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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION
ASKED BY

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TO

THE HON. KATHERINE EBANKS-WILKS, MINISTER OF HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

QUESTION:

Can the Honourable Minister say whether there is a Sargassum Plan in place; and if so, can the Minister share this Plan and also advise whether specialized equipment has been purchased to combat same?

ANSWER:

Based on the briefings I have received since taking over responsibility for the Ministry of Health, Environment and Sustainability, there is no approved Sargassum plan in place. That is concerning, because up to 31 October 2024 when I was the responsible minister, there was a draft a Sargassum Plan which evidently was not advanced or approved in the intervening 6 months.

Now that I am back as the Minister with responsibility, this is a priority and the draft plan will be reviewed, updated and submitted to Cabinet in the next few weeks. Once the National Sargassum Response Plan has been approved by Cabinet, the procurement of any additional necessary equipment or supplies identified can occur.