Parliament of the Cayman Islands

Parliamentary Question No. 3

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Parliamentary Question asked by Ms. Barbara Conolly, Elected Member for George Town South
To
The Honourable Sabrina Turner, Minister responsible for Health & Wellness

QUESTION: Can the Honourable Minister provide an update on the arrival of the new Health Services Authority Ambulances?

ANSWER: Mister Speaker, The Health Services Authority (H.S.A.) ordered six (6) new ambulances in November 2021. The Ambulances were manufactured by Demers Ambulances:

- four (4) built on Ford F-450 chassis procured through CEC-Vampt Ltd.
- two (2) on GMC 3500 chassis procured through Advanced Automotive Ltd.

The two (2) ambulances built on GMC 3500 chassis were necessary for compatibility with the existing infrastructure at the West Bay Health Centre. The depth of the ambulance bays in West Bay could not accommodate the length of the Ford F-450 chassis without significant modification. The GMC 3500 offers a shorter chassis and is therefore more compatible.

Four (4) of the ambulances ordered arrived on Island during the week of 12th September, 2022. The remaining two (2) are expected in October 2022.

The overall cost of the six (6) ambulances was $1,466,238 (an average of $244,373 per vehicle).