



PARLIAMENT
of the
CAYMAN ISLANDS

REPORT OF THE STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE
ON THE
Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025

Third Meeting of the 2025-2026 Session
of the Parliament of the Cayman Islands

Friday, 21st November, 2025

*Laid upon the Table of this Honourable House this 21st day of November, 2025
by the Chairman of the Standing Finance Committee, Minister for Finance & Economic
Development.*

1. Reference

Following the Second Reading of the Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025 on 11th November, 2025, the Bill stood committed to the Standing Finance Committee of the Parliament in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 82(7).

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 for Finance & Economic Development as Chair.

3. Meetings

The Committee met on the following days -

- (i) Thursday, 13th November, 2025
- (ii) Friday, 14th November, 2025
- (iii) Monday, 17th November, 2025
- (iv) Tuesday, 18th November, 2025
- (v) Wednesday, 19th November, 2025
- (vi) Friday, 21st November, 2025 - (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 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025

The Committee had before it the Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025 together with the Plan and Estimates for the Cayman Islands Government for the Financial Years ending 31 December 2026 and 31 December 2027, together with the Budget Statements for the 2026 Financial Year ending 31 December 2026 and the 2027 Financial Year ending 31 December 2027; Purchase Agreements between the Cayman Islands Government and Statutory Authorities and Government Owned Companies for the 2026 Financial Year ending 31 December 2026 and the 2027 Financial Year ending 31 December 2027; and Ownership Agreements for the 2026 Financial Year ending 31 December 2026 and the 2027 Financial Year ending 31 December 2027.

5.1. Clauses 1 through 3 of the Bill – Standing Order 83(1)

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 83(1), Clauses 1 through 3 of the Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025 stood postponed until after the consideration of the Schedule to the Bill.

5.2. Consideration of the Schedule to the Bill – Standing Order 83(3)

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

MOTION NO. 1

Amendment to Appropriations under PAH 1

The amendment is as follows:-

That head **PAH 1** be reduced by \$1 for 2026 and \$1 for 2027 in respect of “Advice and Support to the Minister for Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure”.

Mr. Christopher Saunders, Elected Member for Bodden Town West *withdrew* Motion No. 1 on 13th November 2025.

MOTION NO. 2

For a block vote to be taken for the Appropriations to the Minister for Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure (PLAHI)

Moved by Honourable Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, Elected Member for Cayman Brac East.

Question Put: Failed on 13th November 2025. The Committee agreed that questions would be asked on all the appropriations to the Minister for PLAHI before a block vote is taken.

MOTION NO. 3

Amendment to Appropriations under TP 129 and TP 130

The amendment is as follows:-

That Transfer Payment **TP 130** be decreased by \$50,000 to result in a new total of \$200,000 for 2026 in respect of "Innovation and Research Support".

That Transfer Payment **TP 129** be increased by \$50,000 to result in a new total of \$150,000 for 2026 in respect of "Alex Panton Foundation Financial Assistance Programme".

Moved by Honourable Minister for Social Development & Innovation

Question Put: Agreed by the Committee that the appropriation for TP 130 be decreased by \$50,000 for 2026 and the appropriation for TP 129 be increased by \$50,000 for 2026.

MOTION NO. 4

Amendment to Appropriations under OE 128 and OE 130

The amendment is as follows:-

For the 2026 financial year, Output Group OE 128 - Personal Emoluments for the Premier, Deputy Premier, Speaker of Parliament, Ministers and Members of Parliament
By increasing the appropriated amount by \$600,000 to result in OE 128 becoming an amount of \$5,325,264.

For the 2027 financial year, Output Group OE 128 - Personal Emoluments for the Premier, Deputy Premier, Speaker of Parliament, Ministers and Members of Parliament
By increasing the appropriated amount by \$600,000 to result in OE 128 becoming an amount of \$5,373,792.

For the 2026 financial year, Output Group OE 130 - Administrative and Advisory Support to Members of Parliament
By increasing the appropriated amount by \$500,000 to result in OE 130 becoming an amount of \$4,086,540.

For the 2027 financial year, Output Group OE 130 - Administrative and Advisory Support to Members of Parliament
By increasing the appropriated amount by \$500,000 to result in OE 130 becoming an amount of \$4,184,100.

Moved by the Honourable Premier on behalf of the Parliament.

Question Put: Agreed by the Committee that the appropriation for OE 128 be increased by \$600,000 in 2026 to become \$5,325,264 and increased by \$600,000 in 2027 to become \$5,373,792 and the appropriation for OE 130 be increased by \$500,000 in 2026 to become \$4,086,540 and increased by \$500,000 in 2027 to become \$4,184,100.

MOTION NO. 5

Amendment to Appropriations under DAT 1

The amendment is as follows:-

That head **DAT 1** be reduced by \$1 for 2026 and \$1 for 2027 in respect of “Advice and Support to the Minister for Tourism and Trade Development”.

Mr. Christopher Saunders, Elected Member for Bodden Town West *withdrew* Motion No. 5 on 19th November 2025.

MOTION NO. 6

Amendment to Appropriations under HES 1

The amendment is as follows:-

That head **HES 1** be reduced by \$1 for 2026 and \$1 for 2027 in respect of “Policy Advice and Ministerial Services to the Minister for Health, Environment and Sustainability”

Mr. Christopher Saunders, Elected Member for Bodden Town West *withdrew* Motion No. 6 on 19th November 2025.

MOTION NO. 7

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE STAGE AMENDMENTS

APPROPRIATION (FINANCIAL YEARS 2026 AND 2027) BILL, 2025

In accordance with Standing Order 84(3) of the Parliament Standing Orders, 2025, I, Christopher S. Saunders, Elected Member for Bodden Town West give notice to move the following amendment to the Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025 —

1. That Executive Assets **EA 146** – Land Purchase for Conservation be transferred from the Appropriations to the Minister for Health, Environment, and Sustainability and be transferred to the Appropriations to the Minister for Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing, and Infrastructure.

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

DATED: 12th November, 2025.

PASSED by the Standing Finance Committee of the Parliament this 19th day of November, 2025.

Question Put: **Agreed** **Appropriation EA 146 – Land Purchase for Conservation be transferred from the Appropriations to the Minister for Health, Environment & Sustainability to the Appropriations to the Minister for Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure.**

MOTION NO. 8

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 2025 the balance on the Fund was \$47,605,293.23;

AND WHEREAS the Government is seeking approval in the 2026-2027 budget period for the amounts shown in Appendix A, totalling \$6,052,764 that represent expenditures to be incurred with respect to protecting and preserving the environment of the Islands, being met by disbursements from the Fund.

BE IT NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT: -

1. The expenditures shown by Appendix A, totalling \$6,052,764, that are expected to be incurred in the 2026 and 2027 Financial Years, be recognised as being in the interest of protecting and preserving the environment of the Islands; and
2. that the Minister for Finance be authorised to disburse up to \$6,052,764, as shown by Appendix A from the Environmental Protection Fund to cover expenditures to be incurred in the 2026-2027 budget period with respect to the matters detailed in Appendix A.

To be moved by: Honourable Katherine Ebanks-Wilks, JP
 Minister Responsible for Health, Environment & Sustainability

Dated: 17th November 2025

Appendix A

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT
 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND – OPERATING EXPENDITURE REQUEST 2026-2027**

ITEM	2026 CI\$	2027 CI\$	PURPOSE
Coral Reef Conservation Program	100,000	100,000	Funding covers salary for a SCTL D project coordinator, service contracts for temporary divers, and cost of antibiotic treatment and other supplies for the project.

