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OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO. 76
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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION
ASKED BY

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TO

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

QUESTION:

Can the Honourable Minister provide:
(a) the current timetable for completion and tabling of the National Development Plan; and
(b) explain the reason for the change from Government's previously stated intention to bring the Planning Statement to Parliament during 2026 to the more recent timetable of early 2027?

ANSWER:

Mr. Speaker,

The Development Plan Appeals Tribunal is finalising its report on the draft Planning Statement, with Sections 4 and 5 now reviewed and the complete report circulated to Tribunal members for final comments.

The Tribunal's subcommittee is scheduled to review any proposed amendments next week, with the aim of obtaining approval of the final report within the following two weeks.

Mr. Speaker, the report will then be submitted to the Central Planning Authority for review and recommendations, before being forwarded through the Ministry and Cabinet for consideration.

The Planning Statement is anticipated to be tabled in Parliament during the first quarter of 2027, with Area Plans to follow in phases, subject to approval.

The revised timetable reflects the volume and complexity of public submissions received during consultation.

The Tribunal reviewed approximately 1,771 individual commentary points, conducted hearings across all three islands involving 33 contributors, and considered approximately 30 hours of recorded proceedings, alongside additional written submissions.

This detailed review process required additional time to ensure public representations were properly considered before finalising the report.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.