



PARLIAMENT
OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS



PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO. 22
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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION
ASKED BY

HON. G. WAYNE PANTON, MP - ELECTED MEMBER FOR THE
CONSTITUENCY OF NEWLANDS

TO

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

QUESTION:

Can the Honourable Minister say why the draft Anti-Sexual Harassment Bill, which has had nearly a year of public consultation, has not been approved by Cabinet to be published in order to be presented to Parliament?

ANSWER:

The Anti-Sexual Harassment Bill has gone through multiple rounds of public consultation and stakeholder review since Cabinet initially approved the issuance of drafting instructions for the legislation in 2022. Following the public consultation that took place in 2023, the draft Anti-Sexual Harassment Bill, 2023, was completed and submitted to the Office of the Premier in October 2023. The Gender Affairs Unit was transferred to the Ministry of Sustainability & Climate Resiliency in January 2024. The Bill was considered by Caucus in April 2024 and the Gender Affairs Unit has been requested to explore additional options for reporting and adjudicating sexual harassment cases. As soon as the Ministry has completed the requested tasks, the Bill will be returned to Cabinet for consideration.