Grouper Moon Project	35,000	35,000	To resource the work and involvement of REEF, Scripps, Oregon State, etc. (Reduced from \$50K approved in 2023 as SeaKeeper's maintenance added to DoE's operational budget.)
Sister Islands Rock Iguana Conservation	50,000	50,000	To cover the cost of conservation measures to address the continued loss of SIRI's to predation and road kills.
Cayman Parrot Conservation	15,000	15,000	To fund the care and rehabilitation of Cayman Parrots which periodically come into DoE's possession.
Turtle Friendly Lighting	100,000	100,000	To continue subsidizing the DoE's turtle friendly lighting incentive scheme to compliment the designation of turtle nesting critical habitat on all 3 islands.
Invasive Species Removal -Green Iguanas	850,000	850,000	To continue funding the green iguana control programme.
Coral Lab Grow Facility	217,237	95,874	Covers consultancy fees, design of facility and additional post to assist with operation of the new coral lab grow out facility in 2026. Covers coral lab assistant salary plus supplies and consumables for 2027. (Has CAPEX requirements in 2026 & 27).
Little Cayman Feral Cat Eradication Project	500,000	1,000,000	Covers professional fees for set-up of project, acquisition of equipment and supplies by contractor and contractor's personnel costs in 2026; and full execution of project in 2027.
Hemmington Forest National Park	100,000	-	Hemmington Forest, located on the Bluff in CYB) is the first area targeted for National Park designation where all of the land has been acquired within the target area. These Professional fees are for branding of a national system of protected areas and protected area design for the Hemmington Forest National Park. (Has CAPEX requirement in 2027).
Fishing Licences for Non-Caymanian Program	141,105	464,312	For 4 additional officers needed to enforce the new regulations plus equipment, fuel, and annual maintenance of vehicles. (Has CAPEX requirement in 2026 & 27).
QEII Botanic Park Predator Fence Repair	60,000	-	To repair the Blue Iguana Breeding enclosure in order to keep out dogs which have recently killed 3-4 adult Blues at the Park.
Little Cayman UNESCO World Heritage Bid (LCM UWH Committee)	89,400	89,400	For a full-time scientifically trained and well-written full-time person recommended by UK UNESCO WHS consultant. It would function as LCM bid coordinator and develop management plan which needs to accompany application.
TOTAL EPF OPERATING EXPENDITURE REQUEST	2,257,742	2,799,586	

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND – CAPITAL EXPENDITURE REQUEST 2026-2027

ITEM	2026 CI\$	2027 CI\$	PURPOSE
Coral Lab Grow Facility	86,436	10,000	Capex covers purchase of containers for facility plus tanks, pumps and other equipment and supplies to establish facility.
Hemmington Forest National Park	-	300,000	Hemmington Forest, located on the Bluff in CYB) is the first area targeted for National Park designation where all of the land has been acquired within the target area. The CAPEX fees are to cover the construction of trails, interpretive centre, etc.
Fishing Licences for Non-Caymanian Program	299,500	299,500	Capex to cover boat (hull, engine, equipment, trailer); Ford F150 truck; radios; and tasers - all of which will be required for the new enforcement officers.
TOTAL EPF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE REQUEST	385,936	609,500	

Motion to withdraw the Motion entitled “Disbursement from the Environmental Protection Fund” was moved by Hon Katherine Ebanks-Wilks.

Question Put: Agreed that the Motion entitled *Disbursement from the Environmental Protection Fund* be withdrawn.

6. **Standing Order 83(7)**

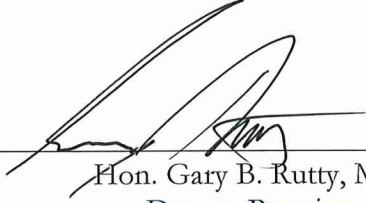
In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 83(7), I beg to lay upon the Table of this Honourable House the Report of the Standing Finance Committee on the Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025.



Hon. Rolston M. Anglin, JP, MP
 Minister for Finance & Economic Development *and*
 Education & Training
 Elected Member for West Bay North
Chairman



Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP
 Premier
 Minister for Financial Services & Commerce
 Elected Member for West Bay South



Hon. Gary B. Ruddy, MP
Deputy Premier
Minister for Tourism & Trade Development
Elected Member for George Town South

Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks, MP
Minister for Health, Environment & Sustainability
Elected Member for West Bay Central



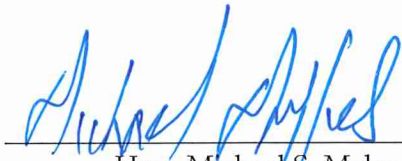
Hon. Johany S. Ebanks, JP, MP
Minister for Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure
Elected Member for North Side



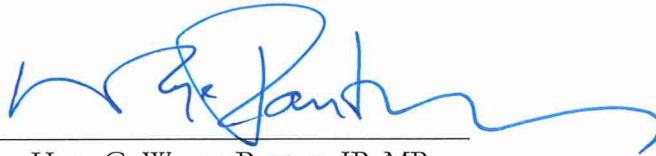
Hon. Isaac D. Rankine, JP, MP
Minister for Social Development & Innovation *and*
Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage
Elected Member for East End



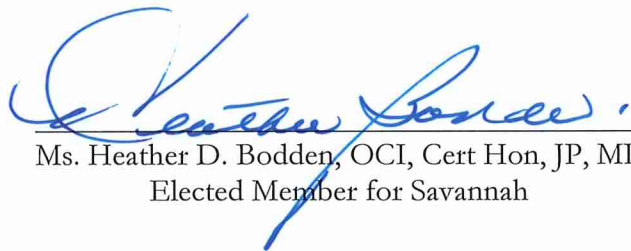
Hon. Nickolas T. A. DaCosta, JP, MP
Minister for District Administration & Home Affairs
Elected Member for Cayman Brac West and Little Cayman



Hon. Michael S. Myles, MP
Minister for Caymanian Employment & Immigration
Elected Member for Prospect



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



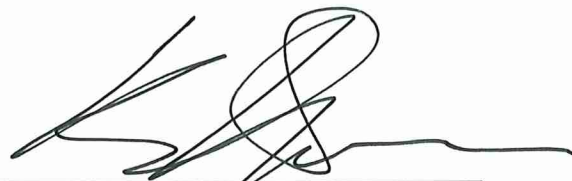
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Mrs. Julie J. T. Hunter, JP, MP
Elected Member for West Bay West



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



Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, JP, MP
Deputy Leader of the Opposition
Elected Member for George Town Central



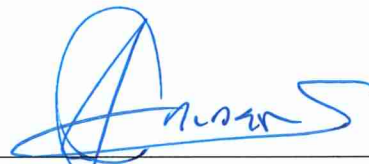
Hon. Pearlina L. McGaw-Lumsden, MP
Deputy Speaker
Elected Member for George Town West

Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP
Elected Member for Cayman Brac East

Mr. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP
Elected Member for George Town East



Mr. A. Royston Tatum, Jr., Cert. Hon., MP
Elected Member for Red Bay



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

Mr. Dwayne S. Seymour, CCI, JP, MP
Elected Member for Bodden Town East

**Minutes of Proceedings
of the
Standing Finance Committee
on the Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025**

**First Meeting
Thursday, 13th November, 2025**

Minutes of proceedings of the Standing Finance Committee meeting held Thursday, 13th November, 2025 at 2:35 pm in the Chamber of the House of Parliament, George Town, Grand Cayman.

Present: Hon. Rolston M. Anglin, JP, MP - **Chairman**
Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP
Hon. Gary B. Ruddy, MP
Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks, MP
Hon. Johany S. Ebanks, JP, MP
Hon. Isaac D. Rankine, JP, MP
Hon. Nickolas T. A. DaCosta, JP, MP
Hon. Michael S. Myles, MP
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Hon. Pearlina L. McGaw-Lumsden, MP
Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP
Mr. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP
Mr. A. Royston Tatum, Jr., Cert. Hon., MP
Mr. Christopher S. Saunders, MP
Mr. Dwayne S. Seymour, CCI, JP, MP

In Attendance: Mr. Kenneth Jefferson - Financial Secretary & Chief Officer, 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
Mr. Matthew Tibbetts - Accountant General, Ministry of F&ED

Witness: Mr. Durk Banks – Director, Public Transport Unit (PTU)

1. **Reference**
The Committee met following the Second Reading of the Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025.
2. **Meeting to Order**
There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 2:35 pm.
3. **Prayers**
The Honourable Chairman Rolston Anglin offered a word of prayer.
4. **Consideration of the Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025.**

Clauses 1 through 3 of the Bill – Standing Order 83(1)

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 83(1), Clauses 1 through 3 of the Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025 stood postponed until after the consideration of the Schedule of the Bill.

Consideration of the Schedule to the Bill – Standing Order 83(3)

The Committee commenced consideration of the Schedule to the Bill -

SCHEDULE

Appropriations for Financial Years 2026 and 2027

Appropriations to the Minister for Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure

Statement by Honourable Johany Ebanks, Minister for Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure. (2:47-3:13)

Questions on the Honourable Minister’s Statement by the Members.

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
PAH 1	Advice and Support to the Minister for Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure	8,216,078	8,378,011

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

MOTION NO. 1

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In accordance with Standing Order 84(3) of the Parliament Standing Orders, 2025, I, Christopher S. Saunders, Elected Member for Bodden Town West give notice to move the following amendment to the Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025 —

1. That head **PAH 1** be reduced by \$1 for 2026 and \$1 for 2027 in respect of “Advice and Support to the Minister for Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure”

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

DATED: 12th November, 2025.

