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**CONSTITUTIONAL REPORT**

■ London wants reaction by 30 November

# WHAT WILL IT BE, LADS?

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) in London has given the Cayman Islands until 30 November 1991 to put forward its views on the Constitutional Report released last week.

The FCO has called that report "sound."

Announcing the deadline, the Honourable Mark Lennox-Boyd, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, requested a report in the form of a motion reflecting the Cayman Islands' view of recommended constitutional changes.

The 20-page report by Constitutional Commissioners Sir Frederick Smith and Walter Wallace was made public last Wednesday evening.

Lennox-Boyd stated that he sees the report — which recommends sweeping changes to the colony's legislative composition, as sound, yet still encourages "the fullest public debate. Her Majesty's Government will wish to have the benefit of the

reactions of the broadest possible cross-section of the Cayman Islands community," he said.

The Constitutional changes recommended:

- Changing the titles of the elected ExCo members to Ministers;
- Increasing the number of elected members of the Legislative Assembly by three to 15;
- Establishing no more than three posts of Parliamentary Secretary;
- Recreating the post of Chief Secretary who would be appointed to ExCo;
- Increasing the number of ExCo Members from four to five;
- Changing the composition of ExCo to comprise the Governor (presiding), Chief Minister, Chief Secretary, Financial Secretary, Attorney General and four Ministers;
- Designating the Speaker of the House to be chairman of Finance Committee. The Governor is currently chairman.