



PARLIAMENT
of the
CAYMAN ISLANDS

REPORT OF THE STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE
ON THE
Appropriation (Financial Years 2024 and 2025) Bill, 2023

State Opening and Budget Address
Second Meeting of the 2023-2024 Session
of the Parliament of the Cayman Islands

Friday, 15th December 2023

Laid upon the Table of this Honourable House this day of December, 2023
by the Chair of the Standing Finance Committee, Minister of Finance.

1. Reference

Following the Second Reading of the Appropriation (Financial Years 2024 and 2025) Bill, 2023 on 13th December, 2023, the Bill stood committed to the Standing Finance Committee of the Parliament in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 63(3).

2. Composition of Committee

In accordance with the provisions of the Cayman Islands Constitution Order 2009, Section 71(7), the Standing Finance Committee comprises all Elected Members of the Parliament with the Honourable Minister of Finance as Chair.

3. Meetings

The Committee met on the following days -

- (i) Wednesday, 13th December, 2023
- (ii) Thursday, 14th December, 2023
- (iii) Friday, 15th December, 2023 - (to consider the Report)

4. Chief Officers, Witnesses and Persons in Attendance

Chief Officers attended meetings to provide information to the Committee. Other Government Officers and public sector officials were also in attendance to provide information and/or to assist the Committee and Chief Officers.

5. Consideration of the Appropriation (Financial Years 2024 and 2025) Bill, 2023

The Committee had before it the Appropriation (Financial Years 2024 and 2025) Bill, 2023 together with the Plan and Estimates for the Cayman Islands Government for the Financial Years ending 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2025, together with the Budget Statements for the 2024 Financial Year ending 31 December 2024 and the 2025 Financial Year ending 31 December 2025; Purchase Agreements between the Cayman Islands Government and Statutory Authorities and Government Owned Companies for the 2024 Financial Year ending 31 December 2024 and the 2025 Financial Year ending 31 December 2025; and Ownership Agreements for the 2024 Financial Year ending 31 December 2024 and the 2025 Financial Year ending 31 December 2025.

5.1. Clauses 1 through 3 of the Bill

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 64(1), Clauses 1 through 3 of the Appropriation (Financial Years 2024 and 2025) Bill, 2023 stood postponed until after the consideration of the Schedule to the Bill.

5.2. Consideration of the Schedule to the Bill – Standing Order 64(3)

The Committee considered the Schedule of the Bill and agreed to the Appropriations for Output Groups, Other Executive Expenses, Equity Investments, Transfer Payments, Financing Expenses, Loans Made and Executive Assets set out in the Bill with the following amendments –

MOTION NO. 1:

DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND

WHEREAS the Environmental Protection Fund (the Fund/the EPF) was created on 10th December 1997 by Government Motion No. 14/97 for the purpose of “defraying expenditure incurred in protecting and preserving the environment of the Islands”;

AND WHEREAS it is required “that disbursements from the Fund may only be made in accordance with resolutions made by the Finance Committee, and under the authority of the Minister for Finance, for the purpose of defraying expenditure incurred in protecting and preserving the environment of the Islands”;

AND WHEREAS at 31st October 2023 the balance on the Fund was CI \$51,349,014.62;

AND WHEREAS the Government is seeking approval in the 2024-2025 budget period for the amounts shown in Appendix B, totalling \$14.5 million that represent expenditures to be incurred with respect to protecting and preserving the environment of the Islands, being met by disbursements from the Fund;

AND WHEREAS the Government is seeking to unencumber all previously approved but unspent approvals from the Fund.

BE IT NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT: -

1. the previous EPF Resolutions to disburse amounts from the Fund, as shown by Appendix A, be now unencumbered, totalling \$38,518,611 that were previously encumbered since 10 December 1997, but, which remain unspent and uncommitted, as of 30 November 2023;
2. the expenditures shown by Appendix B, totalling \$14,512,732, that are expected to be incurred in the 2024 and 2025 Financial Years, to be recognised as being in the interest of protecting and preserving the environment of the Islands; and
3. that the Minister for Finance be authorised to disburse up to \$14,512,732, as shown by Appendix B from the Environmental Protection Fund to cover expenditures to be incurred with respect to the matters on the overleaf schedule.

Moved by: Honourable Katherine Ebanks-Wilks, MP
Minister Responsible for Sustainability and Climate Resiliency

Dated: 8 December 2023

Question Put: Agreed that the Minister for Finance is authorised to disburse up to \$14,512,732, from the Environmental Protection Fund to cover expenditures to be incurred with respect to Appropriation EA 165 George Town Landfill Remediation Works in the 2024 Financial year in the amount of \$1,400,000 and to Appropriation SCR 3 Environmental Services and Research in the 2024 and 2025 Financial Years in the total amount of \$13,112,732.

MOTION NO. 2:

**Committee Stage Amendment
to**

The Appropriation (Financial Years 2024 and 2025) Bill, 2023

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 65, I, the Honourable Minister for Sustainability & Climate Resiliency, hereby give notice, with respect to the above-captioned Bill, to Move the following:

Appropriations to the Minister for District Administration and Lands

For the 2024 financial year, that Executive Asset, EA 146 - Land Purchase Conservation, be added to the Schedule of the Bill, with an amount of \$10,000,000.

Moved by: Honourable Katherine Ebanks-Wilks, MP
Minister for Ministry of Sustainability & Climate Resiliency

Received by the Clerk this 13th day of December 2023

Passed by the Standing Finance Committee of the Parliament this 13th day of December, 2023.

Question Put: Agreed that the Appropriation for EA 146 – Land Purchase Conservation be added to the Appropriations to the Minister for District Administration and Lands in the amount of \$10,000,000 for the 2024 Financial Year.

Question Put: Agreed that new Executive Asset EA 146 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

MOTION NO. 3:

DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND

WHEREAS the Environmental Protection Fund (the Fund) was created on 10th December 1997 by Government Motion No. 14/97 for the purpose of "defraying expenditure incurred in protecting and preserving the environment of the Islands";

AND WHEREAS it is required "that disbursements from the Fund may only be made in accordance with resolutions made by the Finance Committee, and under the authority of the Minister for Finance, for the purpose of defraying expenditure incurred in protecting and preserving the environment of the Islands";

AND WHEREAS at 31st October 2023 the balance on the Fund was CI\$51,349,014.62;

AND WHEREAS the Government is seeking approval in the 2024 and 2025 budget period for the amounts shown on the overleaf Schedule, totalling \$10,000,000 that represent expenditures to be incurred with respect to purchasing land for conservation in the Islands, being met by disbursements from the Fund;

BE IT NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT:

1. the expenditures shown on the overleaf Schedule, totalling \$10,000,000 that are expected to be incurred in the period 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2025 be recognised as being expenditures whose aim is protecting and preserving the environment of the Islands and, such expenditures are to be in specific form of purchasing land for conservation in the Islands; and
2. that the Minister for Finance and Economic Development be authorised to disburse up to \$10,000,000 from the Environmental Protection Fund to cover expenditures to be incurred with respect to the matters on the overleaf schedule.

Moved by: Honourable Katherine Ebanks-Wilks, MP
Minister responsible for Ministry of Sustainability & Climate Resiliency

Dated: 8 December, 2023.

Question Put: Agreed that the Minister for Finance and Economic Development is authorised to disburse up to \$10,000,000 from the Environmental Protection Fund to cover expenditures to be incurred for the acquisition of land for conservation purposes estimated to cost \$10,000,00 over the budget period of 2024 and 2025.

Question Put and the Motion agreed and further it was agreed that EA 146 for an amount of \$10,000,000 (for the 2024 financial year) would stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

MOTION 4

**Committee Stage Amendment
to
The Appropriation (Financial Years 2024 and 2025) Bill, 2023**

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 65, I, the Honourable Minister for Youth, Sports and Heritage, hereby give notice, with respect to the above-captioned Bill, to Move the following:

Appropriations to the Minister for Youth, Sports and Heritage

For the 2024 and 2025 financial years, that the appropriated amount of \$108,873 under Output Group NCF 1 - Arts and Cultural Preservation, Documentation and Promotion, be reduced to \$0 in each year;

For the 2024 and 2025 financial years, that the appropriated amounts of \$383,468 under Output Group NCF 2 - Cultural Festivals, International Cultural Presentations, and Local Cultural Partnerships, be reduced to \$0 in each year;

For the 2024 and 2025 financial years, that the appropriated amounts of \$395,320 under Output Group NCF 3 - Management of Operations and Maintenance of FJ Harquail Cultural Centre, be reduced to \$0 in each year;

For the 2024 and 2025 financial years, that the appropriated amounts of \$266,437 under Output Group NCF 4 - Training and Support for Artistic Development, be reduced to \$0 in each year;

For the 2024 and 2025 financial years, that the appropriated amounts of \$6,152 under Output Group NCF 5 - Youth Arts Programming, be reduced to \$0 in each year; and

For the 2024 and 2025 financial years, under the appropriations to the Minister for Border Control, Labour & Culture; create a new Output Group NCF 6 – Cultural Programmes for \$1,160,250 in each year.

Moved by: Honourable Isaac Rankine, JP, MP
 Minister of Youth, Sports & Heritage

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for the following Output Groups be reduced to \$0 for the 2024 and 2025 Financial years: NCF 1, NCF 2, MCF 3, NCF 4, and NCF 5.

Question Put: Agreed that a new Output Group NCF6 – Cultural Programmes – be added to the Appropriations for the Minister of Border Control, Labour & Culture in the amount of \$1,160.250 for the 2024 and 2025 Financial Years.