WITHDRAWN BY: Mr. Christopher S. Saunders on 13th November, 2025.

MOTION NO. 2

For a block vote to be taken for the Appropriations to the Minister for Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure (PLAHI)

Moved by Hon. Juliana Y. O’Connor-Connolly, Elected Member for Cayman Brac East.

Question Put: Failed. The Committee agreed that questions would be asked on all the appropriations to the Minister for PLAHI before a block vote be taken.

Discussions ensued on **Appropriations to the Minister for PLAHI.**

Proceedings suspended at 6:03 pm

Proceedings resumed at 6:10 pm

Discussions continued on **Appropriations to the Minister for PLAHI.**

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
PAH 10	Management of Government Properties	14,758,222	15,053,786
PAH 11	Procurement and Maintenance of Government Fleet	4,354,179	4,410,272
PAH 14	Management of Planning Applications	6,571,126	6,693,484
PAH 16	Licensing of Drivers and Vehicles	2,029,014	2,112,966
PAH 24	Agriculture Support and Regulatory Services	11,555,004	11,853,995
PAH 26	Public Transport Services	950,962	969,706
PAH 27	Facilities Management	5,617,416	5,736,218
PAH 28	Provision of Cadastral Surveying, Land Registration, Stamp Duty Assessment, Valuations and Geographic Information Services	5,981,292	6,127,378
PAH 29	Public Lands Inspectorate Services	797,475	812,574
NHT 4	Administration of the Affordable Housing Initiative	425,000	425,000
NHT 5	Administration of the Government Guaranteed Home Assisted Mortgage Programme	255,000	255,000
NHT 6	Administration of the New Affordable Housing Initiative	680,000	680,000
NHT 7	Administration of the Build on Your Own Property Initiative	340,000	340,000
NGS 24	Spaying and Neutering of	30,000	30,000

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
	Dogs and Cats		
NGS 84	Cayman Islands Agricultural Society	187,000	187,000
Transfer Payments			
TP 60	Housing Assistance	500,000	1,000,000
TP 76	Assistance for Infrastructure Development	200,000	200,000
TP 84	Agriculture Sector Development	400,000	400,000
TP 124	Sponsorship and Scholarships	250,000	250,000
Other Executive Expenses			
OE 93	Caribbean Agriculture Research and Development Institute	122,000	122,000
OE 101	Depreciation of the Ministry of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure Executive Assets	9,694,000	9,694,000
OE 123	Global Island Partnership	5,000	5,000
Equity Investments			
EI 57	National Housing Development Trust	8,000,000	7,000,000
EI 71	Ministry of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure	4,500,000	5,550,000
Executive Assets			
EA 4	Land Purchase	1,500,000	1,500,000
EA 9	Land Purchase: Gazetted Claims	1,500,000	1,500,000
EA 78	Government Administration Building	1,030,000	0
EA 148	Major Road Works - Expansion Projects	14,095,000	13,450,000
EA 161	Submarine Cable	1,000,000	1,000,000
EA 164	Central Scranton Park	800,000	0
EA 168	Infrastructure and Development	7,575,000	9,000,000

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for PAH 1, PAH 10, PAH 11, PAH 14, PAH 16, PAH 24, PAH 26, PAH 27, PAH 28, PAH 29, NHT 4, NHT 5, NHT 6, NHT 7, NGS 24, NGS 84, TP 60, TP 76, TP 84, TP 124, OE 93, OE 101, OE 123, EI 57, EI 71, EA 4, EA 9, EA 78, EA 148, EA 161, EA 164 and EA 168 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Appropriations to the Minister for District Administration and Home Affairs

Statement by Honourable Nickolas DaCosta, Minister for District Administration & Home Affairs. (6:54-7:00)

Discussions ensued on **Appropriations to the Minister for District Administration & Home Affairs.**

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
DAH 1	Policy Advice, Legislative Initiatives and Ministerial Services	6,848,895	6,814,268
DAH 2	Government Services in Cayman Brac and Little Cayman	13,449,455	13,779,234
DAH 3	National Mail Service	5,327,955	5,436,133
DAH 4	Border Control Services	27,350,998	27,975,949
DAH 5	Domestic and Aerodrome Fire Services	19,979,476	20,969,839
DAH 6	Public Safety, Electronic Monitoring and Incident Responses	6,598,445	7,097,555
DAH 7	Prison Custodial Services	26,020,040	26,340,779
DAH 8	Offender Management, Supervision and Intervention Services	4,974,414	5,032,256
DAH 9	Cadet Corp Services	1,468,952	1,704,950
SIH 1	Sister Islands Affordable Housing Programme	569,263	570,116
NGS 38	Services for Irregular Migrants	1,741,000	1,741,000
Transfer Payments			
TP 46	Poor Relief for Refugees	130,000	130,000
TP 66	Sister Islands Home Repairs Assistance	600,000	600,000
TP 69	Support for the Bridge Foundation	155,000	155,000
TP 86	Sister Islands Beaches and Community Clean Up Programme	600,000	600,000
TP 101	Sister Islands Community Programmes/Projects	160,000	160,000
Other Executive Expenses			

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
OE 115	Regional Security Initiatives	86,000	86,000
OE 144	Depreciation of Executive Assets – Ministry of District Administration and Home Affairs	2,024,000	2,177,000
Equity Investment			
EI 93	Ministry of District Administration and Home Affairs	13,171,532	12,513,700
Executive Assets			
EA 55	Cayman Brac and Little Cayman Roads	500,000	1,500,000
EA 60	Cayman Brac: Sports Complex Expansion	250,000	200,000
EA 125	Cayman Brac Multi-Purpose Hall	150,000	100,000
EA 144	Public Restrooms (Sister Islands)	50,000	150,000
EA 171	Infrastructure Works in the Sister Islands	729,000	755,000

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for DAH 1, DAH 2, DAH 3, DAH 4, DAH 5, DAH 6, DAH 7, DAH 8, DAH 9, SIH 1, NGS 38, TP 46, TP 66, TP 69, TP 86, TP 101, OE 115, OE 144, EI 93, EA 55, EA 60, EA 125, EA 144 and EA 171 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

5. **Adjournment**

At 9:00 pm the Honourable Minister for Finance & Economic Development, Chair of the Standing Finance Committee adjourned the meeting until 10:00 am on Friday, 14th November, 2025.

**Minutes of Proceedings
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**Second Meeting
Friday, 14th November, 2025**

Minutes of proceedings of the Standing Finance Committee meeting held Friday, 14th November, 2025 at 10:50 am in the Chamber of the House of Parliament, George Town, Grand Cayman.

Present: Hon. Rolston M. Anglin, JP, MP - **Chairman**
Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP
Hon. Gary B. Ruddy, MP
Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks, MP
Hon. Johany S. Ebanks, JP, MP
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Ms. Anne Owens – Senior Assistant Financial Secretary, Ministry of F&ED
Mr. Michael Nixon - Senior Assistant Financial Secretary, Ministry of F&ED
Mr. Matthew Tibbetts - Accountant General, Ministry of F&ED

Witness: Mr. Sonji Myles – Interim CEO, Utility Regulation and Competition Office

1. **Meeting to Order**
There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 10:50 am.
2. **Prayers**
Honourable Joseph Hew, Leader of the Opposition and Elected Member for George Town North offered a word of prayer.
3. **Continuation of the consideration of the Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025.**

Appropriations to the Minister for Education and Training

Discussions ensued on **Appropriations to the Minister for Education & Training.**

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
EGA 1	Policy Advice, Governance and Ministerial Support Services	7,757,313	8,637,670
EGA 2	Employment Support Services and Scholarship Administration	3,050,322	3,072,857
EGA 4	Public Library Services	2,523,665	2,566,492
EGA 5	Primary Education Services	45,899,904	46,901,614
EGA 6	Secondary Education Services	51,099,943	52,689,814
EGA 7	Education Services for Students with Special Needs	13,433,329	13,721,316
EGA 8	Facilities Maintenance and Operational School Support Services	34,834,280	34,974,908
EGA 9	Training and Support for Adults with Disabilities	3,166,943	3,218,693
CCO 1	Teaching of Tertiary Level, Professional and Vocational Programmes	13,293,567	13,651,904
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	22,000	22,000
NGS 91	Public School Meals Programme	9,000,000	9,000,000
NGS 96	Extended After-School Programme	1,500,000	1,500,000
Transfer Payments			
TP 27	Pre-School Educational Assistance	2,100,000	2,100,000
TP 30	Local and Overseas Scholarships and Bursaries	32,300,000	32,000,000
TP 51	Other Educational and Training Assistance	900,000	900,000
TP 82	Scholarships – Special Educational Needs	3,000,000	3,000,000

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
TP 83	Scholarships – Medical Specialisation	329,000	317,000
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	560,621	560,621
OE 12	University of the West Indies Membership Levy	16,377	16,377
Equity Investments			
EI 12	Ministry of Education and Training	21,440,000	19,400,000
EI 46	University College of the Cayman Islands	1,500,000	0

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for EGA 1, EGA 2, EGA 4, EGA 5, EGA 6, EGA 7, EGA 8, EGA 9, CCO 1, CDB 1, NGS 25, NGS 34, NGS 79, NGS 91, NGS 96, TP 27, TP 30, TP 51, 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.

