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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION
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TO

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MINISTER OF HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

QUESTION:

Can the Honourable Minister say whether the business case for the phased rollout of the wheeled bin residential garbage collection project which was scheduled for completion by the end of March 2026 has been completed, and if so, what were the findings and recommendations?

ANSWER:

Mister Speaker,

I thank the Member for George Town Central for his question.

Yes. The Department of Environmental Health completed the business case on 8 April 2026, shortly after the end of March target.

It builds on the review of the Prospect pilot, which found that all of the pilot's expected benefits were realised, including a 100% collection success rate, 96% resident satisfaction and no lifting injuries among collection staff.

The business case assessed three options: continuing manual collection, a partial rollout to about 5,000 high-density properties on Grand Cayman, and a full rollout across all three islands. It concluded that only the full rollout met the investment objectives and offered the best long-term value.

It recommended a phased rollout to approximately 10,900 (ten thousand, nine hundred) residential collection points over 19 weeks, starting with Cayman Brac and Little Cayman, with each household receiving one wheeled bin free of charge.

Following the landfill fire in April 2026, the Government prioritised funding for landfill operations and fire prevention. The Government has asked my Ministry to explore a more targeted pilot to targeted select communities instead of a full rollout.

Considering current priorities, further expansion of the programme has been deferred, and my Ministry will now develop a revised business case for a pilot programme to targeted select communities.