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Statement in relation to the 1st 2020 Supplementary

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Minister of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture & Lands

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***Statement in relation to the Exceptional Circumstance Appropriation
changes resulting in the 1st 2020 Section 12 Supplementary
Appropriations of the Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports,
Agriculture & Lands***

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Mister Speaker,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to bring to the attention of this Honourable House, the exceptional circumstances for appropriation changes which have resulted in the Section 12 Supplementary Appropriations initiated by the Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture & Lands for 2020.

Mister Speaker, Cabinet was asked to consider and approve the following requests for supplementary funding for the Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture & Lands appropriation lines for 2020 expenditure as follows:

UCCI

The University College of the Cayman Islands was awarded a five percent (5%) COLA, for all of its employees, retroactive to 1st January 2020. This resulted in an increase in the appropriation University College of the Cayman Islands (CCO 1) in the amount of \$557,545 to cover the costs of applying COLA for financial years 2020 and 2021. Also in accordance with the request from UCCI approved by Cabinet, there was an increase of \$1,013,211 in the same appropriation which reflects the cost of applying section 47 of the Public Authorities Law which became effective on the 1st of June 2019 and the relative costs associated with this for the financial years 2019, 2020 and 2021.

NJGHS EI 12 Increases

Following a request from the National Hazard Management Council the design of the New John Gray High School (NJGHS) was slightly altered to provide greater shelter capacity. The initial design of NJGHS catered for 1,840 emergency shelter spaces in the gymnasium, the administration building and the performance arts building.

The buildings from the initial design accommodated for hurricane resistant structures (reinforced concrete walls and roofs and full standby power). However following the request from National Hazard Management Council and in order to increase the shelter capacity by an additional 3,800 emergency shelter spaces, funding in the amount CI\$3,650,000 was required to:

1. upgrade to hurricane rated the glazing (shelter standard);
2. increase cistern capacity;
3. allow portion of shelter to be used as an emergency medical centre; and
4. additional storage capacity to enable the shelter to function as a post hurricane distribution centre for essential supplies.

As Honourable Members would be aware the renovation of the public school campuses on Walkers Road (i.e. John Gray High School, Cayman Islands Further Education Center (CIFEC), and George Hicks High School) has been broken down into three Projects. Project A is the completion of the New John Gray High School site which is currently in progress and anticipated to have a phased opening beginning in 2021 and a full opening in 2022. Project B is the repurposing of the current George Hicks High School site for use by educational units including CIFEC, Department of Education Services, and Student Services. Project C is the demolition of the current CIFEC site and development of sports fields for the New John Gray High School.

The final business case agreed a final affordability window between CI\$68.317 million and CI\$82.882 million (this includes the aforementioned increase of CI\$3,650,000 for hurricane shelter capacity). Cabinet allocated CI\$32,922,000 in 2020 and CI\$9,880,427 in 2021 for the construction of NJGHS Project A. In conjunction to approving the final business case for Project A of NJGHS, the amount of CI\$20,119,573 is being reallocated to complete the funding needs for the construction of Project A for this budget cycle (i.e. 2020 and 2021).

Conclusion

Mister Speaker, thank you for allowing me to explain the exceptional circumstances which have resulted in the aforementioned Section 12 Supplementary Appropriations initiated by the Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture & Lands for the 2020 fiscal year thus far.