Question Put: Agreed that new Output Group NCF6 stands part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Question put: Agreed that NCF 1, NCF 2, NCF 3, NCF 4, NCF 5; and a new Output Group NCF 6, as amended, stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

MOTION 5

**Committee Stage Amendment
to
The Appropriation (Financial Years 2024 and 2025) Bill, 2023**

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 65, I, the Honourable Minister for Youth, Sports and Heritage, hereby give notice, with respect to the above-captioned Bill, to Move the following:

Appropriations to the Minister for Youth, Sports and Heritage

For the 2024 and 2025 financial years, that Transfer Payment TP 107 – Youth, Sports and Heritage Programmes, be reduced by \$1,500,000 in each year;

For the 2024 and 2025 financial years, that Equity Investment EI 86 – Ministry of Youth Sports and Heritage, be increased by \$1,500,000 in each year;

For the 2024 financial year, that Equity Investment EI 86 – Ministry of Youth Sports and Heritage, be increased by \$60,000;

For the 2024 financial year, that Equity Investment EI 72 – Cayman National Cultural Foundation, be reduced by \$60,000;

For the 2024 financial year, that the balance of \$125,000 under Equity Investment EI 72 – Cayman National Cultural Foundation be moved, and become Equity Investment EI 72 – Cayman National Cultural Foundation under the Minister for Border Control, Labour & Culture;

For the 2025 financial year, that the appropriated amount of \$200,000 under Equity Investment EI 72 – Cayman National Cultural Foundation be moved, and become Equity Investment EI 72 – Cayman National Cultural Foundation under the Minister for Border Control, Labour & Culture;

Moved by: Honourable Isaac Rankine, JP, MP
Minister of Youth, Sports & Heritage

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriation for Transfer Payment TP 107 is reduced by \$1,500,000 and the appropriation for Equity Investment EI 86 is increased by \$1,500,000 for the 2024 and 2025 financial years.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriation for Equity Investment EI 72 is reduced by \$60,000 for the 2024 financial year and that the appropriation for Equity Investment EI 86 is increased by \$60,000 for the 2024 financial year.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriation for Equity Investment EI 72 is reduced by \$125,000 and that a new Equity Investment EI 72 – Cayman National Cultural Foundation- is added to the appropriations for the Minister of Border Control, Labour and Culture in the amount of \$125,000 for the 2024 financial year.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriation for Equity Investment EI 72 is reduced by \$200,000 and that a new Equity Investment EI 72 – Cayman National Cultural Foundation- is added to the appropriations for the Minister of Border Control, Labour and Culture in the amount of \$200,000 for the 2025 financial year.

Question put: Agreed that TP 107 and EI 72, as amended, stand at of the Schedule to the Bill.

6. Standing Order 64(7)

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 64(7), I beg to lay upon the Table of this Honourable House the Report of the Standing Finance Committee on the Appropriation (Financial Years 2024 and 2025) Bill, 2023 and, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 74(5), I do move that the Report be adopted.

Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP
Premier
Minister of Finance & Economic Development, Education *and*
District Administration & Lands
Elected Member for Cayman Brac East
Chair

Hon. Sir Alden McLaughlin, KCMG, MBE, KC, JP, MP
Speaker
Elected Member for Red Bay

Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP
Deputy Premier
Minister of Financial Services & Commerce *and*
Investment, Innovation & Social Development
Elected Member for West Bay South

Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, MP
Minister of Tourism & Ports
Elected Member for George Town Central

Hon. Sabrina T. Turner, MP
Minister of Health & Wellness *and* Home Affairs
Elected Member for Prospect

Hon. Johany S. Ebanks, MP
Minister of Planning, Agriculture, Housing, Infrastructure and
Transport & Development
Elected Member for North Side

Hon. Isaac D. Rankine, JP, MP
Minister of Youth, Sports & Heritage
Elected Member for East End

Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks, MP
Minister of Sustainability & Climate Resiliency
Elected Member for West Bay Central

Hon. Dwayne S. Seymour, JP, MP
Minister of Border Control & Labour and Culture
Elected Member for Bodden Town East

Hon. Heather D. Bodden, OCI, Cert Hon, JP, MP
Deputy Speaker
Elected Member for Savannah

Hon. W. McKeeva Bush, JP, MP
Elected Member for West Bay West

Mr. Bernie A. Bush, MP
Elected Member for West Bay North

Hon. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP
Leader of the Opposition
Elected Member for George Town East

Mr. Joseph X. Hew, MP
Deputy Leader of the Opposition
Elected Member for George Town North

Mr. Moses I. Kirkconnell, JP, MP
Elected Member for Cayman Brac West and Little Cayman

Ms. Barbara E. Conolly, JP, NP, MP
Elected Member for George Town South

Mr. David C. Wight, JP, MP
Elected Member for George Town West

Mr. Christopher S. Saunders, MP
Elected Member for Bodden Town West

Hon. G. Wayne Panton, JP, MP
Elected Member for Newlands

**Minutes of Proceedings
of the
Standing Finance Committee
on the Appropriation (Financial Years 2024 and 2025) Bill, 2023**

**First Meeting
Wednesday, 13th December, 2023**

Minutes of proceedings of the Standing Finance Committee meeting held Wednesday, 13th December, 2023 at 2:08 pm in the Chamber of the House of Parliament, George Town, Grand Cayman.

Present: Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP — Chair
Hon. Sir Alden McLaughlin, KCMG, MBE, KC, JP, MP
Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP
Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, MP
Hon. Sabrina T. Turner, MP
Hon. Johany S. Ebanks, MP
Hon. Isaac D. Rankine, JP, MP
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Mr. Joseph X. Hew, MP
Mr. Moses I. Kirkconnell, JP, MP
Ms. Barbara E. Conolly, JP, NP, MP
Mr. David C. Wight, JP, MP
Mr. Christopher S. Saunders, MP

Apologies: Hon. G. Wayne Panton, JP, MP

In Attendance: Mr. Kenneth Jefferson - Financial Secretary & Chief Officer, Ministry of F&ED
Mr. Matthew Tibbetts - Accountant General, Ministry of F&ED
Ms. Anne Owens – Senior Assistant Financial Secretary, Ministry of F&ED
Mr. Michael Nixon - Senior Assistant Financial Secretary, Ministry of F&ED

Witnesses: Mrs. Jennifer Ahearn – Chief Officer, Ministry of Sustainability & Climate Resiliency
Mr. Wilbur Welcome – Acting Chief Officer, Ministry of District Administration & Lands
Mr. Stephen Quinland – Director, Department of Vehicles and Equipment Services
Mr. Tristan Hydes – Deputy Chief Officer, Ministry of Planning, Agriculture, Housing, Infrastructure, Transport & Development
Mr. Eric Bush - Chief Officer, Ministry of Planning, Agriculture, Housing, Infrastructure, Transport & Development
Mr. David Dixon – Director, Department of Vehicles and Drivers' Licensing
Mr. Brian Crichlow – Acting Director, Department of Agriculture
Mr. Craig Maitland – Facilities Manager, Facilities Management Department
Mrs. Leyda-Nicholson - Makasare - Deputy Chief Officer, Ministry of Planning, Agriculture, Housing, Infrastructure, Transport & Development
Ms. Melissa Powery – Financial Comptroller, OfReg
Mr. Peter Gough – Interim Chief Executive Officer, OfReg
Mr. Louis Boucher – Executive Director, OfReg (Energy, Fuels, Utilities)
Mr. Dwayne Tucker – Fuel Analyst, OfReg
Mr. Troy Whorms - Director, Public Works Department
Mr. Paul Tibbetts - Chief Financial Officer, Cayman Airways Limited

Ms. Rosa Harris – Director, Department of Tourism
 Mr. Stran Bodden – Chief Officer, Ministry of Tourism & Ports
 Mr. Wesley Howell – Chief Officer, Minister of Border Control & Labour and Culture
 Mr. Charles Clifford – Director, Customs and Border Control

1. **Reference**
 The Committee met following the Second Reading of the Appropriation (Financial Years 2024 and 2025) Bill, 2023.
2. **Meeting to Order**
 There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 2:08 pm.
3. **Prayers**
 The Elected Member for Bodden Town West offered a word of prayer.
4. **Explanation on 2023 projections, provided by Financial Secretary Mr. Kenneth Jefferson.**
5. **Consideration of the Appropriation (Financial Years 2024 and 2025) Bill, 2023.**

Clauses 1 through 3 of the Bill – Standing Order 64(1)

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 64(1), Clauses 1 through 3 of the Appropriation (Financial Years 2024 and 2025) Bill, 2023 stood postponed until after the consideration of the Schedule of the Bill.

Consideration of the Schedule to the Bill – Standing Order 64(3)

The Committee commenced consideration of the Schedule to the Bill -

SCHEDULE

Appropriations for Financial Years 2024 and 2025

APPROPRIATIONS TO THE MINISTER FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE RESILIENCY

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
SCR 1	Policy Advice to the Minister on the Development and Coordination of Sustainability and Climate Resiliency Initiatives	4,069,415	4,310,863
SCR 3	Environmental Services and Research	6,381,713	6,731,019
NGS 74	Preservation of Natural Environments and Places of Historic Significance	570,000	570,000
NGS 87	Gender Equality Cayman	6,000	14,000

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
Transfer Payments			
TP 110	Sustainability Programme Support	109,546	0
TP 111	Climate Resiliency Programme	100,000	0
TP 112	Community Support Programmes	250,000	250,000
Other Executive Expenses			
OE 66	United Nations Caribbean Environmental Programme	7,000	7,000
OE 133	Oil Spills Tier 3 - Annual Fee	60,000	60,000
Equity Investment			
EI 84	Ministry of Sustainability and Climate Resiliency	641,000	632,000

Appropriations to the Minister for Sustainability and Climate Resiliency

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Executive Assets			
EA 162	Protected Area Management	500,000	500,000
EA 165	George Town Landfill Remediation Works	1,400,000	0

Discussions ensued on **Output Group SCR 1**.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for SCR 1 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on **Output Group SCR 3**.

