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OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION
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TO

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QUESTION:

Can the Honourable Minister provide an update on the availability and staffing of licensed port pilots for maritime vessels servicing Cayman Brac and clarify how current pilotage constraints are impacting freight transport and local fuel supply costs?

ANSWER:

Mr. Speaker,

The Port Authority of the Cayman Islands advises that it does not currently employ any marine pilots. However, Bodden Shipping privately employs two marine pilots.

Mr. Speaker, to strengthen pilotage capacity, the Port Authority has re-established its partnership with the Trinidad and Tobago Pilotage Association to provide supplementary pilot support when required.

With respect to freight transport to the Sister Islands, there are currently no reported disruptions or delays. Cargo continues to be transported and delivered in accordance with scheduled arrangements.

The financial impact of pilotage constraints on freight transport and local fuel supply costs has not yet been quantified.

Mr. Speaker, the Ministry is also progressing reforms to the Pilotage Act and its supporting framework to enable the Port Authority to train and directly employ qualified pilots, with the longer-term objective of establishing a Caymanian Pilotage Association.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.