



**Statement by
the Honourable Minister for Commerce, Planning
Infrastructure on
the Reallocation of Funds within the 2016/17 Budget of
the Ministry of Commerce, Planning and Infrastructure**

**Section 11(5) of the Public Management and Finance
Law (2018 Revision)**

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Mr Speaker, I wish to make a statement as to the circumstances and reasons why the Ministry of Commerce, Planning and Infrastructure (CP& I) was able to reallocate funds from, and within, its **2016/17** Budget, under Section 11(5) of the Public Management and Finance Law (2017 Revision).

Mr Speaker, during the 2016/17 financial year to date, the Ministry of Commerce, Planning, and Infrastructure required appropriation changes on following;

- i. Reduce the Ministry of CP&I's budget Appropriation EA 36 / Miscellaneous Road Surface Upgrades by CI\$150,000; and,
- ii. Increase the Ministry of CP&I's budget EA 147 / Miscellaneous District Projects CI\$150,000; and,

Mr. Speaker, this reallocation was due to increase cost associated to the Coewood Beach and EE Generator projects indicate they are over-budget (CI\$70,500 & CI\$8,000 respectively). This allocation used to cover the costs of the Gavin Park Seawall, and some other minor district projects.

Ministry had funds in the budget Appropriation EA 36 / Miscellaneous Road Surface Upgrades that could be utilized to offset the costs in EA 147 / Miscellaneous District Projects. This reallocation will not impact the projects allocated to EA 36 / Miscellaneous Road Surface Upgrades.

Mr. Speaker, Ministry was advised by the National Roads Authority (NRA) that the projected expenditure for the Linford Pierson Project which indicated an overspend. Ministry of CPI reviewed our allocation; however, we were unable to identified

any underspend to cover the shortage and therefore sought assistance from Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture and Lands (EYSAL). The supplementary expenditure being requested for the Linford Pierson Project overspend can be associated to unexpected cost related to the movement of the CUC poles. Additionally, certain areas required more de-mucking and fill than was initially anticipated.

The Ministry of EYSA&L reviewed their capital budget and was able to identify underspend; the Ministry of EYSA&L were asked to assist with this project and thus obliged. The estimated amount needed to cover overspend on the Linford Pierson Highway Project (LPHP) is approximately 240k. Funding for this project has been identified and will be taken from The Ministry of EYSA&L Budget EI12 in the amount of CI\$240k. This action will decrease the overall planned expenditure for EYSA&L and increase appropriation EA142 by CI240K (GTRP).

Mr. Speaker, Ministry of CPI received an increased appropriation in the amount of CI\$251,750 to PAH4, Management of Public Recreational Facilities and Cemeteries to assist with National Community Enhancement Project (NiCE).

Hon. Speaker as you know this is the project that provides short-term employment for unemployed Caymanians.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.