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AND WHEREAS the Government is seeking to unencumber all previously approved but unspent approvals from the Fund.

BE IT NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT: -

4. the previous EPF Resolutions to disburse amounts from the Fund, as shown by Appendix A, be now unencumbered, totalling \$38,518,611 that were previously encumbered since 10 December 1997, but, which remain unspent and uncommitted, as of 30 November 2023;
5. the expenditures shown by Appendix B, totalling \$14,512,732, that are expected to be incurred in the 2024 and 2025 Financial Years, to be recognised as being in the interest of protecting and preserving the environment of the Islands; and
6. that the Minister for Finance be authorised to disburse up to \$14,512,732, as shown by Appendix B from the Environmental Protection Fund to cover expenditures to be incurred with respect to the matters on the overleaf schedule.

Moved by: Honourable Katherine Ebanks-Wilks, MP
Minister Responsible for Sustainability and Climate Resiliency

Dated: 8 December, 2023

APPENDIX A

Schedule of Encumbered Funds: Finance Committee is being asked to Unencumber these amounts noted below as they have not been utilised and are not sought to be used in the 2024-2025 Budget.

Name of Agency	Amount	Description and Details
Ministry of District Admin and Lands	4,110,805	Finance Committee approved that CI\$5,500,000 could be disbursed from the Fund - EA 4: Land Purchase
	1,123,101	Land acquisition for the natural environment. Appropriation EA 146 2016/17 Budget
	500,000	FY 2020 Appropriation EA 4 Purchase of land for conservation purposes
	2,000,000	FY 2021 Appropriation EA 4 Purchase of land for conservation purposes
	1,300,000	Ministry of District Admin & Lands Appropriation EA 146. The acquisition of land for conservation purposes is estimated to cost \$7,000,000 over the budget period (i.e. 2022/2023).
	3,924,325	To defray the cost of purchasing land- which such land purchases being aimed at protecting and preserving the environment and such purchases are estimated to cost an amount not exceed \$10,000000 EA 4: Land Purchase, in the 2018 FY
Sub-total	12,958,231	

Min Financial Services and Commerce	491,873	Programmes aimed at protecting the environment. An element of FSC 13 2016/17 Budget
	169,596	Proposed to be added to Appropriation headed FSC 13 to cover elements of FSC 13 and to enable further (i) conservation related operational expenditure; and (ii) conservation related projects and initiatives.
	51,830	Replacement of the Sea-keeper Vessel for Marine Patrols. This is an element of Appropriation EI 67, which is for a total of \$675,000
Sub-total	713,299	
Name of Agency	Amount	Description and Details
Ministry of Health and Wellness	2,673,594	FY 2020 Appropriation EI 53 Remediation works Integrated Solid Waste Management System (ISWMS), project 2020
	1,020,118	FY 2020 Appropriation HES 21 Programmes aimed at protecting the environment
	2,521,000	FY 2021 Appropriation EI 53 Cost of establishing an ISWMS-related Transfer Station on Cayman Brac
	792,138	FY 2021 Appropriation HES 21 Programmes aimed at protecting the environment
	797,872	Programmes aimed at protecting the environment. An element of Appropriation HES 21/ 2018 FY
	8,050,000	Remediation of the George Town Landfill in preparation of operation of the Integrated Solid Waste Management System appropriated as part of Appropriation EI 53/2019 FY
	4,600,000	Remediation of the George Town Landfill in preparation of operation of the Integrated Solid Waste System appropriated as part of Appropriation EI 53 /2018 FY
Sub-total	20,454,722	
Min Planning, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure	1,200,000	FY 2020 Appropriation EA 153 Cost of planned reclamation and remediation of Kaibo Public Beach (TRFD From MHECH EI 53)
Sub-total	1,200,000	
Ministry of Sustainability & Climate Resiliency	1,000,000	Min Sustainability & Climate Res. Appropriation EA 162 Funding for the management of protected areas is estimated to cost \$500,000 in 2022 and \$500,000 in 2023.
	750,000	Min Sustainability & Climate Res. Appropriation EA 163 To assist Blue Iguana Recovery Programme partners with establishing a green iguana and predator-proof fence- a key goal in the Blue Iguana Conservation Action Plan \$750,000 in 2022.
	1,750,000	
Ministry of Tourism and Ports	1,442,359	Cost associated with Environmental Impact Assessment for the Cruise Berthing Facility. This is an Element of EA 143, which is for a total amount of \$4,200,000.
Sub-total	1,442,359	
Grand Total	38,518,611	

**Schedule of Expenditures to be Incurred in the 2024-2025 Budget
Period for Which Approval is Sought from Finance Committee, to Have
Such Expenditures Met by Disbursements from the Environmental
Protection Fund**

Name of Agency	Amount	Description and Details
Ministry of Sustainability and Climate Resiliency	\$1,400,000	<u>Appropriation EA 165</u> George Town Landfill Remediation Works in the 2024 Financial Year.
	\$13,112,732	<u>Appropriation SCR 3</u> <u>Environmental Services and Research</u> Funding to defray the cost of Department of Environment operations \$6,381,713 and \$6,731,019 in 2024 and 2025, respectively, totaling \$13,112,732.
Grand Total	\$14,512,732	

Question Put: Agreed that the Minister for Finance is authorised to disburse up to \$14,512,732, from the Environmental Protection Fund to cover expenditures to be incurred with respect to Appropriation EA 165 George Town Landfill Remediation Works in the 2024 Financial year in the amount of \$1,400,000 and to Appropriation SCR 3 Environmental Services and Research in the 2024 and 2025 Financial Years in the total amount of \$13,112,732.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for SCR 3 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for NGS 74 and NGS 87 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on TP 110.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for TP 110, TP 111, TP 112, OE 66 and OE 133 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on EI 84.

Question Put: Agreed that the EI 84 and EA 162 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on EA 165.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for EA 165 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

APPROPRIATIONS TO THE MINISTER FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND LANDS

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
DAL 1	Policy Advice and Support to the Minister for District Administration and Lands	4,853,215	5,213,471
DAL 2	Government Services in Cayman Brac and Little Cayman	11,635,789	12,316,086
DAL 3	Provision of Cadastral Surveying, Land Registration, Stamp Duty Assessment, Valuations and Geographic Information Services	6,682,081	6,471,369
SIH 1	Sister Islands Affordable Housing Programme	75,000	75,000
Transfer Payments			
TP 66	Sister Islands Home Repairs Assistance	600,000	600,000
TP 86	Sister Islands Beaches and Community Clean Up Programme	700,000	700,000
TP 101	Sister Islands Community Programmes/Projects	150,000	150,000
Other Executive Expenses			
OE 134	Depreciation of Executive Assets – Ministry of District Administration and Lands	6,977,462	6,460,622
OE 147	Strata Fees for Crown	48,000	0
OE 148	Lease Payment	17,500	17,500

Appropriations to the Minister for District Administration and Lands

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Equity Investments			
EI 87	Ministry of District Administration and Lands	7,928,000	3,284,000
EI 92	Sister Islands Affordable Housing Corporation	500,000	500,000
Executive Assets			
EA 4	Land Purchase	3,000,000	3,000,000

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
EA 9	Land Purchase: Gazetted Claims	829,000	829,000
EA 36	Miscellaneous Road Surface Upgrades	100,000	0
EA 42	Cayman Brac and Little Cayman Street Lighting	21,000	21,000
EA 55	Cayman Brac and Little Cayman Roads	1,000,000	1,000,000
EA 60	Cayman Brac: Sports Complex Expansion	150,000	300,000
EA 95	Cemetery Vaults: Cayman Brac and Little Cayman	50,000	50,000
EA 125	Cayman Brac Multi-Purpose Hall	100,000	100,000
EA 131	Storm Drain and Deep Wells – Cayman Brac	21,000	21,000
EA 139	Public Docks and Ramps in the Sister Islands	500,000	200,000
EA 144	Public Restrooms (Sister Islands)	200,000	100,000

Appropriations to the Minister for District Administration and Lands

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Executive Assets			
EA 158	Little Cayman Playfield	100,000	0
EA 166	Public Restrooms – Grand Cayman	300,000	1,900,000
EA 167	Cayman Brac Public Parks	300,000	0

Discussions ensued on DAL 1 and DAL 2.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for DAL 1, DAL 2 and DAL 3 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for SIH 1 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on TP 66 and TP 86.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for TP 66, TP 86, TP 101, OE 134, OE 147 and OE 148 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on EI 87 and EI 92.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for EI 87 and EI 92 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on EA 4 and EA 9.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for EA 4, EA 9, EA 36, EA 42, EA 55, EA 60, EA 95, EA 125, EA 131, EA 139, EA 144, EA 158, EA 166 and EA 167 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Motion 2

**Committee Stage Amendment
to
The Appropriation (Financial Years 2024 and 2025) Bill, 2023**

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 65, I, the Honourable Minister for Sustainability & Climate Resiliency, hereby give notice, with respect to the above-captioned Bill, to Move the following:

Appropriations to the Minister for District Administration and Lands

For the 2024 financial year, that Executive Asset, EA 146 - Land Purchase Conservation,
be added to the Schedule of the Bill, with an amount of \$10,000,000.