Proceedings suspended at 1:35 pm

Proceedings resumed at 2:50 pm

Appropriations to the Minister for Finance and Economic Development

Discussions ensued on Appropriations to the Minister for Finance & Economic Development.

Statement by Honourable Rolston Anglin, Minister for Finance & Economic Development:

“Details of Revenue Measures for 2026 and 2027” (2:58-3:23)

Questions on the Honourable Minister’s Statement by the Members.

Discussions continued on Appropriations to the Minister for Finance & Economic Development.

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
FED 1	Policy Advice, Governance and Ministerial Support Services	4,529,299	4,201,043

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
FED 4	Preparation and Publication of Statistical and Economic Reports	3,007,068	2,767,211
FED 5	Financial Reporting and Management Services	7,675,480	8,295,866
CIN 1	Health Insurance for Seamen and Veterans for Primary and Secondary Health Care	18,813,384	19,906,416

Discussions ensued on FED 1 and FED 5.

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

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Borrowings			
BO 10	Borrowings	124,000,000	112,000,000

Discussions ensued on BO 10.

Question Put: Ayes The Ayes have it.

A Division was sought by Honourable Joseph Hew, Leader of the Opposition.

Division No. 1:

Ayes: 11

Hon. André Ebanks
 Hon. Gary Ruddy
 Hon. Katherine Ebanks-Wilks
 Hon. Johany Ebanks
 Hon. Isaac Rankine
 Hon. Nickolas DaCosta
 Hon. Wayne Panton
 Ms. Heather Bodden
 Mrs. Julie Hunter
 Hon. Michael Myles
 Mr. Christopher Saunders

Abstentions: 6

Hon. Joseph Hew
 Hon. Kenneth Bryan
 Hon. Pearlina McGaw-Lumsden
 Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly
 Mr. Royston Tatum
 Mr. Roy McTaggart

Absentees: 1

Mr. Dwayne Seymour

Noes: 0

The Chairman read the results of the Division – Ayes: 11; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 6 and Absentees: 1

BO 10 passed by a majority.

Agreed that the appropriation for BO 10 stands part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
DVB 4	Administration of Lending Activities	605,043	605,043
URC 1	Drafting Instructions for the Development of Legislation and Policy Advice	74,289	74,289
URC 6	Regional and International Representation	50,000	50,000
URC 7	National Cyber Security Initiatives	200,000	200,000
URC 10	Monitoring and Controlling the Storage, Handling, Quality and Mensuration of Fuel Products	1,042,000	1,042,000
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 Licence Fees	33,418	33,418
Other Executive Expenses			
OE 9	Caribbean Economic Community Fees	241,199	246,023
OE 10	Caribbean Regional Technical Assistance Centre – Contribution	90,225	90,225
OE 27	Past Service Pension Liability Payment	12,208,000	12,208,000
OE 54	Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility – Annual Premium	1,100,000	1,100,000
OE 57	Executive Bank Charges	5,000	5,000
OE 110	General Insurance	12,343,800	12,960,990
OE 121	Additional Normal Cost Pension	4,155,338	4,238,445
Equity Investments			
EI 4	Cayman Islands Development Bank	500,000	500,000
EI 70	Ministry of Finance and Economic Development	1,065,000	1,065,000
EI 95	Utility Regulation and Competition Office	120,000	0
Loans Made			

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
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 Advances for Uninsured Patients	200,000	200,000
Financing Expense			
FE 3	Interest on Public Debt	21,483,000	30,726,000

Discussion on URC 1, URC 6, URC 7, URC 10, URC 11, URC 12, OE 54, EI 4 and EI 70.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for DVB 4, URC 1, URC 6, URC 7, URC 10, URC 11, URC 12, OE 9, OE 10, OE 27, OE 54, OE 57, OE 110, OE 121, EI 4, EI 70, EI 95, LM 1, LM 3, LM 4 and FE 3 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Proceedings suspended at 5:24 pm

Proceedings resumed at 5:31 pm

4. Adjournment

At 5:31 pm the Honourable Minister for Finance & Economic Development, Chair of the Standing Finance Committee adjourned the meeting until 9:30 am on Monday, 17th November, 2025.

**Minutes of Proceedings
of the
Standing Finance Committee
on the Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025**

**Third Meeting
Monday, 17th November, 2025**

Minutes of proceedings of the Standing Finance Committee meeting held Monday, 17th November, 2025 at 10:41 am in the Chamber of the House of Parliament, George Town, Grand Cayman.

Present: Hon. Rolston M. Anglin, JP, MP - **Chairman**
Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP
Hon. Gary B. Ruddy, MP
Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks, MP
Hon. Johany S. Ebanks, JP, MP
Hon. Isaac D. Rankine, JP, MP
Hon. Nickolas T. A. DaCosta, JP, MP
Hon. Michael S. Myles, MP
Hon. G. Wayne Panton, JP, MP
Ms. Heather D. Bodden, OCI, Cert Hon, JP, MP
Mrs. Julie J. T. Hunter, JP, MP
Hon. Joseph X. Hew, MP
Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, JP, MP
Hon. Pearlina L. McGaw-Lumsden, MP
Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP
Mr. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP
Mr. A. Royston Tatum, Jr., Cert. Hon., MP
Mr. Christopher S. Saunders, MP

Apologies: Mr. Dwayne S. Seymour, CCI, JP, MP

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

Witnesses: Hon. Samuel Bulgin - Attorney General, Portfolio of Legal Affairs
Ms. Nyasha Reid – Senior Manager, Children and Youth Services Foundation

1. **Meeting to Order**
There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 10:41 am.
2. **Prayers**
Honourable André Ebanks, Premier and Minister for Financial Services & Commerce offered a word of prayer.
3. **Continuation of the consideration of the Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025.**

Appropriations to the Minister for Financial Services and Commerce

Statement by Honourable André Ebanks, Premier and Minister for Financial Services & Commerce. (10:45-10:57)

Statement by Honourable Kenneth Bryan, Deputy Leader of the Opposition (10:58-11:10)

Discussions ensued on **Appropriations to the Minister for Financial Services & Commerce.**

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
FSC 20	Framework for the Functioning of the Financial Services Industry	9,398,399	10,181,302
FSC 22	Registers of Corporate and Vital Information	6,246,773	7,001,191
FSC 23	International Cooperation in Tax Matters	6,097,213	6,485,502
FSC 36	Trade and Commerce Licensing and Supervision	2,706,178	3,213,897
FSC 37	International Engagement for Financial Services	1,883,321	1,819,864
FSC 38	Support for Small Businesses	1,563,641	1,778,835
FSC 39	Combatting Illicit Finance	3,471,776	3,768,648
FSC 40	Registers of Intellectual Property	654,627	835,483
MOA 6	Regulation of the Cayman Islands Currency	1,050,000	1,050,000
MOA 8	Collection of Fees	271,360	280,632
MOA 12	Regulation of the Financial Services Industry	22,718,140	23,408,933
MOA 13	Assistance to Overseas Regulatory Authorities	886,443	916,730
MOA 14	Policy Advice and Ministerial Services	791,467	818,509
MOA 25	Monitor Compliance with the Anti-Money Laundering Regulations	7,100,590	7,343,196
CMA 1	Policy Advice to Cabinet on Maritime Matters	332,000	332,000

Discussions ensued on FSC 20, FSC 22, FSC 23, FSC 36, FSC 38, FSC 40, MOA 12 and MOA 13.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for FSC 20, FSC 22, FSC 23, FSC 36, FSC 37, FSC 38, FSC 39, FSC 40, MOA 6, MOA 8, MOA 12, MOA 13, MOA 14, MOA 25 and CMA 1 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
NGS 85	Cayman Finance	1,375,000	1,375,000

Discussions ensued on NGS 85.

The Committee agreed that the words “Cayman Finance Services” be changed to the words “Cayman Finance”.

