

PARLIAMENT

of the

CAYMAN ISLANDS

REPORT OF THE STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE

ON THE

REQUEST TO FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR APPROPRIATION CHANGES SOUGHT UNDER SECTION 12 OF THE PUBLIC MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE ACT (2020 REVISION)

> FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER, 2021

> > Wednesday, 1st September, 2021

Laid upon the Table of this Honourable House this

day of

2021.

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 Act (2020 Revision), with respect to the Financial Year ending 31 December 2021.

This Report and Minutes of the Committee's 1st September, 2021 meeting is to be Tabled in the Parliament with respect to Appropriation changes approved by the Committee – pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 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 Parliament 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 31 December, 2021.

The Committee met on Wednesday, 1st September, 2021, to consider such requests. The Minutes of the meeting is appended hereto and form part of this Report.

The Committee met again on Wednesday, 1st September, 2021, to consider and approve this Report.

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. The Committee considered the Paper titled "Requests to Finance Committee for Appropriation Changes sought under Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision)" for the year ending 31 December, 2021 and approved the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation requests, contained therein.

6. 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 31 December, 2021 and, that it be laid upon the Table of this Honourable House.

Hon. Christopher S. Saunders, MP
Deputy Premier
Minister of Finance & Economic Development and
Minister of Border Control and Labour
Elected Member for Bodden Town West

Chairman

Hon. G. Wayne Panton, JP, MP
Premier
Minister of Sustainability and Climate Resiliency
Elected Member for Newlands

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

Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, MP Minister of Tourism and Transport Elected Member for George Town Central

> Hon. Sabrina T. Turner, MP Minister of Health and Wellness Elected Member for Prospect

Hon. Johany S. (Jay) Ebanks, MP Minister of Planning, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure Elected Member for North Side Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP Minister of Financial Services & Commerce and Minister of Investment, Innovation & Social Development Elected Member for West Bay South

> Hon. Bernie A. Bush, MP Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage Elected Member for West Bay North

> Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP Minister of Education and Minister of District Administration and Lands Elected Member for Cayman Brac East

Ms. Heather D. Bodden, JP, MP
Parliamentary Secretary for (Tourism and Transport)
and (Social Development)
Elected Member for Savannah

Mr. Isaac D. Rankine, MP Parliamentary Secretary for (Planning, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure) and (Home Affairs) Elected Member for East End

Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks, MP
Deputy Speaker
Parliamentary Secretary for (Financial Services) and (Education)
Elected Member for West Bay Central

Hon. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP Leader of the Opposition Elected Member for George Town East Mr. Joseph X. Hew, MP Elected Member for George Town North Hon. Alden McLaughlin, MBE, QC, JP, MP Elected Member for Red Bay Mr. Dwayne S. Seymour, JP, MP Elected Member for Bodden Town East Mr. Moses I. Kirkconnell, JP, MP Elected Member for Cayman Brac West and Little Cayman Ms. Barbara E. Conolly, JP, MP Elected Member for George Town South Mr. David C. Wight, JP, MP Elected Member for George Town West

Minutes of Proceedings of the

Standing Finance Committee on Supplementary Expenditure Appropriations for the Financial Year 2021

Meeting Wednesday, 1st September, 2021

Minutes of proceedings of the Standing Finance Committee (the "Committee") meeting held Wednesday, 1st September, 2021 at 9:05 am in the Chamber of the House of Parliament, George Town, Grand Cayman.

Present: Hon. Christopher S. Saunders, MP – Chairman

Hon. G. Wayne Panton, JP, MP

Hon. W. McKeeva Bush, OBE, JP, MP

Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, MP

Hon. Sabrina T. Turner, MP

Hon. Johany S. (Jay) Ebanks, MP

Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP

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Mr. Joseph X. Hew, MP

Hon. Alden McLaughlin, MBE, QC, JP, MP

Mr. Dwayne S. Seymour, JP, MP

Ms. Barbara E. Conolly, JP, MP

Mr. David C. Wight, JP, MP

Absent: Mr. Moses I. Kirkconnell, JP, MP

In Attendance: Mr. Kenneth Jefferson, JP – Financial Secretary and Chief Officer, Ministry of Finance &

Economic Development

Witnesses: Mr. Mark Ray – Director, Department of Education Services

Ms. Cetonya Cacho - Chief Officer, Ministry of Education

Ms. Nellie Pouchie — Chief Officer, Ministry Health and Wellness

Mr. Matthew Tibbetts - Accountant General, Ministry of Finance & Economic

Development

Ms. Lizzette Yearwood — CEO, Cayman Islands Health Services Authority

Mr. Wesley Howell, Cert. Hon., JP - Chief Officer, Ministry of Border Control & Labour

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 Act (2020 Revision).