Moved by: Honourable Katherine Ebanks-Wilks, MP
Minister for Ministry of Sustainability & Climate Resiliency

Received by the Clerk this 13th day of December 2023

Passed by the Standing Finance Committee of the Parliament this 13th day of December, 2023.

Question Put: Agreed that Appropriation for Executive Asset, EA 146 – Land Purchase Conservation be added to the Appropriations to the Minister for District Administration and Lands in the amount of \$10,000,000 for the 2024 financial Year.

Question Put: Agreed that new Executive Asset EA 146 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

MOTION NO. 3:

DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND

WHEREAS the Environmental Protection Fund (the Fund) was created on 10th December 1997 by Government Motion No. 14/97 for the purpose of "defraying expenditure incurred in protecting and preserving the environment of the Islands";

AND WHEREAS it is required "that disbursements from the Fund may only be made in accordance with resolutions made by the Finance Committee, and under the authority of the Minister for Finance, for the purpose of defraying expenditure incurred in protecting and preserving the environment of the Islands";

AND WHEREAS at 31st October 2023 the balance on the Fund was CI\$51,349,014.62;

AND WHEREAS the Government is seeking approval in the 2024 and 2025 budget period for the amounts shown on the overleaf Schedule, totalling \$10,000,000 that represent expenditures to be incurred with respect to purchasing land for conservation in the Islands, being met by disbursements from the Fund;

BE IT NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT:

3. the expenditures shown on the overleaf Schedule, totalling \$10,000,000 that are expected to be incurred in the period 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2025 be recognised as being expenditures whose aim is protecting and preserving the environment of the Islands and, such expenditures are to be in specific form of purchasing land for conservation in the Islands; and
4. that the Minister for Finance and Economic Development be authorised to disburse up to \$10,000,000 from the Environmental Protection Fund to cover expenditures to be incurred with respect to the matters on the overleaf schedule.

Moved by: Honourable Katherine Ebanks-Wilks, MP
Minister responsible for Ministry of Sustainability & Climate Resiliency

Dated: 8 December, 2023

**Schedule of Expenditures to be Incurred in the 2024 and 2025 Budget Period
for Which Approval is Sought from Finance Committee, to Have Such
Expenditures Met by Disbursements from the Environmental Protection
Fund**

Name of Agency	Amount	Description and Details
Ministry of District Administration and Lands	\$10,000,000	<u>Appropriation EA 146</u> The acquisition of land for conservation purposes is estimated to cost \$10,000,000 over the budget period (i.e. 2024 and 2025).
Total	\$10,000,000	

Question Put: Agreed that the Minister for Finance and Economic Development is authorised to disburse up to \$10,000,000 from the Environmental Protection Fund to cover expenditures to be incurred for the acquisition of land for conservation purposes estimated to cost \$10,000,00 over the budget period of 2024 and 2025.

Question Put and the Motion agreed and further it was agreed that EA 146 for an amount of \$10,000,000 (for the 2024 financial year) would stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

APPROPRIATIONS TO THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING, AGRICULTURE, HOUSING, INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT AND DEVELOPMENT

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
PAH 1	Advice and Support to the Minister for Planning, Agriculture, Housing, Infrastructure, Transport and Development	5,510,533	5,500,683
PAH 10	Management of Government Properties	13,636,346	13,636,346
PAH 11	Procurement and Maintenance of Government Fleet	4,509,491	4,509,491
PAH 14	Management of Planning Applications	5,692,677	5,687,910
PAH 16	Licensing of Drivers and Vehicles	1,637,609	1,608,561
PAH 24	Agriculture Support and Regulatory Services	10,500,096	10,489,129
PAH 26	Public Transport Services	1,044,060	1,052,770
PAH 27	Facilities Management	5,126,702	5,126,702
NHT 4	Administration of the Affordable Housing Initiative	178,000	178,000
NHT 5	Administration of the Government Guaranteed Home Assisted Mortgage Programme	282,000	282,000

Appropriations to the Minister for Planning, Agriculture, Housing, Infrastructure, Transport and Development

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
NHT 6	Administration of the New Affordable Housing Initiative	230,000	230,000
NHT 7	Administration of the Build on Your Own Property Initiative	20,000	20,000
URC 1	Drafting Instructions for the	74,289	74,289

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
	Development of Legislation and Policy Advice		
URC 6	Regional and International Representation	50,000	50,000
URC 7	National Cyber Security Initiatives	100,000	100,000
URC 10	Monitoring and Controlling the Storage, Handling, Quality and Mensuration of Fuel Products	812,000	812,000
URC 11	Economic Regulations, Monitoring and Directing the Fuel Sector and Relevant Market	610,293	610,293
URC 12	Management of the Cayman Islands Internet Domain and Verification of ICT Licensee Fees	133,418	133,418

Appropriations to the Minister for Planning, Agriculture, Housing, Infrastructure, Transport and Development

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
NGS 24	Spaying and Neutering of Dogs and Cats	30,000	30,000
NGS 84	Cayman Islands Agricultural Society	187,000	187,000
Transfer Payments			
TP 76	Assistance for Infrastructure Development	200,000	372,000
TP 84	Agriculture Sector Development	212,000	800,000
TP 124	Sponsorship and Scholarships	400,000	400,000
Other Executive Expenses			
OE 93	Caribbean Agriculture Research and Development Institute	122,000	122,000
OE 101	Depreciation of the Ministry of Planning, Agriculture, Housing, Infrastructure, Transport and Development Executive Assets	9,694,000	9,694,000

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
OE 122	Commonwealth Telecommunication Organisation	20,000	20,000
OE 123	Global Island Partnership	5,000	5,000
OE 124	Caribbean Telecommunications Union	12,000	12,000

Appropriations to the Minister for Planning, Agriculture, Housing, Infrastructure, Transport and Development

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Equity Investments			
EI 57	National Housing Development Trust	8,000,000	7,000,000
EI 71	Ministry of Planning, Agriculture, Housing, Infrastructure, Transport and Development	3,950,781	1,007,510
Executive Assets			
EA 78	Government Administration Building	500,000	1,500,000
EA 148	Major Road Works - Expansion Projects	14,000,000	12,500,000
EA 161	Submarine Cable	1,500,000	500,000
EA 168	Infrastructure and Development	4,850,000	5,158,490

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for PAH 1 and PAH 10 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on PAH 11, PAH 14, PAH 16 and PAH 24.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for PAH 11, PAH 14, PAH 16, PAH 24, and PAH 26 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on **Output Groups** PAH 27 and NHT 5

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for PAH 27, NHT 4, NHT 5, NHT 6 and NHT 7 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on **Output Groups** URC 1 and URC 11.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for URC 1, URC 6, URC 7, URC 10 and URC 11 stand part of the schedule to the Bill.

A Division was sought by the Elected Member for Bodden Town West
on the appropriation for Output Group URC 11.

Division No. 16

Ayes: 16

Noes: 0

Hon. André M. Ebanks
Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan
Hon. Sabrina T. Turner
Hon. Johany S. Ebanks
Hon. Isaac D. Rankine
Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks
Hon. W. McKeeva Bush
Hon. Dwayne Seymour
Hon. Heather D. Bodden
Mr. Bernie A. Bush
Hon. Roy M. McTaggart
Mr. Joseph X. Hew
Mr. Moses I. Kirkconnell
Ms. Barbara E. Conolly
Mr. David C. Wight
Sir Alden McLaughlin

Abstention: 1

Absent: 1

Mr. Christopher Saunders

Hon. G. Wayne Panton

The Chair read the results of the Division – Ayes: 16; Noes: 0, Abstention: 1 and Absentees: 1.

Agreed that the appropriation for URC 11 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for URC 12, NGS 24, NGS 84, TP 76, TP 84 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on TP 124.

Proceedings suspended at 5:54 pm

Proceedings resumed at 6:45 pm

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for TP 124 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on OE 93 and EI 57

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for OE 93, OE 101, OE 122, OE 123, OE 124, EI 57, EI 71, EA 78 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on 148 and EA 168.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for EA 148, EA 161 and EA 168, stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

APPROPRIATIONS TO THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND PORTS

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
DAT 1	Advice and Support to the Minister for Tourism and Ports	2,659,159	2,707,060
DAT 17	Tourism Support, Training, Promotional and Advertising Activities	25,794,289	25,954,384
CAL 1	Strategic Domestic Air Services	3,134,000	3,134,000
CAL 2	Strategic Tourism, Regional and Core Air Services	15,435,000	15,435,000
TAB 1	Management of Pedro St. James National Historic Site	950,000	950,000
TAB 2	Management of Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park	850,000	850,000
TAB 4	Management of the Cayman Islands Craft Market	140,000	140,000
TAB 5	Management of the Hell Geological Site	40,000	40,000
NGS 1	Organise, Administer and Execute the Cayman Islands Fishing Tournament	80,000	30,000
NGS 7	Management of Small Business Development	230,000	230,000
NGS 57	Gardening Projects and Landscaping	4,000	4,000

Appropriations to the Minister for Tourism and Ports

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Transfer Payments			
TP 12	Tourism Scholarships	915,000	915,000
TP 13	Miss Cayman Scholarship	75,000	75,000
TP 67	Sports and Cultural Tourism Programmes Assistance	2,450,000	2,450,000
TP 122	Visitor Experience	500,000	500,000

