Cabinet Office
Cayman Islands Government

FOI Request # 116401

13th February 2026

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Dear [redacted],

Thank you for your application received by us on 15th January 2026, requesting:

> *Cabinet/Executive Council records in relation to:*
>
> - *EXP 588/97 – TRANSFER BY CROWN OF PREVIOUSLY UNCLAIMED LAND LITTLE CAYMAN EAST – BLOCK 87A, PARCEL 41*
> - *EXN 37/97 – CROWN GRANT – LITTLE CAYMAN EAST BLOCK 87A, PARCEL 41*

The Cabinet Office is pleased to grant you partial access to the record(s) you have requested, being copies of the Extract of the Meeting of the Executive Council (Granted in Full) and scanned copies of the Executive Council's Paper and Note (Granted in Part).

Please note that redactions to the Executive Council Paper and Note have been made pursuant to section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act as follows:

- EXP 588/97 – Personal information redacted in accordance with section 23, as disclosure would involve the unreasonable disclosure of personal information of any individual, whether living or dead.
- EXN 37/97 – Legal Advice attached as Appendix redacted in full per section 17(1)(c), legal advice given by or on behalf of the Attorney General or the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Full disclosure has been granted in relation to the Extract of the Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting.

Consideration of public interest was given in relation to the decision to the redaction under section 23 of the Act, being personal information contained in EXP 588/97. It was determined that disclosure of the personal information contained in the document would be an unreasonable disclosure of personal information. It is further noted as per section 26 of the Act, redactions under section 17 are not subject to the consideration of the public interest test.

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Under section 33 of the FOI Act, you may ask for an Internal Review of this decision to grant access to only some of the information you requested. You have 30 calendar days after receiving this notice to request an Internal Review of this decision. Any request for Internal Review must be in writing, including email, and can be sent using the contact details below. While you may include the basis on which you are requesting an Internal Review, this is not required.

If, upon Internal Review, this public authority's decision is still not favourable to you, you have the right under section 42 of the FOI Act to appeal to the Ombudsman within 30 days of:

- the date of notification of the decision taken at Internal Review; or
- the date on which you should have been notified of the decision taken at Internal Review if you receive no notification.

You can find information on how to appeal to the Ombudsman at ombudsman.ky/foi. To contact the Ombudsman, please email info@ombudsman.ky or call +1 345 946 6283.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Remember to quote your reference number above in any future correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

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EXTRACT

FROM MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

The following Extract from Minutes of Executive Council - Item No 2216 of Meeting No 65/98 held on 24th March 1998.

2216 EXP 588/97 TRANSFER BY CROWN OF PREVIOUSLY UNCLAIMED LAND LITTLE CAYMAN EAST - BLOCK 87A, PARCEL 41

Previous Reference: Item No 1282 of Minutes of Meeting No 40/97

This Paper was taken in conjunction with EXN 37/97, Item No 2217 below.

2 Council advised that approval should be given for this matter to be referred to the Legislative Assembly under the Governor (Vesting of Lands) (Amendment) (Dispositions) Law, 1997.

3 The Governor so ordered.

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EXP. NO. 588/97

Paper by the Minister for

AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNICATIONS & WORKS

TRANSFER BY CROWN OF PREVIOUSLY UNCLAIMED LAND
LITTLE CAYMAN EAST -- BLOCK 87A, PARCEL 41

On 12th January, 1988, Council approved in principal, that a portion of Block 87A, Parcel 18 containing approximately 124.77 acres, be awarded by way of Crown Grant to the estate of John Edward Ryan, deceased, with title to be absolute. At that time, Council also advised that administrative costs, but not stamp duty, be paid on the grant, and the financial status of the applicant, [redacted] be looked into.

At the next meeting of Executive Council held on 19th January, 1988, Council was advised that [redacted] was not able to pay for administrative nor stamp duty costs. At that time, [redacted] was living in the [redacted] however, [redacted] Based on those circumstances, Council, with the support of the Hon. Financial Secretary, recommended that the administrative and stamp duty costs be waived.

Lands and Survey was instructed to carry out the survey work in late January 1988. However, the matter was not deemed a priority, particularly since the work would have been lengthy and difficult, and the cost prohibitive. The matter was reconsidered in the early 1990's and placed on a job schedule along with many other outstanding cases. The survey was further delayed by the mandatory cut-back in personnel in 1993 when that Department let go several chainmen, effectively preventing this type of work from being done. It was only with the relatively recent introduction of G.P.S. equipment that it became reasonably practical to undertake the work to conduct this survey. Even so, access to this property has been difficult, and it recently took a survey team one week before they were able to reach the site. In the meantime, the former Parcel 18 was subdivided into two new parcels, now numbered 40 and 41. A Registry Map Extract showing parcel 41 is attached as Appendix 1 for reference.

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The survey, which has cost nearly CI$ 20,000.00, has now been completed. The Lands Officer has the prepared the Transfer documents affecting a change of ownership from the Crown to [redacted] as Administrator of the Estate of John Edward Ryan.

Accordingly, Honourable Ministers/Members of Executive Council are requested to advise His Excellency The Governor to approve the transfer of Block 87A, Parcel 41 from Crown to [redacted] as Administrator of the Estate of John Edward Ryan and as the matter has been pending since 1988, it need not be referred on to the Legislative Assembly under the Governor (Vesting of Lands) (Amendment) (Dispositions) Law, 1997.

