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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION
ASKED BY

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TO

HON. JOHANY EBANKS
MINISTER OF PLANNING, LANDS, AGRICULTURE, HOUSING & INTRASTRUCTURE

QUESTION:

What was the total amount spent by the National Roads Authority, the Port Authority, and the Airports Authority on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) studies since 2009 broken down by year?

(a) What vendor or vendors were the funds spent with and how was the procurement done?
(b) Were all the successful vendors Caymanian or Caymanian entities and if not, what was the ownership structure?
(c) Did all successful vendors have Trade and Business Licences?

ANSWER:

Mr. Speaker,

The National Roads Authority has reported approximately CI$3.7 million in expenditure on Environmental Impact Assessment studies and related technical services for the East–West Arterial from 2021 to date.

The NRA has also confirmed that no EIAs were conducted between 2019 and 2020.

Mr. Speaker, the NRA engaged four US-based consultants: Remmington & Vernick Engineers, Whittman Requardt & Associates, BAIRD Consultants and TYLIN, through a combination of direct awards and open competitive tenders.

These consultants are 100% foreign-owned entities and hold professional operating licences in their respective US jurisdictions.

The Cayman Islands Airports Authority has advised that it has no record of EIAs undertaken between 2009 and 2023.

In 2024, the Authority engaged UK-based Haskoning through an open procurement process, with expenditure totalling $153,110.70 across 2024 and 2025.

Canadian-based GHD Ltd. was subsequently selected through an open tender process in 2026, with projected expenditure of approximately $1.498 million through 2028.

Neither consultant is a Caymanian entity, and both submitted business licences from their respective jurisdictions.

Mr. Speaker, with respect to the Port Authority, its historical records are maintained in hard-copy format and require additional time to retrieve, review and verify.

As such, the Authority is unable to provide the complete historical expenditure and procurement breakdown at this stage.

I therefore respectfully request the opportunity to provide the Honourable Member with the outstanding Port Authority information in writing, once the necessary records have been compiled and verified.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.