black Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) community to hold the job plus, he had the shortest tenure as Chancellor in 50 years.

Rishi Sunak is the second BAME/Asian and youngest to hold the position.

They were both high-flyers in the London financial sector before entering politics.

Prime Minister Johnson now has a tighter grip on budget and spending policies - and Mr Sunak according to some observers).

That's unlike the rifts over budget management which were said to be emerging between him and ex-Chancellor Javid, and especially between Mr Javid and Mr Johnson's main advisor Dominic Cummings, a controversial key influencer in the government's policies and political strategies.

Where the OTs fit into the picture is now even more unclear than what has been speculated for the ex-Chancellor's planned March budget.

Whether new Chancellor Sunak, can deliver the budget - or a budget - in time for March is also uncertain.

While as a former Chief Secretary to the Treasury he would have had significant input into the planning of the budget, it's expected that he would want to put his stamp on the upcoming budget rather than simply present what his predecessor had authored.

It's also expected that the Prime Minister might want to make certain politically strategic tweaks to the budget to reflect his personal priorities and commitments, especially now that it's accepted that Number 11 Downing Street has to all realistic intents and purposes become Number 10B Downing Street.

What's in it for the OTs?

One of the issues said to have been under consideration is a multi-year special fund for the Overseas Territories of which aid funding is a critical component.

The proposal for a dedicated fund for the OTs was a key issue for the OTs during the 2018/2019 UK parliamentary inquiry and subsequent report 'Global Britain and the Overseas Territories: Resetting the Relationship'.

The funding issue has now become even more urgent with the UK quitting the EU.

The UK has given a commitment that it would take up the slack for ongoing EU funding programs for the OTs for the remainder of their duration - up to the end of this year.

What comes after is subject to the outcome of the trade talks between the UK and the EU, and the UK's own internal spending priorities.



At present, funding for the OTs falls under the remit of the Department for International Development(DfID), which reports to its own Secretary of State.

Recently though, there has been much speculation over the future of DfID, with Prime Minister Johnson himself a former Foreign Secretary, suggesting that it be integrated into the Foreign and Commonwealth Office which is directly responsible for the OTs.

DfID manages the UK's annual overseas aid budget of £14 billion.

Mr Johnson himself has had direct experience of the difficulties in channelling UK aid to the OTs from the foreign aid budget in the aftermath of the hurricane disasters of 2016 and 2017.

Administratively, it was comparatively easier to allocate funds to the independent, former British colonies affected by the storms, than to the current territories.

The OTs generally bristle at being labelled 'foreign'.

At present though, any morphing of DfID and the FCO that seems unlikely as a new Secretary of State for International Development has been installed in Prime Minister Johnson's much-scru-

tinised cabinet reshuffle - some pundits have termed it 'bloodletting'.

From suggesting that DfID is closed, Mr Johnson has opted to keep it running as a standalone department, after it was reported that he was directly lobbied by a number of leading UK charities.

There will however be even more coordination than before in another shift towards a more centralised and streamlined cabinet evidenced in the reshuffle.

But there's still pressure on DfID with both Mr Johnson and his new International Development Secretary unified on an approach to aid being in the 'national interest' and charity begins at home' stance.

Anne-Marie Trevelyan is the new International Development Secretary, the seventh in the past ten years under a Tory government, the last one, Alok Sharma served less than a year since his appointment last July.

How the OTs fit into that 'national interest' will be critical in terms of how their relationship with global Britain is 'reset', as indicated by the title of the 2019 Foreign Affairs Committee report.

The upcoming budget, whenever it's delivered, will be a good indicator of the direction of travel. [🌐](#)

POLICE NEWS

Single-Vehicle Collision on Bodden Town Road

Shortly before 4:00PM on Monday, 17 February, officers responded to a report of a single-vehicle collision on Bodden Town Road in the Pease Bay area. A silver Honda Accord was travelling east-bound on Bodden Town Road, when it left the roadway and collided with a wall on the roadside.

Emergency services attended the scene and the driver of the vehicle was transported to the Cayman Islands hospital, treated for non-life-threatening injuries and subsequently discharged.

The incident is under investigation.

West Bay Drug Operation Results in Arrests, Cash Seized

On Friday, 14 February, RCIPS officers, with the assistance of officers from the Department of Agriculture, conducted searches at three locations in the district of West Bay, under the Misuse of Drugs Law. As a result, three persons were arrested on suspicion of drug offenses.

A quantity of cash totaling over \$4,000CI and suspected to be proceeds of drug activity, was found at one location and seized by officers under the Proceeds of Crime Law. A quantity of suspected ganja, suspected cocaine, and drug utensils were also found at the location. One

man, age 41 of West Bay, was arrested on suspicion of possession of ganja with intent to supply and possession of cocaine with intent to supply. A second man, age 64 of West Bay, was arrested on suspicion of consumption of a controlled drug and possession of a drug utensil.

Further quantities of suspected ganja were found at the other two locations, and another man, age 28 of West Bay, was arrested on suspicion of consumption of ganja.