John B. McLean, OBE, JP
Honourable Minister, A. E. C. & W.
June 30, 1997

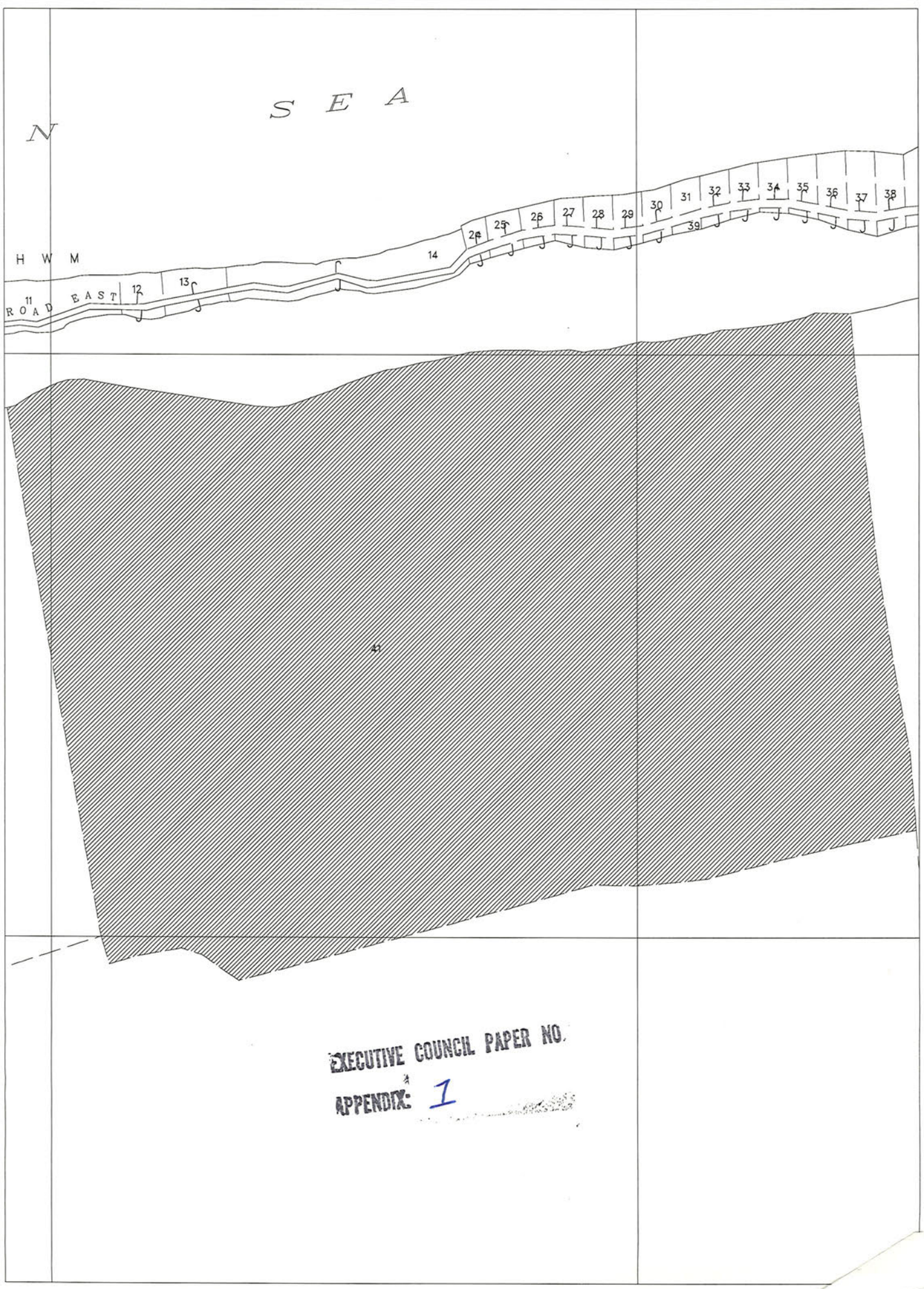
REGISTRY MAP EXTRACT

SECTION : LITTLE CAYMAN EAST

BLOCK: 87A
PARCEL NO/S: 41
Client:
Operator: COUNTER_LS
Scale: 1 to 5000
Date & Time: 25 Jun 1997 10:05 AM

Date of Last Mutation : 14/03/1997

Lands & Survey Dept., P.O. Box 1089, George Town, Grand Cayman, BWI.
Telephone No.: 949-7999 Ext. 3424, Facsimile No.: 949-2187



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PAPER NO.
APPENDIX: 1

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The following Extract from Minutes of Executive Council - Item No 2217 of Meeting No 65/98 held on 24th March 1998.

2217 EXN 37/97 CROWN GRANT - LITTLE CAYMAN EAST BLOCK 87A, PARCEL 41

Previous Reference: Item No 1283 of Minutes of Meeting No 40/97

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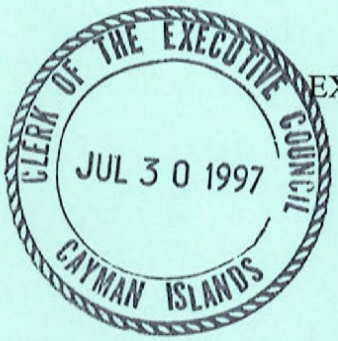

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Note by the Minister for

AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNICATIONS & WORKS

CROWN GRANT -- LITTLE CAYMAN EAST
BLOCK 87A, PARCEL 41

In the Meeting held on July 15, 1997, Council deferred this matter, which was submitted as EXP. No 588/97, for a legal opinion.

The Legal Department has now advised that it would appear that the facts of the matter have been established in good faith, based on the statements presented in EXP. No 588/97. Consequently, it is open to the Governor-in-Council to make the grant, or devise of this property. It was further advised that the technical requirements set out in the section 10 of The Governor (Vesting of Lands) Law must be fully observed. A copy of the memorandum from the Legal Department is attached as Appendix 1 for reference.

This Note is provided in conjunction with EXP. No. 588/97.

John B. McLean, OBE, JP
Honourable Minister, A. E. C. & W.
July 29, 1997