The Appropriation name under NGS 85 will now read –
“Cayman Finance”.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for NGS 85 as amended stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
NGS 94	Cayman Islands Institute of Professional Accountants	800,000	800,000
Transfer Payments			
TP 63	Support to Local Business Associations	63,750	63,750
TP 80	Support for Business Initiatives	50,000	50,000
TP 85	Support to Local Financial Services Associations	93,500	93,500
Other Executive Expenses			
OE 6	Contribution to Caribbean Financial Action Task Force	84,000	84,000
OE 94	Organisation for Economic Cooperation Development Global Forum	55,000	55,000
OE 139	Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network for the Caribbean (ARIN-CARIB)	8,375	8,375
Equity Investment			
EI 67	Ministry of Financial Services and Commerce	506,500	100,000

Discussions ensued on NGS 94.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for NGS 94, TP 63, TP 80, TP 85, OE 6, OE 94, OE 139, EI 67 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Proceedings suspended at 1:10 pm

Proceedings resumed at 2:26 pm

Appropriations to the Premier

Statement by the Honourable Premier André Ebanks, with responsibility for the Office of the Premier and Cabinet Office. (2:26-2:43)

Questions on the Honourable Premier's Statement from Members.

Discussions ensued on **Appropriations to the Premier.**

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
CBO 1	Development and Coordination of Government Policy	1,993,409	2,071,299
CBO 2	Support and Servicing to Cabinet and National Security Council	3,413,787	2,976,326
CBO 9	Protocol Services	1,111,909	1,119,280
CBO 17	Government Communications Services	4,757,219	5,356,048
CBO 20	Assistance to the Premier and Administration of the Premier's Office	1,184,658	1,185,295
CBO 21	Broadcasting of Public Information and On-Air Programmes	2,150,479	2,229,487
CBO 22	Services Provided by the London Office	1,477,531	1,482,319
CBO 24	National Hazard Preparedness, Mitigation, Response and Recovery Services	1,985,867	2,087,843
CBO 25	Meteorological Services	2,936,365	2,979,309
Transfer Payments			

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
TP 58	Support for Services of the Red Cross	70,000	70,000
TP 128	Sponsorships and Community Support	150,000	150,000
Other Executive Expenses			
OE 96	Executive Salary Reimbursements	1,261,608	1,273,608
OE 125	Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency Membership	116,400	116,400
OE 132	Depreciation on Cabinet Office Executive Assets	350,000	350,000
Equity Investment			
EI 36	Cabinet Office	3,454,877	1,128,117

Discussions ensued on CBO 1, CBO 2, CBO 9, CBO 17, CBO 21, CBO 22, CBO 24, CBO 25 and OE 96.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for CBO 1, CBO 2, CBO 9, CBO 17, CBO 20, CBO 21, CBO 22, CBO 24, CBO 25, TP 58, TP 128, OE 96, OE 125, OE 132 and EI 36 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Appropriations to the Attorney General

Statement by Honourable Samuel Bulgin, KC, JP, Attorney General, ex officio Member responsible for the Portfolio of Legal Affairs. (3:51-3:53)

Discussions ensued on **Appropriations to the Attorney General**.

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
LGA 1	Legal Advice and Representation in Civil Matters	3,272,045	3,384,198
LGA 3	Law Teaching and Publications	1,753,694	1,783,736
LGA 4	Drafting of Legislation and Regulations	1,413,462	1,525,960
LGA 5	Policy Advice and Administrative Support to the Attorney General	1,650,698	1,682,303

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
LGA 6	Financial Intelligence Services	2,622,047	2,784,974
LGA 7	Review and Modernisation of Acts	596,196	670,834
Equity Investment			
EI 34	Portfolio of Legal Affairs	402,500	305,500

Discussions ensued on LGA 1.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for LGA 1, LGA 3, LGA 4, LGA 5, LGA 6, LGA 7 and EI 34 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 2026	Financial Year 2027
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Group			
DPA 1	Prosecution and International Cooperation	7,703,342	7,778,683
Equity Investment			
EI 60	Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions	152,000	100,000

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

Appropriations to Cabinet on behalf of the Chief Justice

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
JAD 1	Administrative Support to the Judiciary	3,682,222	3,698,654
JAD 2	Support for Court Proceedings	8,628,278	8,644,022
JAD 3	Collection of Revenue	819,591	823,641
JAD 4	Financial Management of Court Funds	706,185	702,728
JAD 5	Support for the Conduct of Coronial Proceedings	104,046	103,366

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
HEA 8	Autopsies, Coroner and Other Related Services	327,600	334,152
NGS 2	Legal Aid Services	2,971,000	3,030,420
NGS 93	Legal Services Supervisory Authority	1,844,096	1,819,144
Other Executive Expenses			
OE 1	Personal Emoluments for the Judiciary	4,576,262	4,967,815
OE 4	Judiciary Expenses	914,214	1,073,624
OE 43	Depreciation of Judicial Executive Assets	764,059	804,283
OE 57	Executive Bank Charges	13,000	13,000
OE 65	Court of Appeal Expenses	1,282,506	\$1,285,786
Equity Investment			
EI 21	Judicial Administration	1,500,000	797,500
Executive Asset			
EA 145	Court House	1,703,000	2,806,800

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for JAD 1, JAD 2, JAD 3, JAD 4, JAD 5, HEA 8, NGS 2, NGS 93, OE 1, OE 4, OE 43, OE 57, OE 65, EI 21 and EA 145 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Appropriations to the Public Accounts Committee

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Group			
ADO 2	Services to the Parliament and its Committees	1,420,248	1,491,263

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 2026	Financial Year 2027
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Group			

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
OBM 1	Independent Public Complaints and Information Rights	2,868,762	2,923,846
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.

Proceedings suspended at 4:54 pm

Proceedings resumed at 6:17 pm

Appropriations to the Minister for Social Development and Innovation

Statement by Honourable Isaac Rankine, Minister for Social Development & Innovation. (6:18-6:39)

Discussions ensued on **Appropriations to the Minister for Social Development & Innovation.**

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
ITI 2	Social Development Programmes and Services	22,855,083	23,378,886
ITI 3	Digital Services, Strategy and Business Investment Services	37,185,288	39,201,969
CAY 2	Children and Youth Services Foundation	4,350,000	4,350,000
NGS 64	Care of the Indigent and Disabled Elderly Persons	2,756,989	2,756,989
NGS 66	Foster Care for Children	770,000	770,000
NGS 67	Community Programmes - Afterschool	165,000	165,000
NGS 71	Support for Persons Experiencing Domestic Abuse	600,000	600,000
NGS 86	Community Programmes - Meals on Wheels	500,000	500,000
NGS 87	Gender Equality Cayman	14,000	14,000
Transfer Payments			
TP 41	Financial Assistance	24,000,000	24,000,000
TP 47	Ex-Gratia Benefit Payments to	10,000,000	10,000,000

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
	Seafarers and Veterans		
TP 57	Children and Family Services Support	521,150	521,150
TP 115	Hope for Today Foundation	100,000	100,000
TP 123	Support for Community Development and Activities	250,000	250,000

Discussions ensued on ITI 2, ITI 3, CAY 2, NGS 87, and 47.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for ITI 2, ITI 3, CAY 2, NGS 64, NGS 66, NGS 67, NGS 71, NGS 86, NGS 87, TP 41, TP 47, TP 57, TP 115 and TP 123 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Transfer Payments			
TP 129	Alex Panton Foundation Financial Assistance Programme	150,000	150,000
TP 130	Innovation and Research Support	200,000	250,000

Discussions ensued on TP 129 and TP 130.

MOTION NO. 3

Committee Stage Amendments to Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 84(3) of the Parliament Standing Orders, 2025, I, the Honourable Minister for Social Development & Innovation, give notice to move the following amendment to the Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025 —

Appropriations to the Minister for Social Development and Innovation

For the 2026 financial year, Output Group TP 130 - Innovation and Research Support
By decreasing the appropriated amount by \$50,000 to the amount of \$200,000.

For the 2026 financial year, Output Group TP 129 - Alex Panton Foundation Financial Assistance Programme
By increasing the appropriated amount by \$50,000 to the amount of \$150,000.

MOVED BY: Honourable Isaac D. Rankine, JP, MP, Minister for Social Development & Innovation and Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage

DATED: 17th November, 2025.

PASSED by the Standing Finance Committee of the Parliament this 17th day of November, 2025.

