Parliament of the Cayman Islands

Parliamentary Question No. 15

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Parliamentary Question asked by Mr. David Wight,
Elected Member for George Town West
To
The Honourable Bernie Bush, Minister responsible for
Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage

QUESTION: Can the Honourable Minister advise the House on the facts regarding the controversy at the 2023 CARIFTA games involving the Cayman Islands Athletic Association and the Caymanian CARIFTA Shot Put gold medallist?

ANSWER: Madam Speaker, the Ministry of Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage primary focus when it comes to National Sporting Associations (NSA) of our identified Focus Sports is Grant Funding. The Ministry does not interfere, restrict or chose the make-up of the NSA boards and their Operational Administration matters; however, it does hold progress meetings with each NSA to offer guidance if needed.

With the recent establishment of the National Sports Commission, the commission will:

- Provide the leadership in the formulation of the National Policies and the setting of priorities and direction of all youth & sports programmes and activities in the Cayman Islands.
- Governance and work to improve standards and accountability of youth and sports activities and organisations.
- Be the responsible body for monitoring the implementation of the National Youth & Sports Policy.

Madam Speaker, as it relates directly to the question asked from the Elected member for George Town West, it is the understanding of the Ministry that a complete response was already presented to the Leader of Opposition from the Cayman Islands Athletic Association. This response

having now been provided directly from the Association in question therefore supersedes a response for the same from the Ministry.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.