

STATEMENT IN THE PARLIAMENT

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MINISTER OF TOURISM, AND TRANSPORT

STATEMENT ON SECTION 11 (5) APPROPRIATIONS: 2021

October 2021

Mr. Speaker, I rise to make a Statement in accordance with Section 11 (6) of the Public Management and Finance Act, in relation to the Section 11 (5) appropriations during the 2021 fiscal year.

11. (5) Where an exceptional circumstance has occurred during a financial year, the Cabinet may authorise executive financial transactions for which no appropriation exists if —

(a) the executive financial transactions directly relate to, and attempt to remedy the effects of, the exceptional circumstance; and

(b) the total amount authorised is no more than five per cent of budgeted executive revenue for the financial year.

1 January to 14 April 2021

Mister Speaker, TP 67 Sports and Cultural Tourism Programmes Assistance was increased by \$27M in order to assist with providing financial assistance to displaced tourism employees that have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and the resulting closure of the Cayman Islands Borders.

14 April Onwards

The appropriation TP 67 Sports and Cultural Tourism Programmes Assistance was increased by \$2M in order to assist with providing financial assistance to displaced tourism employees that have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and the resulting closure of the Cayman Islands Borders. This increase was funded by a decrease in DAT 15 Tourism Advertising Activities, Marketing, Public Relations, Sales and Promotions.

Mister Speaker, NGS 7 Management of Small Business Development was increased by \$110,000 in order to assist with providing financial assistance to the Stingray Feeding and Interaction Programme. This increase was funded by

a decrease in the same amount in DAT 16 Support for Local Tourism Providers and Public Education Programmes.

The appropriation TAB 1 Management of Pedro St. James National Historic Site was increased by \$100,000 in order to assist with the shortfall between expenses and revenues that have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and the resulting closure of the Cayman Islands Borders. This increase was funded by a decrease in the same amount in DAT 16 Support for Local Tourism Providers and Public Education Programmes.

Mister Speaker, TAB 2 Management of Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park was increased by \$340,000 in order to assist with the shortfall between expenses and revenues that have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and the resulting closure of the Cayman Islands Borders. This increase was funded by a decrease in the same amount in DAT 16 Support for Local Tourism Providers and Public Education Programmes.

The appropriation TP 67 Sports and Cultural Tourism Programmes Assistance was increased by \$5.4M in order to assist with providing financial assistance to displaced

tourism employees that have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and the resulting closure of the Cayman Islands Borders. This increase was funded by a decrease in the same amount in EA 85 Ministry of Home Affairs.

Mister Speaker, the COVID-19 Pandemic is an event that was unforeseen and could not have been planned for. And, as such, Mister Speaker, I believe that these COVID-19 related expenses, just mentioned, meet the threshold of exceptional circumstances as outlined in the Public Management and Finance Act.

Thank you, Mister Speaker.