

Parliament Statement Hon. Minister Johany "Jay" Ebanks, JP, MP, Request for Realloation of funds in Accordance with PMFA (2020 Revision) – TP76 Assistance for infrastructure and Development

Mr. Speaker,

I rise to make a statement on behalf of Cabinet, in keeping with Section 11(5) of the *Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision).*

At its meeting held on **1 October 2025**, Cabinet approved what qualifies as a **special financial transaction** — the reallocation of funds within the existing 2025 Budget to meet urgent housing and community needs across our Islands.

Mr. Speaker, this decision involved two key adjustments within my Ministry's budget.

First, Cabinet approved the transfer of **\$1 million** from the *National Housing Development Trust (El 57)* to *TP 60 – Housing Assistance*. The change allows the Ministry of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure to continue vital home repairs and maintenance for Caymanians who need it most — families who deserve safe, dry, and livable homes.

Second, Cabinet approved an additional **\$500,000** to *TP 76 – Assistance for Infrastructure and Development.* This will strengthen the Ministry's ability to support local infrastructure projects that serve our communities.

As part of that, Cabinet authorized the use of \$370,400.16 under *TP* 76 to assist the North Side Wesleyan Holiness Church with the construction of a new facility. Mr. Speaker, the existing building is over eighty years old and no longer fit for use. The new facility will provide a space for worship, youth

outreach, and community programmes that benefit not only the congregation, but the wider North Side district.

Mr. Speaker, this is not new spending. It is a reallocation within the approved 2025 Budget, made in line with the principles of sound and responsible financial management.

This action supports **Broad Outcome 3** — **Improving the Well-being of Our People**, and **Broad Outcome 8** — **Building Modern Infrastructure for a Successful Future.**

Mr. Speaker, this is what responsible leadership looks like — acting quickly when it matters, managing our resources wisely, and keeping Cayman moving forward.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.