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The Official Funeral for the late Hon. Daniel Manfred Malcolm Snr.

MINIMUM WAGE GREEN LIGHTED IN CABINET

The government remains committed to advancing a living wage. The first step was agreed by Cabinet on 2nd November 2022.

A National Minimum Wage Index increase and the implementation of several social support strategies to be implemented in parallel with the Minimum Wage Index was approved. These progressive strategies reflect the government's People's Plan for Empowerment.

The Turks & Caicos Islands now has a proposed National Minimum Wage of \$8.00 per hour. The new rate covers all categories of workers, with the exception of those from the security, manufacturing, construction, banking, financial services and insurance sectors. The minimum rates for these sectors will be \$9.00 per hour. These recommendations are proposed to come into effect April 1st, 2023.

The following social programs have been developed, costed and approved to complement the minimum wage index thus introducing a living wage support system in the TCI to come into effect September 1st 2023. These programs include: a National School Nutrition program, National Day Care program and After-School program.

Hon. Rachel Taylor who was Minister with responsibility for labour, led on this important matter.

FAREWELL TO A PATRIOT

On Wednesday, 11th January, the Government led mourners in a national thanksgiving service for the life of Daniel Manfred Malcolm Snr. former member of the Legislative Council (now House of Assembly) from 1976-1980. With the echoing sounds of the brass, the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force Band, along with an honour guard comprising of the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force, the family of the late Hon. Malcolm Snr., the Government and the general public paid tribute in word and song. Mourners paid their respects to a man who made a significant contribution to the development of these islands including our constitution for over decades. The Hon. Malcolm Snr. is survived by six (6) children, including the Hon. Rev. John Malcolm, Deputy Speaker and Member of the House of Assembly for South Caicos.



Hon. Premier C. Washington Misick and Hon. Rachel Taylor makes announcement at press conference.

NEW PROCUREMENT THRESHOLD TAKES EFFECT

Raising the levels of procurement across government is an important one because it assists in helping the government to further deliver on key objectives. The public can expect changes that will positively impact the way government does business and allows Turks and Caicos Islanders to bid on government public tenders. The amendment to current thresholds is the first phase of the ongoing procurement review program. The second phase will include a holistic review of the ordinance which is already in process and will continue with a stakeholder workshop on 16th-18th January 2023. For further details on the new procurement rules, please visit www.gov.tc.



Procurement Workshop