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OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION
ASKED BY

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TO

THE HON. KATHERINE A. EBANKS-WILKS, MP - MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE RESILIENCY

QUESTION:

Can the Honourable Minister say why the draft National Climate Change Policy, which has been completed for some ten months now, has not been adopted and published as a guide to long term planning, in light of the recognition of the severe risks to our economy, to the lives of our people and to our national environment identified by the National Climate Change Risk Assessment completed in 2022?

ANSWER:

Since November 2023, the draft Policy has been edited to reflect the feedback received when it was previously considered when it was first presented to Caucus. The Ministry has submitted the updated draft Policy back to Caucus, but it has not yet been placed on the agenda for consideration. The Ministry has continued to progress related work, such as public awareness of the severe risks that climate change poses to our beloved islands.