Question Put: Agreed by the Committee that the appropriation for TP 130 be decreased by \$50,000 for 2026 and the appropriation for TP 129 be increased by \$50,000 for 2026.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for TP 129 and TP 130 as amended stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Transfer Payments			
TP 131	Social Support Programme for Seniors and Children	500,000	500,000
Equity Investment			
EI 78	Ministry of Social Development and Innovation	5,061,240	2,289,240

Discussion ensued on EI 78.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for TP 131 and EI 78 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Appropriations to the Minister for Youth, Sports, Culture and Heritage

Statement by Honourable Isaac Rankine, Minister for Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage. (8:23-8:37)

Discussions ensued on **Appropriations to the Minister for Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage.**

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
YSC 1	Advice and Support to the Minister for Youth, Sports, Culture and Heritage	4,332,747	4,972,999
YSC 3	Sports Services	5,063,392	5,210,991
YSC 4	Youth Services	1,196,680	1,264,978

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
YSC 5	Celebrate Cayman	1,932,886	2,851,737
NAG 1	National Arts, Exhibitions and Festivals	186,250	192,000
NAG 2	National Art Collection, Care and Preservation	266,250	272,000
NAG 3	Art Education, Outreach and Training	277,630	283,380
NAG 4	Art Information - Facilities, Promotion, Scholarship and Publication	319,870	325,620
MUS 4	Collection and Preservation of Significant Material Evidence	174,859	174,859
MUS 5	Museum Facilities, Exhibitions and Displays	681,629	681,629
MUS 6	Services to Support the Ministry, Cabinet and Other Departments	155,432	155,432
NCF 1	Arts and Cultural Preservation, Documentation and Promotion	247,613	217,613
NCF 2	Cultural Festivals, International Cultural Presentations, and Local Cultural Partnerships	330,539	365,539
NCF 3	Management of Operations and Maintenance of FJ Harquail Cultural Centre	453,612	453,612
NCF 4	Training and Support for Artistic Development	149,722	149,722
NCF 5	Youth Arts Programming	218,764	218,764
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, Culture and Heritage Programmes	350,000	350,000
Other Executive Expenses			
OE 81	World Anti-Doping Agency	5,000	5,000
OE 82	Regional Anti-Doping Organization	3,000	3,000
Equity Investments			
EI 23	Cayman Islands National Museum	600,000	400,000
EI 47	National Gallery of the	120,000	125,000

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
	Cayman Islands		
EI 72	Cayman National Cultural Foundation	336,000	326,000
EI 86	Ministry of Youth, Sports, Culture and Heritage	4,355,000	6,130,000

Discussions ensued on YSC 1, YSC 5, MUS 4.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for YSC 1, YSC 3, YSC 4, YSC 5, NAG 1, NAG 2, NAG 3, NAG 4, MUS 4, MUS 5, MUS 6, NCF 1, NCF 2, NCF 3, NCF 4, NCF 5, NGS 59, NGS 60, TP 107, OE 81, OE 82, EI 23, EI 47, EI 72 and EI 86 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

4. Adjournment

At 10:15 pm the Honourable Minister for Finance & Economic Development, Chair of the Standing Finance Committee adjourned the meeting until 10:00 am on Tuesday, 18th November, 2025.

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**Fourth Meeting
Tuesday, 18th November, 2025**

Minutes of proceedings of the Standing Finance Committee meeting held Tuesday, 18th November, 2025 at 11:34 am in the Chamber of the House of Parliament, George Town, Grand Cayman.

Present: Hon. Rolston M. Anglin, JP, MP - **Chairman**
Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP
Hon. Gary B. Ruddy, MP
Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks, MP
Hon. Johany S. Ebanks, JP, MP
Hon. Isaac D. Rankine, JP, MP
Hon. Nickolas T. A. DaCosta, JP, MP
Hon. Michael S. Myles, MP
Hon. G. Wayne Panton, JP, MP
Ms. Heather D. Bodden, OCI, Cert Hon, JP, MP
Mrs. Julie J. T. Hunter, JP, MP
Hon. Joseph X. Hew, MP
Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, JP, MP
Hon. Pearlina L. McGaw-Lumsden, MP
Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP
Mr. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP
Mr. A. Royston Tatum, Jr., Cert. Hon., MP
Mr. Christopher S. Saunders, MP

Apologies: Mr. Dwayne S. Seymour, CCI, JP, MP

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

Witnesses: Mr. Kurt Walton - Chief Officer & Commissioner of Police
Mr. Bennard Ebanks - Director, Department of Labour & Pensions
Hon. Gloria McField-Nixon, Acting Deputy Governor, Portfolio of the Civil Service

1. **Meeting to Order**
There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 11:34 am.
2. **Prayers**
Mrs. Julie Hunter, Elected Member for West Bay West offered a word of prayer.
3. **Continuation of the consideration of the Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025.**

Appropriations to the Premier on behalf of the Office of the Commissioner of Police

Statement by the Honourable Premier on behalf of the Office of the Commissioner of Police.
(11:38-11:50)

Questions to the Hon. Premier's Statement from Members.

Discussions ensued on **Appropriations to the Premier on behalf of the Office of the Commissioner of Police.**

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
OCP 1	Crime Prevention and Protection Services	36,231,535	36,851,778
OCP 2	Crime Investigation and Criminal Justice Services	15,510,111	15,678,161
OCP 3	Policy Advice, Administrative and Support Services	12,722,446	12,911,595

Discussion ensued on OCP 1

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

Proceedings suspended at 2:47 pm

Proceedings resumed at 3:48 pm

Discussions continued on **Appropriations to the Premier on behalf of the Office of the Commissioner of Police.**

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
OCP 4	Coast Guard Services	5,915,791	5,969,284
OCP 5	Regiment Services	2,682,984	2,742,130
Equity Investment			
EI 79	Office of the Commissioner of Police	3,000,000	3,000,000

Discussion ensued on OCP 4 and OCP 5.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for OCP 4, OCP 5 and EI 79 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Appropriations to the Premier on behalf of the Parliament

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Group			
LEA 1	Administrative Services Provided to Parliament and Members of Parliament	3,639,036	3,684,243
Other Executive Expenses			
OE 5	Constituency Allowance	1,805,167	1,805,167
OE 71	Commonwealth Parliamentary Association	200,000	200,000
OE 128	Personal Emoluments for the Premier, Deputy Premier, Speaker of Parliament, Ministers and Members of Parliament	5,325,264	5,373,792
OE 129	Executive Depreciation - Parliament	195,000	195,000
OE 130	Administrative and Advisory Support to Members of Parliament	4,086,540	4,184,100
OE 150	Repairs to Parliament Building	25,000	25,000
Equity Investment			
EI 88	Parliament	197,000	0
Executive Asset			
EA 141	Upgrades and Repairs to the Parliament Building	990,000	1,000,000

MOTION NO. 4

**Committee Stage Amendments
to**

Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 84(3) of the Parliament Standing Orders, 2025, I, the Honourable Premier, give notice to move the following amendment to the Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025 —

Appropriations to the Premier on behalf of the Parliament

For the 2026 financial year, Output Group OE 128 - Personal Emoluments for the Premier, Deputy Premier, Speaker of Parliament, Ministers and Members of Parliament
By increasing the appropriated amount by \$600,000 to the amount of \$5,325,264.

For the 2027 financial year, Output Group OE 128 - Personal Emoluments for the Premier, Deputy Premier, Speaker of Parliament, Ministers and Members of Parliament
By increasing the appropriated amount by \$600,000 to the amount of \$5,373,792.

For the 2026 financial year, Output Group OE 130 - Administrative and Advisory Support to Members of Parliament
By increasing the appropriated amount by \$500,000 to the amount of \$4,086,540.

For the 2027 financial year, Output Group OE 130 - Administrative and Advisory Support to Members of Parliament
By increasing the appropriated amount by \$500,000 to the amount of \$4,184,100.

MOVED BY: Honourable André M. Ebanks, MP, Premier and Minister for Financial Services & Commerce

DATED: 17th November, 2025.

PASSED by the Standing Finance Committee of the Parliament this 18th day of November, 2025.

Question Put: Agreed by the Committee that the appropriation for OE 128 be increased by \$600,000 in 2026 to \$5,325,264 and increased by \$600,000 in 2027 to \$5,373,792 and the appropriation for OE 130 be increased by \$500,000 in 2026 to \$4,086,540 and increased by \$500,000 in 2027 to \$4,184,100.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for LEA 1, OE 5, OE 71, OE 128, OE 129, OE 130, OE 150, EI 88 and EA 141 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Appropriations to the Minister for Caymanian Employment and Immigration

Statement by Honourable Michael Myles, Minister for Caymanian Employment & Immigration.
(4:13-5:01)

Questions to the Honourable Minister's Statement from Members.

