
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order establishes a new Constitution for the Cayman Islands, to replace the Constitution of 1972. The new Constitution includes, for the first time, a Bill of Rights setting out the fundamental rights and freedoms of the individual and provisions for their enforcement. It provides for a Governor as Her Majesty's representative in the Islands, and for a Premier and other Ministers who form a Cabinet together with the Deputy Governor and the Attorney General. It provides for an elected Legislative Assembly, which together with Her Majesty forms the Legislature. It provides for a Grand Court and a Court of Appeal as superior courts, and a Judicial and Legal Services Commission to advise on judicial and senior legal appointments. Provision is also made for a Human Rights Commission, a Commission for Standards in Public Life, and a Constitutional Commission. A new National Security Council is established, as is the new office of Director of Public Prosecutions. Provision is also made for the public service, public finance, a Complaints Commissioner, a Register of Interests, and freedom of information.