2. **Meeting to Order**

There being a quorum present the Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

Chairman explained the reason for the Finance Committee Meeting and apologised to Members for the delay in providing the Requests to Finance Committee for Appropriation changes sought under Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision) for the Financial Year ending 31 December, 2021.

3. **Prayers**

The Honourable Minister of Financial Services & Commerce *and* Investment, Innovation & Social Development, offered a word of prayer.

4. Statement

The Elected Member for West Bay West advised the Committee that a bell system had been put in place which would ring twice; the first will indicate that Members have 5 minutes to enter the Chamber and the second will indicate that Members had 2 minutes to enter the Chamber.

The Leader of the Opposition asked for time to review the Appropriations.

Suspension

Proceeding suspended at 9:15 am. until 10:00 am. to allow the Opposition Members to peruse the Requests to Finance Committee for Appropriation changes sought under Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision) for the Financial Year ending 31 December, 2021.

Proceedings resumed at 10:00 am.

6. Consideration of Supplementary Expenditure Appropriations for the Financial Year ending 31 December 2021 – Pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision).

The Committee commenced consideration of the following:

REQUEST FOR CHANGES TO APPROPRIATIONS

(1) APPROPRIATIONS TO BE PURCHASED BY THE PREMIER ON BEHALF OF THE PARLIAMENT MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

SUPPLIER OF APPROPRIATION: PARLIAMENT MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

OTHER EXECUTIVE EXPENSES

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2021 Approved Budget \$	2021 Section 12 Request \$	2021 Revised Appropriation \$
OE 5	Constituency Allowance	1,086,000	270,000	1,449,333
OE 130	Administrative and Advisory Support to Members of the Parliament	130,200	609,012	914,786

Question Put:

Agreed that the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation Requests for OE 5 and OE 130 are approved – pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision).

(2) OUTPUT GROUP TO BE PURCHASED BY THE MINISTER FOR INVESTMENT, INNOVATION AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

SUPPLIER OF OUTPUT: MINISTRY OF INVESTMENT, INNOVATION AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2021 Approved Budget \$	2021 Section 12 Request \$	2021 Revised Appropriation \$
ITI 2	Social Development and Support	524,310	140,000	664,310

Discussions ensued on ITI 2.

Question Put: Agreed that the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation Request for ITI 2 is

approved - pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act

(2020 Revision).

TRANSFER PAYMENTS TO BE PURCHASED BY THE MINISTER FOR INVESTMENT, INNOVATION AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2021 Approved Budget \$	2021 Section 12 Request \$	2021 Revised Appropriation \$
TP 60	Housing Assistance	375,000	3,000,000	3,375,000

Discussions ensued on TP 60.

Question Put: Agreed that the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation Request for TP 60 is

approved – pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act

(2020 Revision).

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2021 Approved Budget \$	2021 Section 12 Request \$	2021 Revised Appropriation \$
TP 80	Support for Business Initiatives	25,000	4,000,000	4,025,000

Discussions ensued on TP 80.

Question Put: Agreed that the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation Request for TP 80 is

approved – pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2021 Approved Budget \$	2021 Section 12 Request \$	2021 Revised Appropriation \$
TP 96	Micro and Small Business Grants	2,000,000	(2,000,000)	NIL

Discussions ensued on TP 96.

Question Put: Agreed that the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation Request for TP 96 is

approved - pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act

(2020 Revision).

(3) OUTPUT GROUPS TO BE PURCHASED BY THE MINISTER FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND LANDS

SUPPLIER OF OUTPUTS: MINISTRY OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND LANDS

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2021 Approved Budget \$	2021 Section 12 Request \$	2021 Revised Appropriation \$
DAL 1	Advice and Support to the Minister for District Administration and Lands	NIL	246,584	246,584

Question Put: Agreed that the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation Request for DAL 1 is

approved - pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act

(2020 Revision).

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2021 Approved Budget \$	2021 Section 12 Request \$	2021 Revised Appropriation \$
DAL 2	Government Services in Cayman Brac and Little Cayman	NIL	500,000	500,000

Discussion ensued on DAL 2.

