

STATEMENT IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
BY THE HONOURABLE MOSES I. KIRKCONNELL, JP
DEPUTY PREMIER AND MINISTER OF DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATION, TOURISM, AND TRANSPORT
STATEMENT ON SECTION 11 (5) APPROPRIATIONS: 2020
October 2020

Mr. Speaker, I rise to make a Statement in accordance with Section 11 (6) of the Public Management and Finance Law, in relation to the Section 11 (5) appropriations during the 2020 fiscal year.

2020 Fiscal Year

Mister Speaker, CAL 1 Strategic Domestic Air Services was increased by \$1.8M in order to assist with meeting costs of domestic air service. This increase was funded by a decrease in EI 1 Cayman Airways Ltd.

The appropriation CAL 2 Strategic Tourism, Regional and Core Air Services was increased by \$14,540,000 in order to secure a temporary fleet structure due to the ongoing grounding of the Boeing 737-8 Max fleet. This increase

was partially funded by a decrease in EI 1 Cayman Airways Ltd. of \$9.55M.

The appropriation TP 66 Sister Islands Home Repairs Assistance was increased by \$300,000 in order to assist with continual housing repairs for Sister Islands senior citizens and to provide economic stimulus via the construction sector. This increase was funded by a decrease in EI 68 Ministry of District Administration, Tourism, and Transport in the same amount.

Mister Speaker, TP 67 Sports and Cultural Tourism Programmes Assistance was increased by \$15,600,000 in order to assist with providing financial assistance to displaced Caymanian tourism employees that have been effected by the Covid-19 pandemic and the resulting close of Cayman Islands borders. This increase was partially funded by a decrease in DAT 15 Tourism Advertising Activities, Marketing, Public Relations, Sales and Promotions of \$4,000,000 and a decrease in EA 143 Cruise Berthing Facility Project of \$2,600,000. The remaining funding of \$9,000,000 is being requested at this current Finance Committee.

The appropriation TP 86 Sister Islands Beaches and Community Cleanup Programme was increased by \$300,000 in order to assist with the Sister Islands economic stimulus and employment relief effort. This increase was funded by a decrease in EI 68 Ministry of District Administration, Tourism, and Transport in the same amount.

Mister Speaker, EA 55 Cayman Brac and Little Cayman Roads was increased by \$900,000 in order to assist with on-going road repair and paving projects in the Sister Islands as well as economic stimulus/relief from impacts of Covid-19. This increase was funded by a decrease in EA 157 Cayman Turtle Conservation Centre – Cayman Brac Facility in the same amount.

The appropriation EI 1 Cayman Airways Ltd. was increased by \$300,000 in order to accommodate the payment of the Covid-19 Honorarium to deserving staff.

Lastly, Mister Speaker, EI 82 Cayman Islands Airports Authority was increased by \$154,000 in order to accommodate the payment of the Covid-19 Honorarium to deserving staff.

Thank you, Mister Speaker.