

CAYMAN ISLANDS



**Statement by the Premier and Minister
for the Office of the Commissioner of Police
in support of the
Supplementary Appropriations (January 2020 TO December 2020), Bill, 2020**

Mister Speaker, I rise make this Statement to Members of this Honourable House for the Office of the Commissioner of Police in support of the supplementary funding under Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Law (2020 Revision) to the Office of the Commissioner of Police.

Mister Speaker, within the auspices of the Office of the Commissioner of Police, the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service is charged with fulfilling one of the Government's eight Broad Outcome Goals which is *#4 Reducing Crime and the Fear of Crime*. The RCIPS also contributes (along with other government agencies) to fulfilling *#6 Stronger Communities and Support for the Most Vulnerable*.

Mister Speaker, West Bay as you will be aware, is the third fastest-growing district of Grand Cayman. The existing West Bay Police Station facility has outgrown

its useful life and also lacks the spaces required to serve the district adequately in future decades.

Members of this Honourable House may recall, Mister Speaker, that in 2019 the land was cleared for the project. This supplementary funding is for the furtherance of the development of this facility with next stage of site preparedness, including the demucking and filling of the land, and with covering the design costs for the new station. The total supplementary appropriation amount for these next stages of the development, is \$2,395,000.00.

In closing, Mister Speaker, the West Bay station will also service some national-level units within the RCIPS, including the much-needed new purpose-built Exhibits spaces, the Indoor Gun Range, and the Training and Development Unit, to better serve the mission of the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service, which is to keep the Cayman Islands safe.

Thank you Mister Speaker.