Question Put: Agreed that the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation Request for DAL 2 is

approved - pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act

TRANSFER PAYMENT TO BE PURCHASED BY THE MINISTER FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND LANDS

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2021 Approved Budget \$	2021 Section 12 Request \$	2021 Revised Appropriation \$
TP 101	Sister Islands Community Programmes	NIL	25,000	25,000

Question Put: Agreed that the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation Request for TP 101 is

approved - pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act

(2020 Revision).

APPROPRIATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE ASSETS REQUESTED BY THE MINISTER FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND LANDS

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2021 Approved Budget \$	2021 Section 12 Request \$	2021 Revised Appropriation \$
EA 4	Land Purchase	2,500,000	2,000,000	4,500,000

Discussions ensued on EA 4.

Question Put: Agreed that the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation Request for EA 4 is

approved - pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act

(2020 Revision).

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2021 Approved Budget \$	2021 Section 12 Request \$	2021 Revised Appropriation \$
EA 55	Cayman Brac and Little Cayman Roads	1,000,000	500,000	1,500,000

Discussions ensued on EA 55.

Question Put: Agreed that the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation Request for EA 55 is

approved - pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2021 Approved Budget \$	2021 Section 12 Request \$	2021 Revised Appropriation \$
EA 95	Cemetery Vaults – Cayman Brac	50,000	25,000	75,000

Question Put: Agreed that the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation Request for EA 95 is

approved - pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act

(2020 Revision).

(4) OUTPUT GROUPS TO BE PURCHASED BY THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

SUPPLIER OF OUTPUTS: MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2021 Approved Budget \$	2021 Section 12 Request \$	2021 Revised Appropriation \$
EGA 1	Policy Advice, Governance and Ministerial Support Services	7,105,655	200,200	7,305,855

Discussions ensued on EGA 1.

Question Put: Agreed that the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation Request for EGA 1 is

approved – pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act

(2020 Revision).

NON-GOVERNMENTAL OUTPUT SUPPLIERS (NGS)

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2021 Approved Budget \$	2021 Section 12 Request \$	2021 Revised Appropriation \$
NGS 91	Public School Meals Programme	NIL	3,100,996	3,100,996

Discussions ensued on NGS 91.

Question Put: Agreed that the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation Request for NGS 91 is

approved - pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act

TRANSFER PAYMENTS TO BE PURCHASED BY THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2021 Approved Budget \$	2021 Section 12 Request \$	2021 Revised Appropriation \$
TP 30	Local and Overseas Scholarships and Bursaries	10,000,000	8,071,226	18,071,226

Discussions ensued on TP 30.

Question Put:

Agreed that the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation Request for TP 30 is approved – pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision).

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2021 Approved Budget \$	2021 Section 12 Request \$	2021 Revised Appropriation \$
TP 51	Other Educational and Training Assistance	300,000	111,623	411,623

Question Put:

Agreed that the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation Request for TP 51 is approved – pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision).

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2021 Approved Budget \$	2021 Section 12 Request \$	2021 Revised Appropriation \$
TP 93	Private and Public School Grants	250,000	1,000,000	1,250,000

Discussions ensued on TP 93.

Question Put:

Agreed that the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation Request for TP 93 is approved – pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision).

(5) OUTPUT GROUPS TO BE PURCHASED BY THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING, AGRICULTURE, HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE

SUPPLIER OF OUTPUTS: MINISTRY OF PLANNING, AGRICULTURE, HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2021 Approved Budget \$	2021 Section 12 Request \$	2021 Revised Appropriation \$
PAH 4	Public Parks and Cemeteries Maintenance and Management	2,064,111	500,000	2,564,111

Discussions ensued on PAH 4.

Question Put: Agreed that the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation Request for PAH 4 is

approved – pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act

(2020 Revision).

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2021 Approved Budget \$	2021 Section 12 Request \$	2021 Revised Appropriation \$
PAH 25	Post Disaster Recovery Works	NIL	500,000	500,000

Discussions ensued on PAH 25.

Question Put: Agreed that the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation Request for PAH 25 is

approved – pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act

(2020 Revision).

TRANSFER PAYMENT TO BE PURCHASED BY THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING, AGRICULTURE, HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2021 Approved Budget \$	2021 Section 12 Request \$	2021 Revised Appropriation \$
TP 105	Assistance to Farmers Due to Tropical Storm Grace	NIL	3,000,000	3,000,000

Discussions ensued on TP 105.

