



**PARLIAMENT**  
OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS



**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO. 116**  
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**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION  
ASKED BY**

**HON. KENNETH V. BRYAN  
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ELECTED MEMBER FOR THE  
CONSTITUENCY OF GEORGE TOWN CENTRAL**

**TO**

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

**QUESTION:**

Can the Honourable Minister say if consideration can be had to immediately install vending machines in high-traffic areas, such as the main entrance and outpatient lobbies of the Anthony S. Eden Hospital to ensure decentralised access to necessities such as basic refreshments, considering the distance and accessibility of the main cafeteria?

**ANSWER:**

Mister Speaker, I am advised by the management of the Health Services Authority that consideration has been given to the installation of vending machines within its facilities, including in high traffic areas such as the main entrance and outpatient lobbies of the Anthony S. Eden Hospital.

Management has indicated that this provision is being incorporated into the design and planning for the Atrium and Central Registration projects, where vending machines are intended to improve access to basic refreshments and enhance the overall patient and family experience.

Mister Speaker, I am further advised that the Authority recognises the importance of convenient access to refreshments, particularly for individuals and families who may be

required to remain at the hospital for extended periods, including during late hours when the cafeteria is not in operation.

Management has also advised that consideration is being given to expanding vending access to additional areas of the hospital, subject to space and operational considerations.

In this regard, the Authority remains mindful of its broader public health responsibilities and intends to ensure that any vending services prioritise healthy and appropriate options.

Mister Speaker, I am advised that the Authority has undertaken a pilot of vending services within an administrative location to assess operational feasibility, including vendor performance, stock replenishment, maintenance responsiveness, and overall service reliability. The results of this pilot have been positive and are informing the broader rollout.

Management has further advised that vending services will be procured through an open and competitive process to ensure value for money and service quality, with implementation expected to align with the completion of the Atrium project, currently anticipated in June 2026.