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
	Development Grant		
Other Executive Expense			
OE 91	Depreciation of Ministry of Tourism and Ports Executive Assets	28,710	28,710
Equity Investments			
EI 1	Cayman Airways Limited	12,100,000	9,100,000
EI 39	Cayman Islands National Attractions Authority	45,000	0
EI 49	Cayman Turtle Conservation and Education Centre Ltd.	8,355,000	5,255,000
EI 68	Ministry of Tourism and Ports	150,000	150,000
EI 82	Cayman Islands Airports Authority	760,000	0
Executive Assets			
EA 159	Waterfront Tourism Experience	1,000,000	1,000,000
EA 164	Central Scranton Park	1,200,000	1,200,000

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for DAT 1 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on **Output Group** DAT 17, CAL 1, CAL 2.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for DAT 17, CAL 1, CAL 2, EI 1, TAB 1, TAB 2, TAB 4, TAB 5, NGS 1, NGS 7 and NGS 57 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on TP 12, TP 67 and TP 122

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for TP 12, TP 13, TP 67, TP 122, OE 91 and EI 39 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on EI 49, EI 82 and EA 159

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for EI 49, EI 68, EI 82, EA 159 and EA 164 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Proceedings suspended at 8:35 pm

Proceedings resumed at 8:48 pm

**APPROPRIATIONS TO THE MINISTER FOR BORDER CONTROL,
LABOUR AND CULTURE**

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
HCA 1	Policy Advice and Ministerial Services on Labour Market, Management, New Government Initiatives, Strategic Reforms and Border Control Matters	5,488,326	5,428,611
HCA 5	Border Control Services	28,812,935	29,218,242
HCA 6	Labour Management and Residency Services	19,971,455	20,070,841
NGS 38	Services for Irregular Migrants	668,000	668,000
Transfer Payments			
TP 46	Poor Relief for Refugees	128,000	128,000
TP 119	Community Development Initiatives	350,000	350,000
Other Executive Expenses			
OE 57	Executive Bank Charges	7,000	7,000
OE 115	Regional Security Initiatives	86,000	86,000
Equity Investment			
EI 11	Ministry of Border Control, Labour and Culture	5,834,361	4,544,600

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for HCA 1 and HCA 5 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on **Output Group HCA 6, NGS 38, and TP 119.**

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for HCA 6, NGS 38, TP 46, TP 119, OE 57, OE 115 and EI 11 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

6. Adjournment

At 9:19 pm the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Chair of the Standing Finance Committee adjourned the meeting until 9:00 am on Thursday, 14th December, 2023.

**Minutes of Proceedings
of the
Standing Finance Committee
on the Appropriation (Financial Years 2024 and 2025) Bill, 2023**

**Second Meeting
Thursday, 14th December, 2023**

Minutes of proceedings of the Standing Finance Committee meeting held Thursday, 14th December, 2023 at 9:53 a.m. in the Chamber of the House of Parliament, George Town, Grand Cayman.

Present: Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP — Chair
Hon. Sir Alden McLaughlin, KCMG, MBE, KC, JP, MP
Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP
Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, MP
Hon. Sabrina T. Turner, MP
Hon. Johany S. Ebanks, MP
Hon. Isaac D. Rankine, JP, MP
Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks, MP
Hon. Dwayne S. Seymour, JP, MP
Hon. Heather D. Bodden, OCI, Cert Hon, JP, MP
Hon. W. McKeeva Bush, JP, MP
Mr. Bernie A. Bush, MP
Hon. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP
Mr. Joseph X. Hew, MP
Mr. Moses I. Kirkconnell, JP, MP
Ms. Barbara E. Conolly, JP, NP, MP
Mr. David C. Wight, JP, MP
Mr. Christopher S. Saunders, MP

Apologies: Hon. G. Wayne Panton, JP, MP

In Attendance: Mr. Kenneth Jefferson - Financial Secretary & Chief Officer, Ministry of F&ED
Mr. Matthew Tibbetts - Accountant General, Ministry of F&ED
Ms. Anne Owens – Senior Assistant Financial Secretary, Ministry of F&ED
Mr. Michael Nixon - Senior Assistant Financial Secretary, Ministry of F&ED

Witnesses: Mr. Richard Simms – Director, Department of Environmental Health
Mr. Alan Wheeler - Director, Mosquito Research & Control Unit
Mrs. Nellie Pouchie - Chief Officer, Ministry of Health & Wellness
Dr. Nick Gent – Chief Medical Officer, Cayman Islands Government
Ms. Lizzette Yearwood - CEO, Cayman Islands Health Services Authority
Dr. Delroy Jefferson – Medical Director, Cayman Islands Health Services Authority
Dr. Michael Gayle – CEO, CINCO
Mr. Michael Ebanks - Chief Officer, Ministry of Home Affairs
Ms. Teresa Echenique - Chief Officer, Ministry of Youth, Sports & Heritage
Mrs. Suzanne Bothwell – Courts Administrator & Chief Officer, Judicial Administration
Mrs Gloria McField-Nixon - Chief Officer, Portfolio of the Civil Service
Mr. Kurt Walton – Commissioner, Royal Cayman Islands Police Service
Mr. Robert Scotland - Commandant, Cayman Islands Coast Guard
Mr. Samuel Rose – Cabinet Secretary & Chief Officer, Cabinet Office
Ms. Lyneth Monteith – Acting Chief Officer, Ministry of Education
Mr. Jerome McCoy – Strategy Officer for Adult Education, Ministry of Education

1. Meeting to Order

There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

2. **Prayers**
The Elected Member for Savannah offered a word of prayer.
3. **Continuation of the consideration of the Appropriation (Financial Years 2024 and 2025) Bill, 2023.**

APPROPRIATIONS TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
	Policy Advice and Ministerial Services to the Minister for Health and Wellness		
HES 1		6,958,687	6,994,811
HES 2	Health Regulatory Services	2,966,486	3,093,087
	Collection, Recycling and Disposal of Waste		
HES 7		8,041,470	8,181,827
HES 8	Public Health Services	3,369,260	3,497,384
	Environmental Health Monitoring Services		
HES 9		1,303,275	1,365,322
HES 10	Emergency Response Services	94,821	91,668
HES 11	Mosquito Control Services	11,675,549	12,152,615
	Counselling and Support Services		
HES 18		5,634,876	5,847,769
	Public Education and Social Issues		
HES 19		313,175	317,794
	Residential Mental Health Services		
HES 22		4,333,708	6,972,083
HES 23	Public Health Services	1,005,828	1,809,430
HEA 2	Medical Care for Indigents	12,000,000	12,000,000
	Medical Services in Cayman Brac and Little Cayman		
HEA 6		4,161,000	4,161,000
HEA 10	Ambulance Services	3,716,000	3,716,000
	Services at District Health Clinics		
HEA 11		3,576,000	3,576,000

Appropriations to the Minister for Health and Wellness

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
HEA 12	Mental Health Services	4,335,000	4,335,000
HEA 16	Geriatric Services	4,000,000	4,000,000
HEA 17	Medical Care Beyond Insurance Coverage/Uninsured	2,000,000	2,000,000
HEA 18	School Health Services	2,500,000	2,500,000
HEA 19	Medical Care for Chronic Ailments	1,359,255	1,359,255
HEA 20	Public Health Programmes, Investigations and Treatments	2,500,000	2,500,000
HEA 21	Medical Internship Programme	287,000	287,000
HEA 23	Provision of Antiretroviral Medication	492,000	492,000
HEA 24	Provision of Psychological Trauma Diagnosis and Treatment for Children	208,000	208,000
HEA 25	Management and Maintenance of Cancer Registry	136,000	136,000
HEA 26	Adolescent Mental Health Hub	1,200,000	1,200,000
HEA 27	Provision of Molecular Biology Testing Services	2,000,000	2,000,000

Appropriations to the Minister for Health and Wellness

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
HEA 28	Expanded Capacity for Inpatient Mental Health and Community Health Nurses	1,500,000	1,500,000
NDC 1	Policy, Prevention and Education, Research and Information Dissemination and Evaluation	862,441	862,441

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
NGS 4	HIV/AIDS and First Aid Public Education Programmes	39,325	39,325
NGS 53	Palliative Care Nursing	100,158	100,158
NGS 55	Tertiary Medical Care at Various Local and Overseas Institutions	18,645,673	14,426,032
NGS 92	Alzheimer's and Dementia Association of the Cayman Islands	75,000	75,000
Transfer Payments			
TP 44	Temporary Poor Relief Payments for Young Parents Programme Students	70,000	70,000
TP 73	Other Health and Wellness Programme Assistance	1,000,000	1,000,000

Appropriations to the Minister for Health and Wellness

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Other Executive Expenses			
OE 15	Pan American Health Organization Subscription	15,000	15,000
OE 103	Caribbean Public Health Agency	18,500	18,500
OE 127	Caribbean Association of Medical Councils	1,500	1,500
Equity Investment			
EI 53	Ministry of Health and Wellness	10,031,000	2,334,000

Discussions ensued on **Output Group** HES 1, HES 7, HES 8, HES 10, and HES 18.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for HES 1, HES 2, HES 7, HES 8, HES 9, HES 10 HES 11, HES 18 and HES 19 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on **Output Group** HES 22, HES 23, HEA 2, HEA 6, HEA 10 and HEA 21.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for HES 22, HES 23, HEA 2, HEA 6, HEA 10, HEA 11, HEA 12, HEA 16, HEA 17, HEA 18, HEA 19, HEA 20, HEA 21, HEA 23, HEA 24, HEA 25, HEA 26, HEA 27, HEA 28 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for NDC 1, NGS 4 and NGS 53 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on **Output Group** NGS 55.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for NDC 1, NGS 4, NGS 53, NGS 55, NGS 92, TP 44 and TP 73, OE 15, OE 103, OE 127 and EI 53 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