Question Put: Agreed that the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation Request for TP 105 is

approved – pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act

(6) OUTPUT GROUP TO BE PURCHASED BY THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS

TRANSFER PAYMENTS TO BE PURCHASED BY THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2021 Approved Budget \$	2021 Section 12 Request \$	2021 Revised Appropriation \$
TP 73	Other Health and Cultural Programme Assistance	482,500	750,000	1,232,500

Discussions ensued on TP 73.

Question Put: Agreed that the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation Request for TP 73 is

approved - pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act

(2020 Revision).

EQUITY INVESTMENT TO BE MADE BY MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2021 Approved Budget \$	2021 Section 12 Request \$	2021 Revised Appropriation \$
EI 53	Ministry of Health and Wellness	6,261,993	1,330,026	16,432,147

Discussions ensued on EI 53.

Question Put: Agreed that the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation Request for EI 53 is

approved - pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act

(2020 Revision).

(7) OUTPUT GROUP TO BE PURCHASED BY THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR

SUPPLIER OF OUTPUT: CAYMAN ISLANDS NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY

Appropriatio n Reference	Appropriation Name	2021 Approved Budget \$	2021 Section 12 Request \$	2021 Revised Appropriation \$
CIN 2	Health Insurance for Civil Service Pensioners	30,792,995	1,800,000	32,592,995

Question Put: Agreed that the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation Request for CIN 2 is

approved – pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act

(8) APPROPRIATION TO BE PURCHASED BY THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTSUPPLIERS OF APPROPRIATION: MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY, 'TRAVEL CAYMAN' UNIT WITHIN MINISTRY OF BORDER CONTROL AND LABOUR AND, PRIVATE SECTOR HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDERS AND OTHER PRIVATE SECTOR SUPPLIERS

OTHER EXECUTIVE EXPENSE

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2021 Approved Budget \$	2021 Section 12 Request \$	2021 Revised Appropriation \$
OE 140	COVID-19 Response and Recovery	NIL	28,477,315	28,477,315

Discussions ensued on OE 140.

Question Put:

Agreed that the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation Request for OE 140 is approved – pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision).

7. **Adjournment**

The Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Chairman of the Finance Committee, adjourned the Meeting at 2:00 pm until 2:30pm on Wednesday 1st September, 2021.

Minutes of Proceedings of the

Standing Finance Committee on Supplementary Expenditure Appropriations for the Financial Year 2021

Second Meeting Wednesday, 1st September 2021

Minutes of proceedings of the Standing Finance Committee (the "Committee") meeting held Wednesday, 1st September 2021 at 2:45 pm in the Large Committee Room, House of Parliament, George Town, Grand Cayman.

Present: Hon. Christopher S. Saunders, MP – Chairman

Hon. G. Wayne Panton, JP, MP

Hon. W. McKeeva Bush, OBE, JP, MP

Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, MP Hon. Sabrina T. Turner, MP Hon. Johany S. (Jay) Ebanks, MP Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP Hon. Bernie A. Bush, MP

Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP

Ms. Heather D. Bodden, JP, MP Mr. Isaac D. Rankine, MP

Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks, MP Hon. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP

Mr. Joseph X. Hew, MP

Hon. Alden McLaughlin, MBE, QC, JP, MP

Mr. Dwayne S. Seymour, JP, MP Ms. Barbara E. Conolly, JP, MP Mr. David C. Wight, JP, MP

Apologies: Mr. Moses I. Kirkconnell, JP, MP

1. Meeting to Order

There being a quorum present the Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:45 pm.

2. Consideration of Draft Finance Committee Report

The Committee considered the Draft Minutes and Report of the Standing Finance Committee on the Supplementary Appropriations supported by a Paper entitled "Requests to Finance Committee for Appropriation Changes Sought Under Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision) for the Year Ending 31 December 2021", in accordance with Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision).

Question Put: Agreed. Minutes of Wednesday, 1st September 2021 approved with

amendment.

Question Put: Agreed. Paragraphs 1 through 6 of the Report approved with

amendment.

Question Put: Agreed that this Report of the Standing Finance Committee on the Supplementary

Appropriations supported by a Paper entitled "Requests to Finance Committee for Appropriation Changes Sought Under Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision) for the Year Ending 31 December 2021", in accordance with Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision) be the Report to be

laid on the Table of the House.

3. Adjournment

Report and Minutes of the Standing Finance Committee Meeting – 1st September, 2021

At 3:00 pm the Chairman of the Standing Finance Committee adjourned the meeting.