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OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION
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TO

THE HON. KENNETH V. BRYAN, MP - MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR TOURISM AND PORTS

QUESTION:

Can the Honourable Minister provide an update on:

(a) When the third Twin Otter aircraft will be received into Cayman Airways' (CAL's) fleet as an interim measure to improve the airlift to the Sister Islands; and

(b) When the SAAB aircraft, which services Cayman Brac, will be upgraded?

ANSWER:

Mister Speaker,

a) Following a comprehensive tendering process, the additional aircraft was selected and purchased. It is currently being customized to meet Cayman Airways' technical specifications and achieve the required maintenance status. This aircraft is currently scheduled to be delivered in August 2024.

b) Cayman Airways has enlisted an aviation consultancy firm, (following the required tendering process) to conduct the thorough research and analysis necessary for identifying the optimal replacement for its Saab aircraft fleet. A draft consultancy report has recently been received and is currently under evaluation by Cayman Airways.

The airline expects to present replacement aircraft (type and model) options and recommendations to the government within 30 days. This will then facilitate government decisions on initial and future funding, as well as the establishment of realistic timelines for the procurement process and the various operational preparations.