Proceedings suspended at 6:06 pm

Proceedings resumed at 7:10 pm

Discussions ensued on **Appropriations to the Minister for Caymanian Employment & Immigration.**

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Group			
HCA 6	Labour Management and Residency Services	14,066,199	12,969,529
Transfer Payment			
TP 119	Community Development Initiatives	150,000	150,000

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
Equity Investment			
EI 11	Ministry of Caymanian Employment and Immigration	2,430,000	1,970,000

Discussion ensued on HCA 6 and EI 11.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for HCA 6, TP 119 and EI 11 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Appropriations to the Deputy Governor

Statement by Honourable Gloria McField-Nixon, Acting Deputy Governor, ex officio Member responsible for the Portfolio of the Civil Service. (8:23-8:54)

Questions to the Honourable Acting Deputy Governor's Statement from Members.

Discussions ensued on Appropriations to the Deputy Governor.

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
CIV 1	Policy Advice to the Head of the Civil Service	3,025,763	3,072,935
CIV 2	Internal Auditing Assurance, Advisory and Anti-Fraud Services	1,747,959	1,772,959
CIV 3	Management of Public Sector Reform	2,035,480	2,244,550
CIV 7	Workforce Development within the Civil Service	5,074,583	5,155,571
CIV 11	Servicing and Support for Her Excellency the Governor	924,818	942,696
CIV 12	Preservation and Management of Records	1,299,591	1,327,847
CIV 13	Operations of the Elections Office	858,652	694,842
CIV 14	Support for Commissions	2,273,791	2,245,870
CIV 15	Policy Advice and Administrative Support Provided to the Deputy Governor	2,695,622	2,710,694
CIV 16	Reports on Educational Standards and Education	1,284,045	1,320,889

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
	Related Matters		
CIN 2	Health Insurance for Civil Service Pensioners	58,751,700	64,012,261
NGS 20	Employee Assistance Programme	324,935	331,500
Other Executive Expenses			
OE 2	Personal Emoluments for Her Excellency the Governor and Official Members of Cabinet	993,613	987,001
OE 19	Ex-Gratia Recipients Plan Payments	1,755,000	1,863,000
OE 100	Depreciation of the Portfolio of Civil Service Executive Assets	2,000	2,000
OE 107	Major Governance Projects	270,000	270,000
OE 116	Pension Uplift	7,188,000	7,590,000
OE 117	Civil Service Hospitality Fund	290,824	319,906
OE 119	Second Chances Programme	150,000	150,000
OE 120	Repairs and Maintenance of Executive Buildings	25,000	25,000
OE 141	Emerging Talent Programme	1,125,000	1,125,000
Equity Investment			
EI 35	Portfolio of the Civil Service	2,181,350	397,000

Discussion ensued on CIV 1 and CIV 2.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for CIV 1, CIV 2, CIV 3, CIV 7, CIV 11, CIV 12, CIV 13, CIV 14, CIV 15, CIV 16, CIN 2, NGS 20, OE 2, OE 19, OE 100, OE 107, OE 116, OE 117, OE 119, OE 120, OE 141 and EI 35 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

4. Adjournment

At 9:54 pm the Honourable Minister for Finance & Economic Development, Chair of the Standing Finance Committee adjourned the meeting until 10:00 am on Wednesday, 19th November, 2025.

**Minutes of Proceedings
of the
Standing Finance Committee
on the Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025**

**Fifth Meeting
Wednesday, 19th November, 2025**

Minutes of proceedings of the Standing Finance Committee meeting held Wednesday, 19th November, 2025 at 10:25 am in the Chamber of the House of Parliament, George Town, Grand Cayman.

Present: Hon. Rolston M. Anglin, JP, MP - **Chairman**
Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP
Hon. Gary B. Ruddy, MP
Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks, MP
Hon. Johany S. Ebanks, JP, MP
Hon. Isaac D. Rankine, JP, MP
Hon. Nickolas T. A. DaCosta, JP, MP
Hon. Michael S. Myles, MP
Hon. G. Wayne Panton, JP, MP
Ms. Heather D. Bodden, OCI, Cert Hon, JP, MP
Mrs. Julie J. T. Hunter, JP, MP
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Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, JP, MP
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Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP
Mr. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP
Mr. A. Royston Tatum, Jr., Cert. Hon., MP
Mr. Christopher S. Saunders, MP

Apologies: Mr. Dwayne S. Seymour, CCI, JP, MP

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

Witnesses: Mr. Fabian Whorms – Chief Executive Officer, Cayman Airways Limited
Mr. Richard Simms – Director, Department of Environmental Health
Dr. Marc Lockhart – Psychiatrist, Clinical Director of Poinciana Rehabilitation Centre
and Chair of the Poinciana Mental Health Advisory Council
Ms. Judith Seymour – Director, Department of Counselling Services
Ms. Gina Ebanks-Petrie – Director, Department of Environment

1. **Meeting to Order**

There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 10:25 am.

2. **Prayers**

Honourable Pearlina McGaw-Lumsden, Deputy Speaker and Elected Member for George Town West offered a word of prayer.

3. **Continuation of the consideration of the Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025.**

Appropriations to the Minister for Tourism and Trade Development

Statement by Honourable Gary Ruddy, Minister for Tourism & Trade Development. (10:28-11:11)

Questions to the Honourable Minister's Statement from Members.

MOTION NO. 5

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE STAGE AMENDMENTS

APPROPRIATION (FINANCIAL YEARS 2026 AND 2027) BILL, 2025

In accordance with Standing Order 84(3) of the Parliament Standing Orders, 2025, I, Christopher S. Saunders, Elected Member for Bodden Town West give notice to move the following amendment to the Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025 —

1. That head **DAT 1** be reduced by \$1 for 2026 and \$1 for 2027 in respect of “Advice and Support to the Minister for Tourism and Trade Development”

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

DATED: 12th November, 2025.

WITHDRAWN BY: Mr. Christopher S. Saunders on 19th November, 2025.

Discussions ensued on **Appropriations to the Minister for Tourism & Trade Development.**

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
DAT 1	Advice and Support to the Minister for Tourism and Trade Development	2,850,110	2,951,466
DAT 17	Tourism Support, Training, Promotional and Advertising Activities	27,910,525	28,099,706
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

Discussion ensued on DAT 1, DAT 17, CAL 1 and CAL 2.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for DAT 1, DAT 17, CAL 1 and CAL 2 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Equity Investments			
EI 1	Cayman Airways Limited	10,500,000	8,500,000

Discussion ensued on EI 1.

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

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
TAB 1	Management of Pedro St. James National Historic Site	1,100,000	1,100,000
TAB 2	Management of Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park	1,000,000	1,000,000
TAB 4	Management of the Cayman Islands Craft Market	150,000	150,000
TAB 5	Management of the Hell Geological Site	50,000	50,000
NGS 1	Organise, Administer and Execute the Cayman Islands Fishing Tournament	30,000	30,000
NGS 7	Management of Small Business Development	230,000	230,000
NGS 57	Gardening Projects and Landscaping	4,000	4,000
Transfer Payments			
TP 12	Tourism Scholarships	1,450,000	1,450,000
TP 67	Sports and Cultural Tourism Programmes Assistance	1,000,000	1,000,000
TP 122	Visitor Experience Development Grant	250,000	250,000
Equity Investments			
EI 49	Cayman Turtle Conservation and Education Centre Ltd.	5,000,000	4,000,000
EI 68	Ministry of Tourism and Trade Development	500,000	250,000
Executive Assets			
EA 159	Waterfront Tourism Experience	100,000	150,000

Discussion ensued on TAB 1, TAB 2, TAB 4, TAB 5, NGS 1, NGS 7, NGS 57, TP 12, TP 67, TP 122, EI 49, EI 68 and EA 159

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for TAB 1, TAB 2, TAB 4, TAB 5, NGS 1, NGS 7, NGS 57, TP 12, TP 67, TP 122, EI 49, EI 68 and EA 159 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Proceedings suspended at 2:26 pm

Proceedings resumed at 3:30 pm

Appropriations to the Minister for Health, Environment and Sustainability

Statement by Honourable Katherine Ebanks-Wilks, Minister for Health, Environment & Sustainability. (3:31-4:08)

Questions to the Honourable Minister's Statement from Members.

