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## LC Candidates Talk With Government Leaders

Sponsored by the **Portfolio of the Civil Service**, the sixth seminar of the 2014 Leadership Cayman (LC) programme took place at the Government Administration building, Elgin Avenue on 15 April 2014. The seminar sponsor noted *“The Portfolio of the Civil Service is pleased to be the sponsor of Leadership Cayman’s Government Seminar. The programme, and this seminar in particular, is an excellent opportunity for class members to learn about Government’s various roles in the Cayman Islands community and to engage in candid dialogue about the challenges we face.”* **Mrs. Gloria McField-Nixon**, JP - Chief Officer, Portfolio of the Civil Service.

The seminar entitled “Cayman Islands Government” was organised and moderated by LC class members **Ms. Jacqueline Smith** and **Mr. Wade Kenny**. **Mr. Martin Ruben** who spearheaded this seminar for the last few years also mentored Mr. Kenny and Ms. Smith as they coordinated this year’s Government Seminar. The group toured the Legislative Assembly building before the seminar and was treated to an enlightening presentation from **Ms. Zena Merren-Chin**, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. During the seminar, the class members heard from two politicians and two senior government officials about the role government how it is shaping the cultural, social, and economic future of the Cayman Islands. The panellists also spoke of the many challenges they face in carrying out their responsibilities as well as the challenges ahead for government. **Mr. Wade Kenny** commented *“It [the Government Seminar] was eye opening and helped me to better understand some of the many challenges facing the government of the Cayman Islands. It was equally reassuring to meet a group of talented individuals committed to tackling these challenges.”* **Ms. Jacqueline Smith** further added *“I can’t believe I grew up on Fort Street just next door to the LA [Legislative Assembly] – which was then the Princess Margaret Park - and yet this is the first time I actually toured it! With that said, Leadership Cayman does great things for all of us. This seminar was a great eye-opener!”*

Panellists invited to address the group at this seminar included **Hon. Moses Kirkconnell**, MLA, JP - Deputy Premier and Minister of District Administration, Tourism and Transport; **Mr. Roy McTaggart**, MLA - Councillor, Ministry of Finance & Economic Development; **Mr.**



**Samuel Rose**, JP - Cabinet Secretary and Chief Officer of the Cabinet Office; **Mr. Alastair Swarbrick**, Auditor General; and **Mrs. Gloria McField-Nixon**, JP - Chief Officer, Portfolio of the Civil Service.

*“I would like to thank the organizers of the Leadership Cayman Government Seminar for inviting me to participate in this remarkable program. It was a wonderful opportunity to engage some of the best and the brightest about my work and the challenges of being a politician in the Cayman Islands.”* **Hon. Moses Kirkconnell.**

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