Parliament of the Cayman Islands

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Parliamentary Question asked by Hon. Sir Alden McLaughlin,
Elected Member for Red Bay
To
The Honourable Sabrina Turner, Minister responsible for
Health & Wellness

QUESTION: Can the Honourable Minister update Parliament as to when the Mental Health Facility will be completed and operational?

ANSWER: Madam Speaker, the Long Term Residential Mental Health Facility located at High Rock, East End physical building construction has been completed. The site is comprised of:

A. Three main buildings – Administration Building, Cafeteria and Kitchen Building, and the Workshop and Activities Building, which will also serve as the Hurricane Shelter for residents.

B. All 9 cottages construction has been completed including all furniture and fittings installed.

C. The Surrounding landscape is also completed, including the road by NRA to and around the facility. Pavers are currently being installed by the contractor to allow easier access between the cottages and main buildings which will be completed upon the completion of the levelling of the wrap-round road by NRA.

D. Currently the focus of the contractors is to complete the final punch lists and painting requirements in preparation for mandatory building inspections related to electrical, plumbing and the final certificate of occupancy inspections.

E. The facility is designed that completed individual buildings may be staggered for occupancy and operation as completed and approved.

F. Pending no delays with the inspection process, it is estimated that the site will be handed over to the Ministry by the end of June 2023.

G. The Ministry is resourcing staffing for the operation and delivery of services.

H. It is the Ministry intention that operations will commence 6 months after being awarded the building from the contractors.

I. Ministry is also working on putting in place the policy and procedures required to accept residents both local and from overseas based on the admission criteria.

J. It is anticipated that the facility will be in full operations by early 2024.