



Statement on behalf of the Honourable Attorney General on the “Exceptional Circumstance” Transaction Incurred During the 2021 Financial Year for Judicial Administration

Mister Speaker, pursuant to Section 11(6) of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision), I wish to make a statement to Members of this Honourable House regarding exceptional circumstances which were approved by the Cabinet for Judicial Administration during the 2021 financial year that ends on 31 December 2021

Mister Speaker, the exceptional circumstances required making changes to the 2021 appropriations - which I will briefly explain.

Judicial Administration has been operating a case management system from 1999 which is reaching the end of its useful life. As a result, implementation of a new platform is required before the end of 2022.

The plan is for a more modern platform which utilises a Microsoft operating system and seeks to introduce required updated hardware and software to support the organization.

Judicial Administration requires a highly integrated modern case management system that provides secure access to parties and case data across the entire justice system in order to achieve its mandate.

To facilitate a new platform Judicial Administration had to replace the aging hardware and upgrade its IT infrastructure. This is critical to avert a service failure and to facilitate robust business continuity through this modern platform, particularly in the event having to resume business as an essential service after and during a disaster, as experienced during the Covid19 lockdown.

Funding includes: Case Management System, Database and Application Implementation Costs, Hardware, Infrastructure upgrades and reconfiguration, Software Upgrades, depreciation and contingency planning.

The additional funding required in 2021 totaled \$1,033,668. Internal savings of \$1,033,668 were identified within Judicial Administration's 2021 appropriations. The following changes were approved by Cabinet via Section 11(5):

a. Increase appropriations:

<i>EI 21 Judicial Administration</i>	<i>\$800,094</i>
<i>JAD 2 Support for Court Proceedings</i>	<i>\$233,574</i>
<i>Total appropriation Increase</i>	<i>\$1,033,668</i>

b. Decrease appropriation:

<i>EA 145 Court House</i>	<i>\$1,033,668</i>
<i>Total appropriation Decrease</i>	<i>\$1,033,668</i>

Conclusion

Mister Speaker, this sets out the exceptional circumstance for the supplementary funding approved by the Cabinet for Judicial Administration during 2021.

Thank you Mister Speaker.