APPROPRIATIONS TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
HAF 1	Policy Advice, Legislative Initiatives and Ministerial Services	2,162,948	2,254,948
HAF 2	Correctional Supervision, Intervention and Support Services	4,904,322	4,955,322
HAF 3	Prison Custodial Services	23,097,669	23,097,669
HAF 4	Public Safety, Electronic Monitoring and Incident Responses	5,807,556	5,996,220
HAF 5	Domestic and Aerodrome Fire Services	17,831,296	18,181,296
HAF 6	Regiment Services	2,167,868	2,167,868
HAF 7	Cadet Corp Services	1,144,619	1,144,619
Transfer Payment			
TP 69	Support for the Bridge Foundation	155,000	155,000
Equity Investment			
EI 85	Ministry of Home Affairs	7,433,000	4,161,000

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for HAF 1 and HAF 2 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on Output Group HAF 3, HAF 5, and HAF 6.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for HAF 3, HAF 4, HAF 5, HAF 6, HAF 7, TP 69 and EI 85 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

APPROPRIATIONS TO THE MINISTER FOR YOUTH, SPORTS AND HERITAGE

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
YSC 1	Advice and Support to the Minister for Youth, Sports, and Heritage	2,738,508	2,759,974
YSC 3	Sports Services	4,848,247	4,878,176
YSC 4	Youth Services	1,300,899	1,336,097
NAG 1	National Arts, Exhibitions and Festivals	209,940	209,940
NAG 2	National Art Collection	120,620	120,620
NAG 3	Art Education, Outreach and Training	177,760	177,760
NAG 4	Art Information - Facilities, Promotion, Scholarship and Publication	241,680	241,680
NCF 1	Arts and Cultural Preservation, Documentation and Promotion	108,873	108,873
NCF 2	Cultural Festivals, International Cultural Presentations, and Local Cultural Partnerships	383,468	383,468
NCF 3	Management of Operations and Maintenance of FJ Harquail Cultural Centre	395,320	395,320
NCF 4	Training and Support for Artistic Development	266,437	266,437
NCF 5	Youth Arts Programming	6,152	6,152

Appropriations to the Minister for Youth, Sports and Heritage

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
MUS 4	Collection and Preservation of Significant Material Evidence	154,124	154,124
MUS 5	Museum Facilities, Exhibitions and Displays	600,797	600,797
MUS 6	Services to Support the	136,999	136,999

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
	Ministry, Cabinet and Other Departments		
NGS 59	Youth Development Programmes	51,000	51,000
NGS 60	Sports Programmes	1,289,125	1,289,125
Transfer Payment			
TP 107	Youth, Sports and Heritage Programmes	3,158,051	3,153,459
Other Executive Expenses			
OE 81	World Anti-Doping Agency	6,000	6,000
OE 82	Regional Anti-Doping Organization	9,000	9,000
Equity Investments			
EI 23	Cayman Islands National Museum	30,000	30,000
EI 47	National Gallery of the Cayman Islands	125,000	80,000
EI 72	Cayman National Cultural Foundation	185,000	200,000
EI 86	Ministry of Youth, Sports and Heritage	2,401,000	1,335,000

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for YSC 1 and YSC 3 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on **Output Group** YSC 4.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for YSC 4 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Proceedings suspended at 11:34 a.m.

Proceedings resumed at 11:55 a.m.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for NAG 1, NAG 2, NAG 3, and NAG 4, stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

MOTION 4

**Committee Stage Amendment
to
The Appropriation (Financial Years 2024 and 2025) Bill, 2023**

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 65, I, the Honourable Minister for Youth, Sports and Heritage, hereby give notice, with respect to the above-captioned Bill, to Move the following:

Appropriations to the Minister for Youth, Sports and Heritage

For the 2024 and 2025 financial years, that the appropriated amount of \$108,873 under Output Group NCF 1 - Arts and Cultural Preservation, Documentation and Promotion, be reduced to \$0 in each year;

For the 2024 and 2025 financial years, that the appropriated amounts of \$383,468 under Output Group NCF 2 - Cultural Festivals, International Cultural Presentations, and Local Cultural Partnerships, be reduced to \$0 in each year;

For the 2024 and 2025 financial years, that the appropriated amounts of \$395,320 under Output Group NCF 3 - Management of Operations and Maintenance of FJ Harquail Cultural Centre, be reduced to \$0 in each year;

For the 2024 and 2025 financial years, that the appropriated amounts of \$266,437 under Output Group NCF 4 - Training and Support for Artistic Development, be reduced to \$0 in each year;

For the 2024 and 2025 financial years, that the appropriated amounts of \$6,152 under Output Group NCF 5 - Youth Arts Programming, be reduced to \$0 in each year; and

For the 2024 and 2025 financial years, under the appropriations to the Minister for Border Control, Labour & Culture; create a new Output Group NCF 6 – Cultural Programmes for \$1,160,250 in each year.

Moved by: Honourable Isaac Rankine, JP, MP
Minister of Youth, Sports & Heritage

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for the following Output Groups be reduced to \$0 for the 2024 and 2025 Financial years: NCF 1, NCF 2, NCF 3, NCF 4, and NCF 5; and a new Output Group NCF 6 – Cultural Programmes – be added to the Appropriations for the Minister of Border Control, Labour & Culture in the amount of \$1,160.250 for the 2024 and 2025 Financial Years.

Question put: Agreed that NCF 1, NCF 2, NCF 3, NCF 4, NCF 5; and a new Output Group NCF 6, as amended, stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Question Put: Agreed that Output Groups NCF 1, NCF 2, NCF 3, NCF 4 and NCF 5, as amended; and a new Output Group NCF 6 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for MUS 4, MUS 5, MUS 6 and NGS 59 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on **Output Group** NGS 60.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for NGS 60 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on TP 107.

MOTION 5

**Committee Stage Amendment
to
The Appropriation (Financial Years 2024 and 2025) Bill, 2023**

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 65, I, the Honourable Minister for Youth, Sports and Heritage, hereby give notice, with respect to the above-captioned Bill, to Move the following:

Appropriations to the Minister for Youth, Sports and Heritage

For the 2024 and 2025 financial years, that Transfer Payment TP 107 – Youth, Sports and Heritage Programmes, be reduced by \$1,500,000 in each year;

For the 2024 and 2025 financial years, that Equity Investment EI 86 – Ministry of Youth Sports and Heritage, be increased by \$1,500,000 in each year;

For the 2024 financial year, that Equity Investment EI 86 – Ministry of Youth Sports and Heritage, be increased by \$60,000;

For the 2024 financial year, that Equity Investment EI 72 – Cayman National Cultural Foundation, be reduced by \$60,000;

For the 2024 financial year, that the balance of \$125,000 under Equity Investment EI 72 – Cayman National Cultural Foundation be moved, and become Equity Investment EI 72 – Cayman National Cultural Foundation under the Minister for Border Control, Labour & Culture;

For the 2025 financial year, that the appropriated amount of \$200,000 under Equity Investment EI 72 – Cayman National Cultural Foundation be moved, and become Equity Investment EI 72 – Cayman National Cultural Foundation under the Minister for Border Control, Labour & Culture;

Moved by: Honourable Isaac Rankine, JP, MP
Minister of Youth, Sports & Heritage

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriation for TP 107 is reduced by \$1,500,000 and the appropriation for EI 86 is increased by \$1,500,000 for the 2024 and 2025 financial years.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for TP 107, as amended, stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriation for EI 72 is reduced by \$60,000 for the 2024 financial year and that the appropriation for Equity Investment EI 86 is increased by \$60,000 for the 2024 financial year.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriation for EI 72 is reduced by \$125,000 and that a new Equity Investment EI 72 – Cayman National Cultural Foundation- is added to the appropriations for the Minister of Border Control, Labour and Culture in the amount of \$125,000 for the 2024 financial year.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriation for EI 72 is reduced by \$200,000 and that a new Equity Investment EI 72 – Cayman National Cultural Foundation- is added to the appropriations for the Minister of Border Control, Labour and Culture in the amount of \$200,000 for the 2025 financial year.

