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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION
ASKED BY

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TO

THE HON. JOHANY S. EBANKS, MP - MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR PLANNING, AGRICULTURE, HOUSING, INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT AND DEVELOPMENT

QUESTION:

Can the Honourable Minister advise the House on what progress is expected this year on reviewing the National Development Plan?

ANSWER:

Mister Speaker, according to the Development and Planning Act (2021 Revision), the Central Planning Authority (CPA) is vested with the duty to review and update the development plan on a regular basis.

In an effort to assist the CPA in this responsibility, a joint project team has been formed which includes representatives from the Ministry of Planning, Agriculture, Housing, Infrastructure, Transport and Development (Min. PAHITD), the Ministry of Sustainability & Climate Resiliency (Min. SCR), and the Department of Planning.

This first task in the Development Plan review is to update the 1997 Planning Statement using the Plan Cayman National Planning Framework (NPF) document as a foundation.

The updated Planning Statement will provide the legal basis to facilitate a new approach to the development plan, by creating 11 smaller Area Plans, as outlined in the National Planning Framework. The Area Plan approach allows local residents to have a say in shaping the physical development of their communities.