



**Ministry of
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Cayman Islands Government

**Statement in relation to the 2025 Supplementary
Appropriations**

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***Statement in relation to the Exceptional Circumstance
Appropriation change resulting in the 2025 Supplementary
Appropriations of the former Ministry of Home Affairs***

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Mister Speaker,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to bring to the attention of this Honourable House the exceptional circumstances which have resulted in the Supplementary Appropriation previously initiated by the former Ministry of Home Affairs for the 2025 fiscal year.

Mister Speaker, while the request for supplementary funding under Section 11(5) of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision) was considered and approved by the previous Cabinet, I stand today in full support of the critical works being undertaken – particularly those that impact the safety and functionality of essential public services.

The approved increase to EI 85, “Equity Injection – Ministry of Home Affairs,” in the amount of One Million Four Hundred Thousand dollars (CI\$1,400,000), was earmarked for much-needed capital upgrades at the Cayman Brac Fire Station. Decades of wear and tear have left portions of the station's infrastructure in a state of disrepair, and I am advised that these funds are to be directed specifically towards improvements to the Bay Extension and the Servicing Building.

Mister Speaker, although this initiative pre-dates my appointment as Minister, I have reviewed the project and recognise its importance to the people of Cayman Brac. I assure this Honourable House and the constituents I serve that the works will be completed. However, in line with prudent financial management and in light of the broader fiscal realities we have inherited, I am also undertaking a comprehensive review to ensure that current priorities align with long-term value and service delivery for our communities.

Let me be clear, Mister Speaker: I will not simply carry on without careful scrutiny. But where good work has begun, especially when it supports our emergency services and infrastructure resilience, I will see it through responsibly and transparently.

Mister Speaker, I thank you again for the opportunity to clarify the circumstances surrounding this supplementary appropriation and to affirm this Government's commitment to sound stewardship, continuity, and improvement.