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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION
ASKED BY

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TO

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

QUESTION:

Can the Honourable Minister provide an update on the Government's solid waste management plan?

ANSWER:

The Government continues to advance its comprehensive approach to modernizing solid waste management, and I am pleased to provide an update on the work underway.

In November 2025, Cabinet approved policy guidance for the development of a national recycling programme and a long-term solid waste management solution. This approval provides the strategic framework necessary to support structured planning, governance design, and future procurement preparation.

We are also in the final stages of concluding the key residual items and thus our involvement with the previous ReGen project. These close out discussions are progressing steadily and will formally conclude the Government's involvement in that initiative.

In parallel, we have initiated the early development of two critical pillars of our long term strategy: the national recycling programme and the broader national solid waste management solution. Although both initiatives are still in their early phases, the foundational technical work is actively progressing.

As part of this, the project team is updating the waste flow and waste volume analysis to ensure that future planning is guided by and grounded in current data.

With respect to Governance, for the recycling programme and the long term solution specifically, the project team is shaping the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the establishment of a steering committee and associated working groups. This body will take responsibility for the business issues associated with the project and oversight of its development. As such, it will comprise of a diverse cross-section of representatives from key government ministries and agencies, as well as private sector representation. The FFR sets out the parameters for the government in the planning, development and execution of projects, as such this steering committee is in alignment with the same, especially for such a complex and national priority project.

Their analysis and recommendations will directly inform the scope and structure of the long term waste management solution and guide the national plan to be developed. The project team has projected to commence engagement with this committee by the end of March 2026.

This is deliberate and methodical work. It is essential that the national plan be built on current data, best practice standards, and a clear understanding of the needs of our Islands over the coming decades. The Government remains committed to delivering a modern, comprehensive, long-term, sustainable, and resilient waste management system, and the steps now underway are key to achieving that outcome.