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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 provide an update on road and other safety measures proposed to be implemented for pedestrians, cyclists and users of electric scooters?

ANSWER:

Mr. Speaker, the National Road Safety Committee—a collaboration which includes the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service (RCIPS), the Department of Vehicle and Drivers' Licensing (DVDL) the National Roads Authority (NRA), and the Ministry of PAHI-TD; has been active in the pursuit to review and implement measures to enhance road safety for all.

Key initiatives include:

1. **Licensing and Safety Standards for Electric Scooters:**
   - Establishing proper licensing requirements for electric scooter users.
   - Mandating personal protective equipment such as reflective vests, helmets, and adequate lighting on scooters and bicycles to improve visibility and reduce risks.

2. **Infrastructure Improvements:**
   - Incorporating proper shoulders and/or bike lanes in all new major road construction projects to provide designated spaces for cyclists and electric scooter users.
   - Exploring options to separate vehicle lanes from pedestrian and rider lanes, such as curbs and physical dividers, to enhance safety for all road users.