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QUESTIONS TO HONOURABLE MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

The Elected Member for George Town East to ask the Honourable Premier, Minister of Education, District Administration & Lands *and* Finance & Economic Development

No. 1: Can the Honourable Premier update the House on the progress of any work undertaken across government and with the RCIPS to develop and implement an anti-gang strategy for the Cayman Islands?

The Elected Member for George Town East to ask the Honourable Premier, Minister of Education, District Administration & Lands *and* Finance & Economic Development

No. 2: Can the Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance say what measures are being taken to ensure that budget expenditure targets are kept or adjusted to ensure the projected surplus of about $43.0 million in 2024 and $53.2 million in 2025 will be achieved or exceeded?

The Elected Member for George Town East to ask the Honourable Premier, Minister of Education, District Administration & Lands *and* Finance & Economic Development

No. 3: Can the Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance advise the House what additional revenue was expected to be raised in 2024 and 2025 by the increase in stamp duty on "high-end" property that was announced in the budget but which she has now told the Chamber of Commerce has been reconsidered?

The Elected Member for George Town East to ask the Honourable Premier, Minister of Education, District Administration & Lands *and* Finance & Economic Development

No. 4: Can the Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance provide a full schedule of the fees and charges that have been increased, or are planned to be increased in 2024 and 2025 for core government and public sector entities, setting out the charges in 2023, revised charges for 2024 and 2025; the percentage increases over the 2023 figure; and the total additional revenue expected to be generated in each year?

The Elected Member for George Town East to ask the Honourable Premier, Minister of Education, District Administration & Lands *and* Finance & Economic Development

No. 5: Can the Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance advise the House on:

(a) the quantities of 'non-monetary gold', including gold bullion, imported into the Cayman Islands for the years 2019 through 2023 and a breakdown of the total revenue (including import duty, etc.) derived from the importation; and

(b) what quantities and total revenues are projected for 2024 and 2025?

The Elected Member for George Town South to ask the Honourable Premier, Minister of Education, District Administration & Lands *and* Finance & Economic Development

No. 6: Can the Honourable Minister publish a full evaluation of the free school meals programme, by the end of March, 2024, giving the total costs and benefits of the programme and compare them with those expected in the original business case?

The Elected Member for George Town South to ask the Honourable Premier, Minister of Education, District Administration & Lands *and* Finance & Economic Development

No. 7: Can the Honourable Minister advise the House what action is being taken to both challenge and support public schools that do not improve their inspection ratings over time?

The Elected Member for George Town East to ask the Honourable Deputy Premier, Minister of Financial Services & Commerce

No. 8: Can the Honourable Minister advise what resources the Ministry has provided, or is providing, to support the network of Cayman Islands overseas offices?

The Elected Member for George Town North to ask the Honourable Deputy Premier, Minister of Investment, Innovation & Social Development

No. 9: Can the Honourable Minister advise the House what targets for improved customer service have been set for the Needs Assessment Unit (NAU) following the introduction of the improved systems announced on February 5th, 2024?

The Elected Member for George Town East to ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism & Ports

No. 10: Can the Honourable Minister state:

(a) why the proposed extension of the Owen Roberts International Airport runway has been almost doubled from the original recommendations of the consultants to build 1,000 ft. of runway to now consideration that the planned extension will be 1,900 feet into the North Sound;

(b) whether the consultants or the Government have considered the increased environmental and other adverse impacts on the passage of boats and on the communities that the longer runway extension will impinge upon; and

(c) what steps will the Government take to mitigate those impacts?

The Elected Member for Cayman Brac West & Little Cayman to ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism & Ports

No. 11: Can the Honourable Minister update the House on the plans, over this year, to improve airlift for Cayman Brac and Little Cayman and advise whether he is considering changes to direct flights between Miami and Cayman Brac?

The Elected Member for Cayman Brac West & Little Cayman to ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism & Ports

No. 12: Can the Honourable Minister update the House on:

(a) The number of paying passengers that travelled on Cayman Airways between the Cayman Islands and Barbados since the route was launched;
(b) What are the forward bookings for the route out to September 2024; and
(c) What is the level of increased business that Cayman Airways has seen on the Los Angeles route with the introduction of the extra flights as part of the arrangements with Barbados?

The Elected Member for George Town South to ask the Honourable Minister of Health & Wellness *and* Home Affairs

No. 13: Can the Honourable Minister advise:

(a) whether the Poinciana Rehabilitation Centre, also known as the Long-Term Mental Health Residential Facility, is still expected to be handed over to the Government by the end of March, 2024;
(b) what is the expected opening date of the facility; and
(c) how many staff are presently hired to operate the facility after it opens?

The Elected Member for George Town West to ask the Honourable Minister of Health & Wellness *and* Home Affairs

No. 14: Can the Honourable Minister advise the House when she will be bringing the amendments to the Misuse of Drugs Act to address the "hallucinogenic substances and amphetamine derivatives", which are not currently included in the Act, that she mentioned last year in responding to a question from the Opposition on stricter sentences for importation and distribution of Fentanyl and other opioids?

The Elected Member for George Town North to ask the Honourable Minister of Health & Wellness *and* Home Affairs

No. 15: Can the Honourable Minister advise the House as to how many years-of-use are left at the George Town Landfill if filling continues at the current rate?

The Elected Member for George Town North to ask the Honourable Minister of Planning, Agriculture, Housing, Infrastructure, Transport & Development

No. 16: Can the Honourable Minister update the House on:

(a) whether the Deloitte Report "Assessment of a Public Transport Strategy" has been accepted by Cabinet and is being actioned; and
(b) what is being planned in the current budget to advance improvements in public transportation?

The Elected Member for George Town North to ask the Honourable Minister of Planning, Agriculture, Housing, Infrastructure, Transport & Development

No. 17: Can the Honourable Minister update the House on the progress of completing the Eddie Sanchez Memorial Park in Red Bay/Prospect and the proposed Seafarers Park in George Town Central?

The Elected Member for George Town North to ask the Honourable Minister of Planning, Agriculture, Housing, Infrastructure, Transport & Development

No. 18: Can the Honourable Minister advise the House on what progress is expected this year on reviewing the National Development Plan?

The Elected Member for George Town West to ask the Honourable Minister of Youth, Sports and Heritage

No. 19: Can the Honourable Minister advise how many Caymanian athletes he anticipates will be selected to compete at the 2024 Paralympic Games in Paris later this year?

The Elected Member for George Town East to ask the Honourable Minister of Border Control, Labour & Culture

No. 20: Can the Honourable Minister update the House on:

(a) what is happening with the Minimum Wage Report presented to Government in October last year;
(b) when does the Government intend to make it public; and
(c) when does the Government intend to put forward recommendations regarding the Report?

The Elected Member for George Town East to ask the Honourable Deputy Governor

No. 21: Can the Honourable Deputy Governor inform the House how many vacancies there are within the RCIPS for officers in neighbourhood policing teams and for police community support officers?

20th February 2024