

1. **Reference**

The Standing Finance Committee (the “Committee”) met to consider requests for Supplementary Expenditure Appropriations - brought to the Committee - pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Law (2018 Revision), with respect to the Financial Year ending 31 December 2018.

This Report and Minutes of the Committee’s 3rd July, 2018 meeting is to be Tabled in the Legislative Assembly with respect to Appropriation changes approved by the Committee – pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Law (2018 Revision), for the Financial Year stated in the previous paragraph.

2. **Composition of Committee**

In accordance with the provisions of the Cayman Islands Constitution Order 2009, Section 71(7), the Committee comprises all Elected Members of the Legislative Assembly with the Honourable Minister of Finance as Chairman of the Committee.

3. **Consideration of Appropriations**

The Committee had before it Supplementary Expenditure Appropriations requests for the Financial Year ending 31st December, 2018.

The Committee met on Tuesday, 3rd July 2018, to consider such requests. The Minutes of the meeting is appended hereto and form part of this Report.

The Committee agreed to this Report, electronically.

4. **Chief Officers, Witnesses and Persons in Attendance**

Chief Officers attended the meeting to provide information to the Committee. Other Government Officers were also in attendance to provide information and/or to assist the Committee and Chief Officers. Their names are set out in the Minutes of proceedings.

5. **Consideration of the Supplementary Expenditure requests for the Financial Year ending 31st December 2018.**

The Committee considered the **Supplementary Expenditure requests documented in a paper distributed to the Committee. The requested changes impacted** Appropriations for Output Groups, Non-Governmental Output Suppliers, Transfer Payments and Executive Assets, set out therein.

The **Supplementary Expenditure** requests for the Financial Year ending 31st December, 2018 were approved by the Committee.

5.1 Consideration of the Supplementary Appropriation requests

The Committee considered the Supplementary Appropriation requests and approved such requests – which impacted existing Appropriations for Output Groups, Non-Governmental Output Suppliers, Transfer Payments and Executive Assets.

5.2 Consideration of the Standing Finance Committee Resolution

The Committee had before it, and agreed, the following resolution –

Motion No. 1
Disbursement from the Environmental Protection Fund

WHEREAS the Environmental Protection Fund (the Fund) was created on 10th December 1997 by Government Motion No. 14/97 for the purpose of “defraying expenditure incurred in protecting and preserving the environment of the Islands”;

AND WHEREAS it is required “that disbursements from the Fund may only be made in accordance with resolutions made by the Finance Committee, and under the authority of the Minister for Finance, for the purpose of defraying expenditure incurred in protecting and preserving the environment of the Islands”;

AND WHEREAS at 31st May, 2018 the balance in the Fund was CI\$58.5 million. Finance Committee has already approved disbursements from the Fund to occur during the 2018 and 2019 Financial Years of \$6,100,000 and \$9,550,000, respectively;

AND WHEREAS the Government is seeking approval in the 2018 Financial Year for the additional amount shown by the overleaf schedule, totaling \$10,000,000, that represents additional expenditure to be incurred with respect to protecting and preserving the environment of the Islands, being met by disbursements from the Fund;

BE IT NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT: -

1. the expenditure shown by the overleaf schedule, totaling \$10,000,000, that is expected to be incurred in the 2018 Financial Year, be recognized as being in the interests of protecting and preserving the environment of the Islands; and
2. that the Minister for Finance be authorized to disburse up to \$10,000,000 from the Environmental Protection Fund to defray expenditures to be incurred with respect to the matters on the overleaf schedule.

Moved by: Honourable Dwayne Seymour, JP
 Minister Responsible for Health, Environment, Culture & Housing

**Schedule of Additional Expenditures to be incurred in the 2018 Financial Year
 for which Approval is sought from Finance Committee, to have such
 Expenditures defrayed by Disbursements from the Environmental Protection
 Fund**

Name of Agency	2018 Amount	Description and Details
Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture & Lands	\$10,000,000	The disbursement that is sought from the Environmental Protection Fund, is to defray the cost of purchasing lands – which

		such land purchases being aimed at protecting and preserving the environment and, such purchases are estimated to cost an amount not exceeding \$10,000,000. This amount, if approved, provides the funding for the Supplementary expenditures requested for Appropriation <i>EA 4: Land Purchase</i> , in the 2018 Financial Year.
Total	\$10,000,000	

Question Put: **Agreed.** **Motion No. 1 – Disbursements from the Environmental Protection Fund passed.**

6. The Committee considered the Paper titled “Request to Finance Committee for Appropriation Changes under Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Law (2018 Revision)” for the year ending 31 December, 2018 and approved the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation requests, contained therein.
7. **Report of the Standing Finance Committee to the House**
The Committee agreed that this Report be the Report of the Standing Finance Committee on the requested Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation changes for the Financial Year ending 31st December, 2018 and, that it be laid upon the Table of this Honourable House.

