

2. ADMINISTRATIVE BACKGROUND

2.1 Legal mandate and history

In March 2008, the Government of the Cayman Islands approved the planning, preparation and implementation of the 2010 Census of Population and Housing for the Cayman Islands (2010 Census). The preparation culminated in the approval by the Cabinet in Council in February 2010 of the drafting of the Census Order and Census Regulations. The Census Order mandated the Economics and Statistics Office (ESO) to conduct the 2010 Census which shall be taken as at Census Day. The Census Day, or the reference day for counting the population, is the 10th of October, 2010. The Census Regulations comprised a list of particulars or questions in the Census questionnaire.

The 2010 Census is the latest in the census history of the Cayman Islands which started in 1802. Since then, censuses were done in 1891, 1911, 1921, 1934, 1943, 1960, 1970, 1979, 1989 and 1999.

The 2010 Census also complies with the United Nations recommendation that all countries should carry out a population and housing census every tenth year and that the 2010 round of censuses should be carried out during the period 2005-2014.



2010 CENSUS

*“We need to know
where we are
to know where
we are going”*

be counted!

National Hero the Hon. Sybil McLaughlin