Question put: Agreed that TP 107 and EI 72, as amended, stand art of the Schedule to the Bill.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations OE 81, OE 82, and EI 23 and EI 47 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussion ensued on EI 72 and EI 86.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for EI 72, as amended and EI 86, as amended, stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

APPROPRIATIONS TO THE MINISTER FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES AND COMMERCE

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
FSC 20	Framework for the Functioning of the Financial Services Industry	10,822,122	12,608,686
FSC 22	Registers of Corporate, Intellectual Property and Vital Information	6,217,986	7,116,498
FSC 23	International Cooperation in Tax Matters	3,962,122	5,326,708
FSC 36	Trade and Commerce Licensing and Supervision	2,148,221	2,399,247
FSC 37	International Engagement for Financial Services	1,606,139	1,665,284
AOA 1	Operation of Registration and Oversight Functions Under the Auditors Oversight Act	170,602	267,602
AOA 2	Complete Future of the Auditors Oversight Authority Project	100,000	0
AOA 3	Maintaining Relationships with Key Cayman Islands Based Stakeholders	13,000	14,000
AOA 4	Membership of and Participation in the International Forum of Independent Audit Regulators	34,000	36,000

Appropriations to the Minister for Financial Services and Commerce

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
MOA 6	Regulation of the Cayman Islands Currency	1,400,000	1,475,000
MOA 8	Collection of Fees	300,000	315,000
MOA 12	Regulation of the Financial Services Industry	22,352,000	23,345,000
MOA 13	Assistance to Overseas Regulatory Authorities	980,000	1,029,000
MOA 14	Policy Advice and Ministerial Services	875,000	919,000
MOA 25	Monitor Compliance with the Anti-Money Laundering Regulations	7,850,000	8,434,000
CMA 1	Policy Advice to Cabinet on Maritime Matters	332,000	332,000
NGS 85	Cayman Finance Services	975,000	975,000
Transfer Payments			
TP 63	Support to Local Business Associations	75,000	75,000
TP 85	Support to Local Financial Services Associations	110,000	110,000
Other Executive Expense			
OE 94	Organisation for Economic Cooperation Development Global Forum	55,000	55,000

Appropriations to the Minister for Financial Services and Commerce

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Equity Investment			
EI 67	Ministry of Financial Services and Commerce	2,931,000	942,500

Discussions ensued on **Output Group** FSC 22 and FSC 37.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for FSC 20, FSC 22, FSC 23, FSC 36, FSC 37, stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for AOA 1, AOA 2, AOA 3 and AOA 4 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on MOA 14 and NGS 85.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for MOA 6, MOA 8, MOA 12, MOA 13, MOA 14, MOA 25, CMA 1 and NGS 85, stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on EI 67.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for TP 63, TP 85, OE 94 and EI 67 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

**APPROPRIATIONS TO THE MINISTER FOR INVESTMENT, INNOVATION
AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
ITI 2	Social Development Programmes and Services	23,086,341	23,146,313
ITI 3	Digital Services, Strategy and Business Investment Services	27,718,940	29,878,091
CAY 2	Children and Youth Services Foundation	3,100,000	3,100,000
NGS 64	Care of the Indigent and Disabled Elderly Persons	2,040,000	2,040,000
NGS 66	Foster Care for Children	393,000	393,000
NGS 67	Community Programmes - Afterschool	78,982	78,982
NGS 71	Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence	430,000	430,000
NGS 86	Community Programmes - Meals on Wheels	175,000	175,000
Transfer Payments			
TP 41	Financial Assistance	15,200,000	12,000,000
TP 47	Ex-Gratia Benefit Payments to Seafarers and Veterans	10,891,000	10,835,000
TP 57	Children and Family Services Support	350,000	350,000
TP 60	Housing Assistance	375,000	375,000
TP 80	Support for Business Initiatives	350,000	350,000
TP 114	Cayman Finance	550,000	550,000

Appropriations to the Minister for Investment, Innovation and Social Development

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Transfer Payments			
TP 115	Hope for Today Foundation	90,000	90,000
TP 123	Support for Community Development and Activities	150,000	150,000
Equity Investment			
EI 78	Ministry of Investment, Innovation and Social Development	7,253,000	3,972,625

Discussions ensued on **Output Group** ITI 2 and ITI 3.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for ITI 2 and ITI 3 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on CAY 2, NGS 64, and NGS 66.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for CAY 2, NGS 64, and NGS 66 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for NGS 67, NGS 71 and 86 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on TP 41, TP 47 and TP 80.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for TP 41, TP 47, and TP 80 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for TP 57 and TP 60 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for TP 114, TP 115, TP 123 and EI 78 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

APPROPRIATIONS TO THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
FED 1	Policy Advice, Governance and Ministerial Support Services	4,383,559	4,229,467

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
FED 4	Preparation and Publication of Statistical and Economic Reports	2,827,038	2,685,027
FED 5	Financial Reporting and Management Services	9,519,353	9,080,185
CIN 1	Health Insurance for Seamen and Veterans for Primary and Secondary Health Care	15,825,000	16,752,000
DVB 4	Administration of Lending Activities	605,267	605,043
Other Executive Expenses			
OE 9	Caribbean Economic Community Fees	170,000	170,000
OE 10	Caribbean Regional Technical Assistance Centre – Contribution	85,000	85,000
OE 27	Past Service Pension Liability Payment	18,187,000	18,187,000
OE 54	Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility – Annual Premium	1,000,000	1,000,000

Appropriations to the Minister for Finance and Economic Development

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Other Executive Expenses			
OE 57	Executive Bank Charges	25,000	25,000
OE 110	General Insurance	11,486,000	13,135,000
OE 121	Additional Normal Cost Pension	4,045,320	4,126,226
Equity Investments			
EI 4	Cayman Islands Development Bank	3,000,000	1,000,000
EI 70	Ministry of Finance and Economic Development	53,000	1,050,000
Loans Made			
LM 1	Mortgage Loans for Civil Servants	80,000	80,000
LM 3	Loans for Civil Servants	80,000	80,000
LM 4	Loans for Overseas Medical	200,000	200,000

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
	Advances for Uninsured Patients		
LM 11	Settlement Loans	500,000	500,000
Financing Expense			
FE 3	Interest on Public Debt	18,358,126	24,661,296
Borrowings			
BO 10	Borrowings	27,000,000	123,000,000

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for FED 1, FED 4, FED 5, CIN 1, DVB 4, OE 9, and OE 10, stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on OE 27.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for OE 27 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for OE 54 and OE 57 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on OE 110, OE 121, EI 4 and EI 70.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for OE 110, OE 121, EI 4 and EI 70 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on LM 1 and LM 3.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for LM 1, LM3, LM 4, LM 11, FE 3 and BO 10 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Proceedings suspended at 1:49 pm

Proceedings resumed at 3:28 pm

APPROPRIATIONS TO THE PREMIER ON BEHALF OF THE PARLIAMENT

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Group			
LEA 1	Administrative Services Provided to Parliament and Members of Parliament	3,107,572	3,097,503
Other Executive Expenses			
OE 5	Constituency Allowance	1,404,825	1,404,825
OE 71	Commonwealth Parliamentary Association	150,000	150,000
OE 128	Personal Emoluments for the	4,169,704	4,287,652

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
	Premier, Deputy Premier, Speaker of Parliament, Ministers and Members of Parliament		
OE 129	Executive Depreciation - Parliament	195,000	195,000
OE 130	Administrative and Advisory Support to Members of Parliament	2,910,587	2,987,495
OE 150	Repairs to Parliament Building	25,000	25,000
Equity Investment			
EI 88	Parliament	15,000	15,000

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for LEA 1, OE 5, OE 71, OE 128, OE 129, OE 130, OE 150 and EI 88 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

APPROPRIATIONS TO THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Group			
ADO 2	Services to the Parliament and its Committees	1,192,800	1,248,267

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for ADO 2 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

APPROPRIATIONS TO OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE OF THE PARLIAMENT

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Group			
OBM 1	Independent Public Complaints and Information Rights	2,524,910	2,564,832
Equity Investment			
EI 75	Office of the Ombudsman	25,000	25,000

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for OBM 1 and EI 75 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

APPROPRIATIONS TO CABINET ON BEHALF OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
JAD 1	Administrative Support to the Judiciary	3,269,949	3,298,125
JAD 2	Support for Court Proceedings	8,321,802	8,332,753
JAD 3	Collection of Revenue	1,001,626	1,004,663
JAD 4	Financial Management of Court Funds	707,860	710,709
HEA 8	Autopsies, Coroner and Other Related Services	302,000	312,000
NGS 2	Legal Aid Services	2,800,000	2,900,000
Other Executive Expenses			
OE 1	Personal Emoluments for the Judiciary	4,687,398	4,940,940
OE 4	Judiciary Expenses	1,077,418	1,027,700
OE 43	Depreciation of Judicial Executive Assets	430,000	460,000
OE 57	Executive Bank Charges	10,000	10,000
OE 65	Court of Appeal Expenses	1,167,947	1,224,109
Equity Investment			
EI 21	Judicial Administration	601,500	534,000
Executive Asset			
EA 145	Court House	1,216,500	1,416,000

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for JAD 1, JAD 2, JAD 3, JAD 4, HEA 8, NGS 2, OE 1, OE 4, OE 43, OE 57, OE 65 and EI 21 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on Executive Asset EA 145.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for EA 145 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

**APPROPRIATIONS TO CABINET ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS**

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Group			
DPA 1	Prosecution and International Cooperation	6,233,343	6,581,784
Equity Investment			
EI 60	Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions	700,000	100,000

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for DPA 1 and EI 60 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

APPROPRIATIONS TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
LGA 1	Legal Advice and Representation in Civil Matters	2,826,409	3,102,908
LGA 3	Law Teaching and Publications	1,495,620	1,520,644
LGA 4	Drafting of Legislation and Regulations	1,006,514	1,012,122
LGA 5	Policy Advice and Administrative Support to the Attorney General	1,683,146	1,792,216
LGA 6	Financial Intelligence Services	2,333,245	2,779,881
LGA 7	Review and Modernisation of Acts	496,439	500,012
NGS 89	Cayman Islands Legal Practitioners Association Ltd	800,000	800,000
Other Executive Expense			
OE 6	Contribution to Caribbean Financial Action Task Force	84,000	84,000
Equity Investment			
EI 34	Portfolio of Legal Affairs	245,000	125,000

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for LGA 1, LGA 3, LGA 4, LGA 5, LGA 6, LGA 7, NGS 89, OE 6 and EI 34 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