Hon. Roy McTaggart, JP, MLA
Minister of Finance and Economic Development
Elected Member for George Town East
Chairman

Hon. Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MLA
Premier
Minister of Human Resources, Immigration and
Community Affairs
Elected Member for Red Bay

Hon. W. McKeeva Bush OBE, JP, MLA
Speaker
Elected Member for West Bay West

Hon. Moses I Kirkconnell, JP, MLA
Deputy Premier
Minister of District Administration, Tourism and Transport
Elected Member for Cayman Brac West and Little Cayman

Hon Juliana Y O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MLA
Minister of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture and Lands
Elected Member for Cayman Brac East

Hon Dwayne S Seymour, JP, MLA
Minister of Health, Environment Culture and Housing
Elected Member for Bodden Town East

Hon Joseph X Hew, MLA
Minister of Commerce, Planning and Infrastructure
Elected Member for George Town North

Hon. Tara A Rivers, JP, MLA
Minister of Financial Services and Home Affairs
Elected Member for West Bay South

Hon Bernie A Bush, MLA
Deputy Speaker
Elected Member for West Bay North

Capt. A. Eugene Ebanks, JP, MLA
Elected Member for West Bay Central

Mr David C Wight, MLA
Elected Member for George Town West

Mr Austin O Harris, MLA
Elected Member for Prospect

Ms Barbara E Conolly, MLA
Elected Member for George Town South

Hon D Ezzard Miller, MLA
Leader of the Opposition
Elected Member for North Side

Mr Alva H Suckoo, MLA
Deputy Leader of the Opposition
Elected Member for Newlands

Mr Anthony S. Eden, OBE, MLA
Elected Member for Savannah

Mr Christopher S Saunders, MLA
Elected Member for Bodden Town West

Mr. V. Arden McLean, JP, MLA
Elected Member for East End

Mr Kenneth V Bryan, MLA
Elected Member for George Town Central

**Minutes of Proceedings
of the
Standing Finance Committee
on Supplementary Expenditure Appropriations for the Financial Year 2018**

**First Meeting
Tuesday 3rd July, 2018**

Minutes of proceedings of the Standing Finance Committee (the “Committee”) meeting held Tuesday 3rd July, 2018 at 10:50 am in the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly Building, George Town, Grand Cayman.

Present: Hon Roy M McTaggart, JP, MLA – Chairman
Hon Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MLA
Hon Moses I Kirkconnell, JP, MLA
Hon Juliana Y O’Connor-Connolly, JP, MLA
Hon Dwayne S Seymour, JP, MLA
Hon Joseph X Hew, MLA
Capt A Eugene Ebanks, JP, MLA
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Mr Christopher S Saunders, MLA
Mr V Arden McLean, JP, MLA

Apologies: Hon W McKeeva Bush, OBE, JP, MLA
Hon Tara A Rivers, JP, MLA
Hon. Bernie A Bush, MLA
Mr Kenneth V Bryan, MLA

In Attendance: Mr G Kenneth Jefferson, JP – Financial Secretary and Chief Officer, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development
Mr Matthew Tibbetts – Accountant General – Ministry of Finance and Economic Development

Witnesses: Ms Jennifer Ahearn, Chief Officer – Ministry of Health, Environment, Culture and Housing
Ms Teresa Echenique – Chief Officer, Ministry of Community Affairs
Ms Tamara Hurlston, Director of Needs Assessment Unit

1. Reference

The Committee met following a request from the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Chairman of the Committee, for the Committee to consider Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation requests – pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Law (2018 Revision).

2. Meeting to Order

There being a quorum present, the Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:50 am.

3. Prayers

The Honourable Minister of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture and Lands, offered a word of prayer.

4. **Consideration of Supplementary Expenditure Appropriations for the Financial Year 2018 – Pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Law (2018 Revision).** The Committee commenced consideration of the following –

REQUEST FOR CHANGES TO APPROPRIATION CATEGORY

Output Supplier: CAYMAN AND OVERSEAS HOSPITALS and Other Care-Giving Institutions

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2018 Approved Budget \$	2018 Appropriation Change Request \$	2018 Appropriation Revised Total \$
NGS 55	Tertiary Care at Local and Overseas Institutions	10,981,000	8,000,000	18,981,000
DESCRIPTION Provision of tertiary health care for indigents, seamen and veterans who are referred for treatment overseas. <i>Reason for Appropriation change: Increase in number of patients referred for tertiary treatment.</i>				

The Chairman granted leave for the Hon Dwayne S Seymour, JP, Minister of Health, Environment, Culture and Housing to make a Statement. The Honourable Minister made a statement in regard to the Environment Protection Fund (10:55 am -11:02 am).

Discussions ensued on NGS 55.

Question Put: Agreed that the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation Request for NGS 55 is approved – pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Law (2018 Revision) .

Proceedings suspended at 12:04 pm

Proceedings resumed 1:51 pm

Executive Asset for the Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture and Lands

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2018 Approved Budget \$	2018 Appropriation Change Request \$	2018 Appropriation Revised Total \$
EA 4	Land Purchase	300,000	10,000,000	10,300,000
DESCRIPTION Purchase of lands. <i>Reason for Appropriation change: To protect and preserve the environment of the Cayman Islands.</i>				

Discussions ensued on Executive Asset - EA 4.

Question Put: Ayes and Noes. The Ayes have it.

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A Division was sought by the Honourable Minister of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture and Lands.

