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Most recently, it has been widely reported that some 8,000 persons arrived in Dominica over the last few days representing overseas voters who came into the island on charters and/or regular flights by sea and air to participate in the general elections held on Friday, December 6, 2019.

The management of the Dominica Air and Sea Ports Authority (DASPA) wish to point out that the information being circulated is incorrect and part of the fake news establishment being channeled through social media and other news mediums.

The airport and sea port passenger activity from December 1 to December 6, 2019 is represented as follows:

Airport Activity: December 1 – 6, 2019

	No. of Flights	No. of Passengers
Schedule Flights	57	1026
Non-Schedule Flights	17	505
Other	4	8
Canefield Airport	11	6
TOTAL	89	1,545

Airport Activity: December 1 - 6, 2018

	No. of Flights	No. of Passengers
Schedule Flights	53	1,020
Non-Schedule Flights	4	58
Other	4	47
Canefield Airport	11	27
TOTAL	72	1,152



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***Ferry Passengers from December 1 – 6, 2019**

	Calls	No. of Passengers
Roseau	11	921
Portsmouth	4	251
TOTAL	15	1,172

*All ferry calls represent scheduled calls. No ferry came in on special charter during that period.

Ferry Passengers from December 1 – 6, 2018

	Calls	No. of Passengers
Roseau	10	397
Portsmouth	1	20
TOTAL	11	417

Based on that information listed before, the total number of passengers arriving on the island by air and sea for the period totaled 2,717 persons.

If one were to assign all the passengers that arrive on the island during that period including children, visitors, business persons, it is impossible that figure represents the 8,000 persons referred to by the fake news agents.

When compared to the previous year, traffic for that same period December 1 to December 6, 2018, the total passenger arrival figure is 1,589 persons.

It can be clearly seen based on the information gathered that the statements of some 8,000 passengers arriving in Dominica to participate in the general elections of December 6, 2019 is erroneous, exaggerated, misleading and mischievous.

Based on the information provided, it is very unfair and irresponsible for persons who should know better to make these unsubstantiated statements as it relates to passenger arrivals without first seeking to get the facts.



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The management of DASPA expects an increase in the passenger arrivals in the coming months, as more of the hotel plant on the island continues to open their doors to the island's visitors.

We look forward to the opening of the other hotels under construction in the new year, 2020 and the construction of the new cargo and cruise ship berth in 2020.

Our aim is to best serve the public interest as we seek to improve on the delivery of our services.

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