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**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION
ASKED BY**

**MR. DWAYNE SEYMOUR
ELECTED MEMBER FOR BODDEN TOWN EAST**

TO

**HON. ISAAC RANKINE
MINISTER FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT & INNOVATION**

QUESTION:

Can the Honourable Minister say whether the Government has a considered plan in place, as night temperatures continue to rise, for the homeless or less fortunate families with children who are unavoidably left without cooling?

ANSWER:

Mister Speaker, I rise today to address this Honourable House in response to the Parliamentary Question submitted by the Elected Member for Bodden Town East, regarding whether the Government has a considered plan in place, as night temperatures continue to rise, for the homeless or less fortunate families with children who are unavoidably left without cooling.

Mister Speaker, the Government currently provides financial assistance via the Department of Financial Assistance (DFA) and social services assistance via the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) where support is needed for Caymanian families who are struggling to meet their needs. The DFA provides financial assistance with utilities up to KYD\$600.00 per households with more than one person, and up to KYD\$300.00 for a single person household. This service is in addition to several other services including but not limited to support with rental accommodation and food.

Caymanian families who require financial assistance are encouraged to apply to the DFA for assistance, especially where they are currently facing housing insecurity or are in imminent danger of being homeless. If there is a concern for the health and safety of children, then a referral should be made to the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) so that intervention can take place as a matter of urgency.

Mister Speaker, in addition to the long-standing support that is in place, the Government has also partnered with Caribbean Utilities Company (CUC) to offer the Fuel Cost Relief Programme 2026 in support of residential customers. This is an initiative designed to help reduce the impact of higher fuel costs during the summer period when electricity consumption is typically at its highest. Under that programme, eligible residential customers have received relief on fuel costs associated with electricity consumption from June through September, with the corresponding bill credits appearing on customer bills received between July and October during the initial roll-out of the programme. An extension to the programme was announced earlier this week, and residents will benefit from this initiative through to the end of December 2026.

Additionally, Mister Speaker, the Minister for Planning mentioned yesterday that his Ministry is making an effort to develop capacity within the National Housing Trust to install 'insulation foam' into the homes that the trust builds in the future and potentially homes that are repaired through the Housing Repairs Unit.

Finally, Mister Speaker, the Government remains committed to providing assistance to vulnerable persons within our community and to ensuring that suitable aide programmes are available. If the member for Bodden Town East has specific concerns about persons in his constituency, I will be happy to meet with him on an individual basis so that we can find a solution for those persons.

Thank you, Mister Speaker.