

Statement in relation to the 2025 Supplementary Appropriations

Third Meeting of the 2024/2025 Session  
of the Cayman Islands Parliament

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Premier

*Statement in relation to the Exceptional Circumstance Appropriation changes  
resulting in the 2025 Supplementary Appropriations of the Parliament  
Management Commission*

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Mister Speaker,

**Section 11(5)**

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to bring to the attention of this Honourable House, the exceptional circumstances appropriation changes which have resulted in the Supplementary Appropriations initiated by the Parliamentary Management Commission for 2024

Mister Speaker, on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024 Cabinet considered and approved the following requests for Section 11(5) appropriations in accordance with the Public Management Finance Act (2020 Revision) by the Parliamentary Management Commission

appropriation lines so as to satisfy the 2024 expenditure needs as follows:

1. Increase the 2024 appropriation to OE150 – Repairs to Parliament Building by CI\$234,000
2. Increase the 2024 appropriation to EI 88 – Equity Injection to Parliament by CI\$8,000

By way of explanation Mr Speaker, Parliament was approved for the sum of \$475,000 under the appropriation EA 141 – Upgrades and Repairs to Parliament Building in the 2022-2023 Budget and the sum of \$222,000 under the appropriation EI 88 – Equity Injection for Parliament for various projects.

Due to time constraints with organizing the moving parts and logistics needed to complete the larger projects and having to divert focus to unexpected issues beyond the control of the Parliament Management Commission, the Commission was unable to complete about half of the originally planned projects and budgeted repairs and upgrades to the Parliament Building before the end of 2023.

As such the Capital Expenditure (CapEx) funds were returned as required under normal budget protocol.

Due to the urgent need for funding to finish the uncompleted projects from the 2022-2023 budget period, the Commission had

to request, via a cabinet paper, emergency funding that was not set out in the 2024-2025 budget for the above-mentioned projects.

The amounts requested were \$8,000 (EI 88) and \$234,000 (OE150), respectively. The funds were needed for urgent projects that were focused on;

1. Remediation to Repair the severe degradation of the House of Parliament roof & building structure - \$121,650
2. Replacing the aging & leaking AC Condenser Unit with a new unit & building management system \$47,550-;
3. Upgrading the House of Parliament Building internally with Special Care equipment & externally with a Handicap Ramp\$35,300;
4. Air Handling Unit and Condenser BMS for AC Unit - \$29,500
5. Repairing & updating the Large and Small Committee Rooms with proper cabinets and wiring to house the electrical components in each room - \$8,000

Conclusion

Mister Speaker, thank you for allowing me to explain the exceptional circumstances which have resulted in the Supplementary Appropriations initiated by the Parliament Management Commission under Sections 11(5) of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision) for the 2024 fiscal year.