They have been granted bail as investigations continue.



Ministry of Culture announces Carnival Week

The Ministry of Culture, along with key stakeholders, announced that they have collectively decided to move forward with a "carnival week" approach allowing various groups to host separate road parades.

Hon Dwayne Seymour, JP, MLA said at the announcement, "As Minister of Culture, I want to first share with the public how near and dear this event is to my heart and how important it is to deliver it in the best way possible for the people of the Cayman Islands and to those who visit to enjoy it with us.



► Minister of Health, Environment, Culture & Housing, Hon Dwayne Seymour, JP, MLA

I'd also like to reiterate the amount of hard work that has gone into making this decision. We have sat through many hours of meetings with the purpose of discussing decisions



about how Cayman Carnival could best model from the successes of regional partners in hosting a unified carnival and creating a bar none experience.

This was not an easy task and required many proposals and counter-proposals with stakeholders and vested parties; for which I am truly grateful. I also later



in the process requested the Cayman National Cultural Foundation (CNCF) to play a more active role in handling further negotiations with all groups. CNCF then formed a carnival steering committee (consisting of representatives from each camp) to ensure we were satisfied that an agreement with all parties could be reached. Today I am happy with those results."

Through many submissions the Ministry had also taken into consideration the following regarding the dates chosen:

- the first weekend of May clashed with the Bahamas Carnival and would leave Cayman Carnival competing for the same international tourism dollar
- the second weekend in May fell on Mother's day and generally did not support travel
- the third weekend conflicted with our sister islands event, Braccanal Carnival, and did not facilitate residents and tourists being able to participate in both events.

During the discussions the long weekend in June was also explored however, this was met with concerns as this is the Queen's birthday weekend and George Town would be closed down for the annual parade.

"We are satisfied with the Government's agreement to hold Junior Batabano on the first weekend of May, with the main Batabano parade on the second weekend of May. I thank Minister Seymour, the Ministry of Culture, CNCF and everyone else who played a critical role in helping come to this decision to move forward," remarked Ms Donna Myrie-Stephen, Batabano Chairperson.

"All the stakeholders have a vested interest in ensuring that Cayman's carnival experience and its events attract the widest possible support from visitors and locals and continue to grow our islands' Carnival Tourism product. I believe that these changes to the schedule have the potential to position Cayman as an attractive carnival destination within the region," added Brent McLean Chairman of Caymas.

Ms Ventisha Conolly, Braccanal Committee member also remarked, "We are pleased with all the efforts that have helped bring us to a conclusion that facilitates residents and tourists being able to participate in both events. We look forward to a great turn-out on the Brac."

The Ministry and the National Cultural Foundation will continue to listen to stakeholders on an annual basis and make adjustments as necessary and thank all parties for their submissions, communications and the healthy discussions that have led to this decision.

"The plan moving forward will consist of a unified Cayman Carnival (9 to 18 May 2020), which will comprise of an opening parade on 9 May (produced by the Batabano Committee), Brac parade on 16 May (produced by the Braccanal Committee) and closing parade on 18 May (produced by CayMAS). The parade routes and road closures will be channeled to RCIPS through CNCF and then shared with the public and businesses. There will also be a carnival calendar listing the events that each group will host, including those endorsed and funded by the Ministry. Members of the public may obtain these from CNCF as well," stated Mrs Marcia Muttoo, Managing Director, CNCF.

"We all encourage the community to try to make these dates work and a success for the Cayman Islands. I am excited to say that the time to go fete is almost upon us. The public and visitors to our shores can expect the same energy, excitement and cultural immersion they have come to love. The line-up of festivities will continue to include all of our favorite highlights: musical contests, concerts by highly-sought after artists, local art and food and vibrant parades that come together in our soca-fueled celebration of life, culture and camaraderie," said Minister Seymour.



NOTICE UNDER SECTION 137 OF THE REGISTERED LAND LAW (2018 REVISION)

An application has been received from Collin Nicholas Anglin of P.O. Box 104, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands KY1-1401, under Section 136 of the Registered Land Law, to be registered as proprietor of part of the land approximately 7 feet wide by 42 feet long, along the southern boundary of 4D 66 where it intersects with 4D 67 as indicated in yellow, as a person who has acquired title by virtue of the Limitation Law (1996) Revision, having been in open undisputed possession of the part of lands in Registration Section West Bay North West Block 4D Parcel 66 for over twelve years.

Anyone who objects to this claim must stating their reasons to:

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Phone: 1 345 244 3420
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All such correspondence should arrive on or before 28 February 2020



CIVF Crowns Two Youth Athletes the Prince and Princess of the Beach

Some of the players from the Youth National Development program traded in their sneakers and kneepads for swimwear and sunglasses this Saturday in order to compete in the Prince & Princess of the Beach. The ten athletes took to the court to fight for the honour bearing the crown.

The games got underway and each player played one set with every player being awarded individual points along the way. Switching partners for every set evened the playing field, so as a result many of the players were neck and neck for the majority of the competition. In the end Andrea Tognazzo and Joanna Robinson managed to breakaway from the pack and claimed the titles of Prince and Princess.