Division No. 1

Ayes: 10

Hon Moses I Kirkconnell
Hon Juliana Y O'Connor-Connolly
Hon Dwayne S Seymour
Hon Joseph X Hew
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Noes: 0

Abstentions: 1

Mr Christopher S Saunders

Absentees: 7

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The Honourable Chairman declared the results of the Division: Ayes: 10; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 1; Absentees: 7.

Question Put: Agreed that the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation Request for Executive Asset, EA 4 is approved – pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Law (2018 Revision).

Transfer Payments for the MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES, IMMIGRATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS - COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2018 Approved Budget \$	2018 Appropriation Change Request \$	2018 Appropriation Revised Total \$
TP 41	Poor Relief Payments	7,394,400	(90,000)	7,304,400
DESCRIPTION Permanent and financial assistance payments to the elderly and disabled. <i>Reason for Appropriation change: Decline in number of persons eligible for permanent financial assistance based on a re-assessment process and decrease in utilization.</i>				

Discussions ensued on Transfer Payment - TP 41.

Question Put: Agreed that the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation Request for Transfer Payment, TP 41 is approved – pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Law (2018 Revision).

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Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2018 Approved Budget \$	2018 Appropriation Change Request \$	2018 Appropriation Revised Total \$
TP 43	Poor Relief Vouchers	1,550,000	1,350,000	2,900,000
DESCRIPTION Short and Medium term financial assistance to indigent persons through the provision of poor relief vouchers. <i>Reason for Appropriation change: Higher demand for services than budgeted.</i>				

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2018 Approved Budget \$	2018 Appropriation Change Request \$	2018 Appropriation Revised Total \$
TP 47	Ex-Gratia Benefit Payments to Seamen	7,098,000	(325,000)	6,773,000
DESCRIPTION Benefit payments to recipients of Seamen Ex-Gratia benefits. <i>Reason for Appropriation change: Projected savings as a result of decrease in utilization.</i>				

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2018 Approved Budget \$	2018 Appropriation Change Request \$	2018 Appropriation Revised Total \$
TP 48	Benefit Payments to Ex-Servicemen	982,800	(90,000)	892,800
DESCRIPTION Payments to recipients of Ex-Servicemen benefit. <i>Reason for Appropriation change: Projected savings as a result of decrease in utilization.</i>				

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2018 Approved Budget \$	2018 Appropriation Change Request \$	2018 Appropriation Revised Total \$
TP 75	Needs Assessment Support	500,000	70,000	570,000
DESCRIPTION Assistance to the Public with utilities, medical equipment, medical travel, summer camps, exam fees, and miscellaneous supplies for those in need. <i>Reason for Appropriation change: Increase in cost of service over budget.</i>				

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OUTPUT SUPPLIER: HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER SUPPLIERS

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2018 Approved Budget \$	2018 Appropriation Change Request \$	2018 Appropriation Revised Total \$
NGS 63	School Lunch and Uniform Programmes	124,000	140,000	264,000
DESCRIPTION Provision of school lunches and school uniforms to children whose parents meet established criteria. <i>Reason for Appropriation change: Higher demand for services than budgeted.</i>				

OUTPUT SUPPLIER: VARIOUS LANDLORDS

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2018 Approved Budget \$	2018 Appropriation Change Request \$	2018 Appropriation Revised Total \$
NGS 68	Rental Accommodation for Persons in Need	1,950,000	1,300,000	3,250,000
DESCRIPTION Provision of rental accommodation for persons in need of urgent housing assistance and who meet the established criteria. <i>Reason for Appropriation change: Due to increase in rental costs and utilization of services.</i>				

OUTPUT SUPPLIER: VARIOUS FUNERAL HOMES

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2018 Approved Budget \$	2018 Appropriation Change Request \$	2018 Appropriation Revised Total \$
NGS 70	Burial Assistance for Indigents	150,000	60,000	210,000
DESCRIPTION Provision of burial services for indigents. <i>Reason for Appropriation change: Increase in burial assistance and purchase of vaults.</i>				

OUTPUT SUPPLIER: MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES, IMMIGRATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS - COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2018 Approved Budget \$	2018 Appropriation Change Request \$	2018 Appropriation Revised Total \$
HCA 38	Supervision and Support of Older Persons	4,460,513	(495,000)	3,965,513
DESCRIPTION In-home and residential care services provided for indigent elderly persons; adults with disabilities; day care services to				

prevent institutionalizations; encourage socialization; and to facilitate seamless service delivery for older persons.

Reason for Appropriation change: Delays in implementation of programmes.

Discussions ensued on Output Group TP 43 and TP 75.

Question Put: Agreed: The Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation Requests for Transfer Payments, Output Groups and Non-Governmental Output Suppliers, TP 43, TP 47, TP 48, TP 75, NGS 63, NGS 68, NGS 70 and HCA 38 is approved – pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Law (2018 Revision).

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Agreed that Motion No. 1 – Disbursement from the Environmental Protection Fund passed by majority.

6. **Adjournment**

The Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Chairman of the Finance Committee, adjourned the Meeting at 4:00 pm.