APPROPRIATIONS TO THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
CIV 1	Policy Advice to the Head of the Civil Service	2,625,864	2,564,317
CIV 2	Auditing Compliance with Human Resource and Internal Financial Policies	1,740,071	1,808,577
CIV 3	Management of Public Sector Reform	1,151,845	1,145,556
CIV 7	Workforce Development within the Civil Service	4,280,253	4,502,869
CIV 11	Servicing and Support for Her Excellency the Governor	806,841	817,914
CIV 12	Preservation and Management of Records	1,416,273	1,506,421
CIV 13	Operations of the Elections Office	759,046	1,576,126
CIV 14	Support for Commissions	2,126,669	2,143,198
CIV 15	Policy Advice and Administrative Support Provided to the Deputy Governor	2,383,171	2,584,370
CIV 16	Reports on Educational Standards and Education Related Matters	1,159,680	1,304,404
CIN 2	Health Insurance for Civil Service Pensioners	43,106,772	47,473,902

Appropriations to the Deputy Governor

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Group			
NGS 20	Employee Assistance Programme	300,105	306,605
Other Executive Expenses			
OE 2	Personal Emoluments for Her Excellency the Governor and	831,600	873,180

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
	Official Members of Cabinet		
OE 19	Ex-Gratia Recipients Plan Payments	1,257,171	1,240,275
OE 100	Depreciation of the Portfolio of Civil Service Executive Assets	2,000	2,000
OE 107	Major Governance Projects	170,000	170,000
OE 116	Pension Uplift	4,724,780	4,970,765
OE 117	Civil Service Hospitality Fund	193,000	203,000
OE 119	Second Chances Programme	110,000	110,000
OE 120	Repairs and Maintenance of Executive Buildings	16,000	25,000
OE 126	Anti-Gang and Child Safeguarding Support	100,000	100,000
OE 141	Emerging Talent Programme	200,000	250,000
Equity Investment			
EI 35	Portfolio of the Civil Service	1,580,000	523,000

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for CIV 1, CIV 2, CIV 3 and CIV 7, stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on **Output Group** CIV 11.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for CIV 11 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for CIV 12, CIV 13, CIV 14 and CIV 15, CIV 16, CIN 2 and NGS 20, stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on **Other Executive Expenses** OE 2 and OE 19.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for OE 2 and OE 19 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for OE 100, OE 107, OE 116 and OE 117, stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on OE 119.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for OE 119 and OE 120 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on OE 126 and OE 141.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for OE 126 and OE 141 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Question put: Agreed that the appropriation for EI 35 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

APPROPRIATIONS TO THE PREMIER ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
OCP 1	Crime Prevention and Protection Services	30,886,564	31,279,214
OCP 2	Crime Investigation and Criminal Justice Services	12,494,124	12,542,063
OCP 3	Policy Advice, Administrative and Support Services	9,325,312	9,475,724
OCP 4	Coast Guard Services	3,811,000	3,860,000
Equity Investment			
EI 79	Office of the Commissioner of Police	3,195,000	2,315,000

Discussions ensued on **Output Group** OCP 1.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for OCP 1 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for OCP 2 and OCP 3 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on OCP 4 and EI 79.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for OCP 4 and EI 79 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

APPROPRIATIONS TO THE PREMIER

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
CBO 1	Development and Coordination of Government Policy	2,054,567	2,266,828
CBO 2	Cabinet and National Security Council Support and Servicing	2,402,624	2,427,990
CBO 9	Protocol Services	934,052	962,998
CBO 17	Government Communications Services	3,799,510	3,920,500
CBO 20	Assistance to the Premier and Administration of the	1,487,928	1,197,890

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
	Premier's Office		
CBO 21	Broadcasting of Public Information and On-Air Programmes	1,818,335	1,854,316
CBO 22	Services Provided by the London Office	1,301,765	1,313,106

Appropriations to the Premier

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
CBO 24	National Hazard Preparedness, Mitigation, Response and Recovery Services	1,831,544	2,077,442
CBO 25	Meteorological Services	2,205,696	2,333,232
Transfer Payment			
TP 58	Support for Services of the Red Cross	70,000	70,000
Other Executive Expenses			
OE 96	Executive Salary Reimbursements	600,000	600,000
OE 125	Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency Membership	90,000	90,000
OE 132	Depreciation on Cabinet Office Executive Assets	350,000	350,000
Equity Investment			
EI 36	Cabinet Office	6,060,257	1,446,500

Discussions ensued on **Output Group** CBO 1.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for CBO 1 and CBO 2 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on **Output Group** CBO 9 and CBO 17.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for CBO 9 and CBO 17 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for CBO 20, CBO 21, CBO 22, CBO 24, CBO 25, TP 58, OE 96, OE 125, OE 132 and EI 36 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

APPROPRIATIONS TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
EGA 1	Policy Advice, Governance and Ministerial Support Services	8,304,340	8,398,995
EGA 4	Public Library Services	2,174,272	2,175,290
EGA 5	Primary Education Services	39,727,587	40,207,788
EGA 6	Secondary Education Services	44,743,743	45,135,053
EGA 7	Education Services for Students with Special Needs	13,499,289	13,659,441
EGA 8	Facilities Maintenance and Operational School Support Services	30,161,040	30,635,956
CCO 1	Teaching of Tertiary Level, Professional and Vocational Programmes	8,960,255	8,960,255
CDB 1	Disbursement of Government Scholarship Funding	45,000	45,000
NGS 25	Teaching of Tertiary Education Courses	250,000	250,000
NGS 34	Compulsory Primary and Secondary Education by Assisted Schools	2,000,000	2,000,000
NGS 79	K-9 Security Services	50,000	50,000
NGS 91	Public School Meals Programme	11,500,000	10,997,749

Appropriations to the Minister for Education

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Transfer Payments			
TP 27	Pre-School Educational Assistance	722,888	722,888
TP 30	Local and Overseas Scholarships and Bursaries	21,754,701	22,254,701
TP 51	Other Educational and Training Assistance	800,000	800,000
TP 61	Student Enrichment and Support Services	900,000	900,000

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2025
TP 82	Scholarships – Special Educational Needs	1,450,000	1,450,000
TP 83	Scholarships – Medical Specialisation	600,000	600,000
TP 93	Public School Grants	400,000	400,000
TP 94	Superior Auto Apprenticeship Programme	150,000	150,000
Other Executive Expenses			
OE 11	Subscription to Caribbean Examinations Council	13,452	13,452
OE 12	University of the West Indies Membership Levy	559,222	559,222
Equity Investments			
EI 12	Ministry of Education	31,870,000	33,880,000
EI 46	University College of the Cayman Islands	2,130,000	1,120,000

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for EGA 1 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Discussions ensued on **Output Group** EGA 4 and EGA 6.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for EGA 4, EGA 5 and EGA 6 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for EGA 7, EGA 8, CCO 1, CDB 1, NGS 25, NGS 34, NGS 79 and NGS 91 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for TP 27, TP 30, TP 51, TP 61, TP 82, TP 83, TP 93, TP 94, OE 11, OE 12, EI 12 and EI 46 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Question Put: Agreed that the Schedule, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

Question Put: Agreed. Clause 1 passed.

Question Put: Agreed. Clause 2 passed.

Question Put: Agreed. Clause 3 passed.

Question Put: Agreed. Title passed.

Question Put: Agreed that the Chairman of the Standing Finance report the Bill to the House.

6. **Adjournment**

The Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Chair of the Standing Finance Committee adjourned the meeting at 6:08 pm until Friday, 15th December, 2023 at 11:00 am to consider the Report.

**Minutes of Proceedings
of the
Standing Finance Committee
on the Appropriation (Financial Years 2024 and 2025) Bill, 2023**

**Third Meeting
Friday, 15th December, 2023**

Minutes of proceedings of the Standing Finance Committee meeting held Friday, 15th December, 2023 at 12:05 p.m. in the Large Committee Room of the House of Parliament, George Town, Grand Cayman.

Present: Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP — Chair
Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP
Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, MP
Hon. Sabrina T. Turner, MP
Hon. Johany S. Ebanks, MP
Hon. Isaac D. Rankine, JP, MP
Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks, MP
Hon. Dwayne S. Seymour, JP, MP
Hon. Heather D. Bodden, OCI, Cert Hon, JP, MP
Hon. W. McKeeva Bush, JP, MP
Mr. Bernie A. Bush, MP
Hon. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP
Mr. Joseph X. Hew, MP
Ms. Barbara E. Conolly, JP, NP, MP
Mr. David C. Wight, JP, MP
Mr. Christopher S. Saunders, MP

Apologies: Hon. G. Wayne Panton, JP, MP
Hon. Sir Alden McLaughlin, KCMG, MBE, KC, JP, MP
Mr. Moses I. Kirkconnell, JP, MP

1. Meeting to Order

There being a quorum present the Chair called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

2. Consideration of Minutes

The Committee considered the Minutes of the 13th and 14th December, 2023, of the Standing Finance Committee on the Appropriation (Financial Years 2024 and 2025) Bill, 2023, and approved the minutes, as amended, on a Motion moved by Hon. André M. Ebanks, and seconded by Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan.

3. Consideration of Draft Report

The Committee considered the Draft Report of the Standing Finance Committee on the Appropriation (Financial Years 2024 and 2025) Bill, 2023 and approved the report, as amended, on a Motion moved by Hon. André M. Ebanks and seconded by Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan.

Question Put: Paragraphs 1 through 6 of the Report passed.

Question Put: Agreed that this Report of the Standing Finance Committee be laid on the Table of the House.

4. At 12:35 pm the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Chair of the Standing Finance Committee adjourned the meeting.