This beach event is a great opportunity for the youth players to apply the

skills they've been working on in training while having fun in a friendly competition. The ultimate goal is to develop well rounded volleyball players that can adapt their style play to work alongside any of their peers. The crown was not the only positive take away from the event for Princess winner, Joanna Robinson, as she stated "Saturday's games taught me self-discipline, persistence, and what it means to be a team player. There is no one man team in volleyball, so I am thankful for everyone I played with." CIVF looks forward to seeing if Tognazzo and Robinson can defend their titles at the next Prince and Princess of the Beach, which is scheduled to take place on March 14th at Public Beach from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. This is an open event, so any youth players are encouraged to register using the following link: bit.ly/CIVFprinceprincess



Camana Bay Corporate League is Gearing Up For the Playoffs

With the round robin complete, all 8 teams in the Camana Bay Corporate Indoor Volleyball League will be advancing onto the playoffs scheduled to start on Wednesday, February 19th at 6:30 pm. Having played 7 games each, and attended practices led by CIVF coaches, some of the teams are feeling much more confident going into the elimination round now that they've worked out their kinks. Newcomers MUFG were particularly grateful for the practice ses-

sions, as their team captain, Valentine Ball, noted: "Everyone who participated in the skills sessions found them extremely useful as it allowed the new players to understand the basics of indoor volleyball."

With the round robin complete, KPMG finished comfortably in first place with an impressive record of 7 victories, of which they only lost two sets. Team captain Davison Ruwende is very mindful not to allow KPMG's early

success to go to their heads, as he stated: "It's not how you start the league that matters, but it's how you finish. I am feeling very strong and confident, but we are not going to be complacent." Three time defending champions MaplesFS had a slow start to the league, with 3 wins and 4 losses, but their team captain, Nadish Seebaluck, is still hopeful as he stated: "With a new team this time around, each game we have played has made us better and we are looking

forward to ending the tournament in style."

Judging from the narrow margins in the standings, with many teams separated by one point differential, the playoffs are bound to be extremely competitive. To check out the action join us at the Camana Bay Sports Complex this Wednesday for the following games: 6:30 pm KPMG vs Dart A and PWC vs Dart B, 7:30 pm Maples Legal Eagles vs MUFG and Wheaton Precious Metals vs MaplesFS.



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Yesterday's answer

- 18 They may clash
- 19 Listen in
- 20 Dreary shade
- 21 Heredity unit
- 22 Nap sacks
- 23 Mystique
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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

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

11/18

Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★

Word Search

- Basil
- Bay
- Borage
- Caraway
- Cayenne
- Chervil
- Chili
- Chives
- Cinnamon
- Cloves
- Coriander
- Cumin
- Dill
- Fennel
- Fenugreek
- Garlic
- Ginger
- Hyssop
- Lovage
- Mace
- Mint
- Mustard
- Nutmeg
- Oregano
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- Parsley
- Pepper
- Rosemary
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L	E	G	B	O	R	A	G	E	D	V	R	P	I	E
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R	F	S	M	U	N	A	P	M	G	A	R	L	I	C
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R	I	L	I	H	C	A	F	E	N	N	E	Y	A	C
E	M	A	S	E	S	E	V	O	L	C	I	B	M	O

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

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CURTIS By Ray Billingsley

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S'OKAY, MA. I'M UP.
zzz...

Panel 2: OKAY, BED, NOW I HAFTA GET UP OR I'LL BE LATE FOR SCHOOL, AND THEN I'LL BE IN HOT WATER!!
SKRITCH SKRITCH

Panel 3: AH, WHAT'S FIVE LITTLE MINUTES MORE? BESIDES, HAVEN'T YOU GONE TO SCHOOL ENOUGH FOR THIS YEAR?

Panel 4: Y'KNOW, FOR A BED, YOU MAKE A LOTTA SENSE!
OF COURSE, I DO, SWEETIE! I AM A BED!
Z

THE AMAZING SPIDER MAN By Stan Lee

Panel 1: MY HUSBAND AND I HAVE AN APARTMENT IN THIS BUILDING.
I FIGURED A STAR LIKE YOU'D LIVE IN A MANSION—
—OR AT LEAST A PENTHOUSE.

Panel 2: HAVING A HIT PLAY—AND MAYBE A FILM CAREER—IS STILL PRETTY NEW TO ME.
BUT PETER AND I'VE TALKED ABOUT MOVING...

Panel 3: AND I'LL ADMIT THERE ARE TIMES WHEN IT'D BE NICE TO HAVE A BIT MORE PRIVACY!

STAN LEE
ALEX SAVILUK
1-9

JUDGE PARKER By Woody Wilson & Mike Manley

Panel 1: AS ONE FAMILY DEALS WITH A NEW CRISIS...
JUST SPOKE WITH RONNIE. I THINK EVERYONE WHO'S TURNED ON A LAPTOP, PHONE OR TV TODAY KNOWS ABOUT MARIE NOW...

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