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## **NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS – POST MEETING SUMMARY**

Her Excellency the Governor, Mrs. Jane Owen, chaired the meeting of the National Security Council held on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 in the Cabinet Conference Room, Government Administration Building.

All Members of the National Security Council were present, with apologies received from the Leader of the Opposition, Hon Roy McTaggart, MP.

At this meeting the National Security Council:

- Received a briefing from the Commissioner of Police in relation to recent armed robberies, illegal firearms, drug crimes, changing trends in illegal narcotics, traffic incidents, and reports of serious violence and the progress being made to address these;
- Received an update from the Commissioner of Police on efforts to address concerns raised by the community in Cayman Brac about an increase in serious crimes as well as efforts to provide specialist expertise to assist in a number of investigations;
- Received a briefing from the Director of Customs and Border Control regarding recent drug and firearms interceptions at local ports and the processing and repatriation of irregular Cuban migrants as well as other steps to improve security.

Other issues of national security importance discussed by the National Security Council included:

- the worsening road safety situation, and the need to implement other recommendations contained in the National Road Safety Strategy, including the installation of speed cameras; and
- the expansion of the CCTV system in Grand Cayman and Cayman Brac to assist with the detection and prosecution of serious crime.

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1. *The National Security Council is established under section 58 of the Cayman Islands Constitution Order (as amended).*
2. *NSC Members are as follows: His Excellency the Governor Mr. Martyn Roper, OBE (Chair); Hon. G. Wayne Panton, Premier; Hon. Franz Manderson, Deputy Governor; Hon. Sabrina Turner, Minister; Hon. Andre Ebanks, Minister; Hon. Samuel Bulgin QC, Attorney General; Hon. Roy McTaggart, Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Derek Byrne, Commissioner of Police; Mr. Ian Pairaudeau, civil society representative; and Mr. Christopher Philips, civil society representative.*
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