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STATEMENT BY HON. MINISTER FOR HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

Section 11.5 Supplementary Appropriation FY2025 (Exceptional Circumstances)

15th October 2025

Introductory Remarks

Mister Speaker, thank you for the opportunity to make this statement on behalf of my Cabinet colleagues, in accordance with section 11.6 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision), regarding the Cabinet approval of a section 11.5 Supplementary Appropriation for fiscal year 2025 relating to the Integrated Solid Waste Management System – known to most Parliamentarians as ISWMS, often referred to in the media as the “ReGen” project, and, for the listening audience who may not be familiar with either of those references, I am speaking of the project at the George Town landfill.

Considerations

On 10th September 2025, Cabinet granted approval for a series of supplementary appropriations to the Ministry of Health, Environment and Sustainability for Fiscal Year 2025 that was not previously budgeted.

For the benefit of those watching and listening today, I want to make it clear that these supplementary appropriations were not requests for new funds, but were a reallocation of funds within the Ministry.

Approval was granted under the “exceptional circumstances” provisions of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision), enabling the Government to responsibly manage urgent financial requirements associated with the termination of the ISWMS project in February 2025, continued processing of end-of-life vehicles and scrap metals under the Early Works Agreement - Project Agreement, and the ongoing remediation works at the George Town Landfill.

The approved reallocations are as follows:

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KYD376,000 (CI three hundred and seventy-six thousand dollars) to increase appropriation HES 1 – Policy Advice and Ministerial Services for Health, Environment & Sustainability to cover additional professional fees for January to December 2025, required to close out the ISWMS project, ensuring that outstanding contractual obligations are met with the remaining agreements.

KYD274,000 (CI two hundred and seventy-four thousand dollars) to increase appropriation OE 138 – Notice to Proceed Expenses – to meet Early Works Agreement - Project Agreement (EWA-PA) and associated Notice to Proceeds (NTPs) termination costs with Waste Solutions Cayman Ltd and DECCO Ltd for January – February 2025.

KYD900,000 (CI nine hundred thousand dollars) to increase appropriation OE 138 – Notice to Proceed Expenses – for NTP#2 – continued processing of end-of-life vehicles and scrap metals under the Early Works Agreement - Project Agreement with Waste Solutions Cayman Ltd and DECCO Ltd (March – December 2025).

KYD600,000 (CI six hundred thousand dollars) to increase appropriation EA 165 – George Town Landfill Remediation Works – to complete Phase 1 remediation works at the George Town Landfill, a long-standing national priority, by the end of October 2025.

KYD150,000 (CI one hundred and fifty thousand dollars) to create a new appropriation OE 152 – Maintenance of Completed GTLF Remediation Works Phase 1. This is to put in place funding for the maintenance of the completed works from October – December 2025, ensuring that the significant public investment in remediation is preserved and safeguarded.

In total, offsetting reductions made within existing appropriations of KYD1,600,000 (CI one million, six hundred thousand dollars) from EI 53 – Ministry of Health and Wellness, and KYD700,000 (CI seven hundred thousand dollars) from TP 73 – Other Health and Wellness Programme Assistance, to support the above appropriations. This ensures that the Government is not increasing overall expenditure, but rather redirecting funds to where they are most urgently needed.

Mister Speaker, this transaction meets the definition of “exceptional circumstances” as set out in the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision) because it ensures the Government’s ability to address contractual obligations, manage environmental risks, and safeguard public health in a timely manner.

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Closing

Finally, Mister Speaker, in these exceptional circumstances, this Government has chosen the path of responsibility — to meet our obligations, to move forward with critical national infrastructure works, and to uphold the principles of sustainable and prudent financial management.

When I come back to debate budget, I will provide a more detailed summary on the Ministry's approach to a new, long-term strategy for solid waste management in the Cayman Islands.

This Government remains committed to investing in environmental resilience, sustainable waste solutions, and the protection of our natural resources — actions that form part of a broader vision to secure not only today's needs but the wellbeing and prosperity of generations to come.

Thank you, Mister Speaker.