



MINISTERIAL STATEMENT To the Senate

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Bermuda Civil Aviation Authority's Annual Report 2017/18 'Building on Our Foundation'

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Madame President, I am pleased to lay before this House, the Bermuda Civil Aviation Authority's Annual Report 2017/18 'Building on Our Foundation', in accordance with provisions of the Civil Aviation Authority Act 2016. The Report covers the period 1st April, 2017 to 31st March 2018, which is the first full year of operations as a semi-autonomous administration.

Madame President, the financial year of the Bermuda Civil Aviation Authority ends on 31 March. The Auditor General has signed off on the Financial Statements as they present fairly, the financial position of the Authority at the end of the financial year.

Madame President, although the Authority changed from a Government Department to a QUANGO, the commitment and priorities remained constant: growing the aircraft registry; acting as an independent, reliable safety regulator, both locally and overseas; and streamlining processes to meet the needs of operators on an ongoing basis.

Madame President, key highlights set out in the Report are as follows.

- The establishment of an office at Farnborough Airport in the UK on 1st December, 2017 (moved from Central London).
- Skyport's Aerodrome Certificate was issued.
- An RFP was issued for Airworthiness service in Russia.
- In March 2018 the BCAA Board established HR, Business Development and Finance sub-committees.
- The Aircraft Registry grew by 9% (70 additional aircraft).
- The Collective Bargaining Agreement 2017-2020 was signed with the Bermuda Public Services Union.
- In January 2018 the Cape Town Convention was implemented in Bermuda.
- A Major IT Security Upgrade was implemented.
- Six posts in the approved BCAA organization structure were filled.
- A risk assessment of America's Cup Activity was completed and the Safety Risk Mitigation Plan was implemented.
- The Air Safety Support International (ASSI) Audit of BCAA was completed.
- The Internal Quality Assurance Audit of Registration, Air Navigation Services and Personnel Licensing sections was completed.
- The online payment system went live.
- The BCAA was voted the Best Aviation Regulatory Safety Authority in the Caribbean by Aerospace and Defense Awards.

Madame President, the first full year of operations was extremely successful. I urge all residents to read the Report. In closing, I would like thank the management and staff at the Bermuda Civil Aviation Authority and the Board of Directors for their continued hard work and dedication.

Thank You, **Madame President**!

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