MOTION NO. 6

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE STAGE AMENDMENTS

APPROPRIATION (FINANCIAL YEARS 2026 AND 2027) BILL, 2025

In accordance with Standing Order 84(3) of the Parliament Standing Orders, 2025, I, Christopher S. Saunders, Elected Member for Bodden Town West give notice to move the following amendment to the Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025 —

1. That head **HES 1** be reduced by \$1 for 2026 and \$1 for 2027 in respect of "Policy Advice and Ministerial Services to the Minister for Health, Environment and Sustainability"

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

DATED: 12th November, 2025.

WITHDRAWN BY: Mr. Christopher S. Saunders on 19th November, 2025.

Continuation of questions to the Honourable Minister's Statement by the Members.

Discussions ensued on **Appropriations to the Minister for Health, Environment & Sustainability**.

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
HES 1	Policy Advice and Ministerial Services to the Minister for Health, Environment and Sustainability	9,880,268	11,321,824

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
HES 2	Health Regulatory Services	3,287,301	3,428,550
HES 7	Collection, Recycling and Disposal of Waste	10,904,842	11,802,008
HES 8	Public Health Services	3,346,702	3,389,321
HES 9	Environmental Health Monitoring Services	1,560,684	1,564,569
HES 10	Emergency Response Services	165,790	166,172
HES 11	Mosquito Control Services	10,155,000	10,354,000
HES 18	Counselling and Support Services	6,225,770	6,245,957
HES 19	Public Education and Social Issues	230,678	226,437
HES 21	Environmental Services and Research	8,099,726	8,513,223
HES 22	Residential Mental Health Services	11,478,152	12,740,613
HEA 2	Medical Care for Indigents	28,300,000	25,300,000
HEA 6	Medical Services in Cayman Brac and Little Cayman	4,161,000	4,161,000

Discussion ensued on HES 1, HES 2, HES 7, HES 8, HES 9, HES 10, HES 11, HES 18, HES 19, HES 21, HES 22, HEA 2 and HEA 6.

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for HES 1, HES 2, HES 7, HES 8, HES 9, HES 10, HES 11, HES 18, HES 19, HES 21, HES 22, HEA 2 and HEA 6 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Proceedings suspended at 7:08 pm

Proceedings resumed at 7:19 pm

Discussions continued on **Appropriations to the Minister for Health, Environment & Sustainability.**

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Output Groups			
HEA 10	Ambulance Services	3,716,000	3,716,000
HEA 11	Services at District Health Clinics	4,076,000	4,076,000
HEA 12	Mental Health Services	5,835,000	5,835,000
HEA 16	Geriatric Services	4,000,000	4,080,000

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
HEA 17	Medical Care Beyond Insurance Coverage/Uninsured	2,000,000	2,040,000
HEA 18	School Health Services	2,500,000	2,500,000
HEA 19	Medical Care for Chronic Ailments	1,360,000	1,387,000
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	501,000
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
HEA 29	Inpatient Adolescent Mental Health	1,454,456	1,498,090
HEA 30	Mobile Crisis Intervention	684,796	684,796
NDC 1	Policy, Prevention and Education, Research and Information, Dissemination and Evaluation	1,105,000	1,146,000
NGS 4	HIV/AIDS and First Aid Public Education Programmes	40,000	40,000
NGS 53	Palliative Care Nursing	300,000	300,000
NGS 55	Tertiary Medical Care at Various Local and Overseas Institutions	43,000,000	43,000,000
NGS 74	Preservation of Natural Environments and Places of Historic Significance	570,000	570,000
NGS 92	Alzheimer's and Dementia Association of the Cayman Islands	125,000	125,000
NGS 95	Multiple Sclerosis Foundation of the Cayman Islands	25,000	25,000
Transfer Payments			

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
TP 44	Temporary Poor Relief Payments for Young Parents Programme	50,000	50,000
TP 73	Other Health, Environment and Sustainability Programme Assistance	200,000	200,000
TP 111	Climate Resiliency Programme	200,000	0
TP 112	Community Support Programmes	200,000	200,000
Other Executive Expenses			
OE 15	Pan American Health Organization Subscription	15,000	15,000
OE 66	United Nations Caribbean Environmental Programme	7,500	7,500
OE 103	Caribbean Public Health Agency	20,000	20,000
OE 127	Caribbean Association of Medical Councils	1,500	1,500
OE 133	Oil Spills Tier 3 - Annual Fee	75,000	85,000
OE 152	Maintenance of the Completed George Town Landfill Remediation Works Phase 1	498,000	498,000
Equity Investment			
EI 29	Health Services Authority	0	5,000,000
EI 94	Ministry of Health, Environment and Sustainability	15,564,000	8,483,000
Executive Assets			
EA 30	Cemetery Vaults – Grand Cayman	620,000	672,000

Discussion ensued on HEA 10, HEA 11, HEA 12, HEA 26, NGS 55, TP 111 and EI 29

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for 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 29, HEA 30, NDC 1, NGS 4, NGS 53, NGS 55, NGS 74, NGS 92, NGS 95, TP 44, TP 73, TP 111, TP 112, OE 15, OE 66, OE 103, OE 127, OE 133, OE 152, EI 29, EI 94 and EA 30 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Executive Assets			
EA 146	Land Purchase for Conservation	50,000	50,000

Discussion ensued on EA 146.

MOTION NO. 7

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE STAGE AMENDMENTS

APPROPRIATION (FINANCIAL YEARS 2026 AND 2027) BILL, 2025

In accordance with Standing Order 84(3) of the Parliament Standing Orders, 2025, I, Christopher S. Saunders, Elected Member for Bodden Town West give notice to move the following amendment to the Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025 —

1. That head **EA 146** – Land Purchase for Conservation be transferred from the Appropriations to the Minister for Health, Environment, and Sustainability and be transferred to the Appropriations to the Minister for Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing, and Infrastructure.

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

DATED: 12th November, 2025.

PASSED by the Standing Finance Committee of the Parliament this 19th day of November, 2025.

Question Proposed: **Debate ensued:**

- (a) Mr. Christopher Saunders, Elected Member for Bodden Town West (8:24-8:25)
- (b) Hon. Kenneth Bryan, Deputy Leader of the Opposition (8:25-8:27)
- (c) Mr. Christopher Saunders, Elected Member for BTW (reply 8:27)

Question Put: **Agreed**

Appropriation EA 146 – Land Purchase for Conservation be transferred from the Appropriations to the Minister for Health, Environment & Sustainability to the Appropriations to the Minister for Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure.

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Executive Assets			
EA 162	Protected Area Management	50,000	50,000

Question Put: **Agreed that the appropriations for EA 162 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.**

Appropriations to the Minister for Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Financial Year 2026	Financial Year 2027
		Appropriation Amount \$	Appropriation Amount \$
Executive Assets			
EA 146	Land Purchase for Conservation	50,000	50,000

Question Put: Agreed that the appropriations for EA 146 stand part of the Schedule to the Bill.

Proceedings suspended at 8:33 pm

Proceedings resumed at 8:36 pm

MOTION NO. 8

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 2025 the balance on the Fund was \$47,605,293.23;

AND WHEREAS the Government is seeking approval in the 2026-2027 budget period for the amounts shown in Appendix A, totalling \$6,052,764 that represent expenditures to be incurred with respect to protecting and preserving the environment of the Islands, being met by disbursements from the Fund.

BE IT NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT: -

1. The expenditures shown by Appendix A, totalling \$6,052,764, that are expected to be incurred in the 2026 and 2027 Financial Years, be recognised as being in the interest of protecting and preserving the environment of the Islands; and
2. that the Minister for Finance be authorised to disburse up to \$6,052,764, as shown by Appendix A from the Environmental Protection Fund to cover expenditures to be incurred in the 2026-2027 budget period with respect to the matters detailed in Appendix A.

To be moved by: Honourable Katherine Ebanks-Wilks, JP
Minister Responsible for Health, Environment & Sustainability

Dated: 17th November 2025

Appendix A

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND – OPERATING EXPENDITURE REQUEST 2026-2027

ITEM	2026 CI\$	2027 CI\$	PURPOSE
Coral Reef Conservation Program	100,000	100,000	Funding covers salary for a SCTLD project coordinator, service contracts for temporary divers, and cost of antibiotic treatment and other supplies for the project.
Grouper Moon Project	35,000	35,000	To resource the work and involvement of REEF, Scripps, Oregon State, etc. (Reduced from \$50K approved in 2023 as SeaKeeper's maintenance added to DoE's operational budget.)
Sister Islands Rock Iguana Conservation	50,000	50,000	To cover the cost of conservation measures to address the continued loss of SIRI's to predation and road kills.
Cayman Parrot Conservation	15,000	15,000	To fund the care and rehabilitation of Cayman Parrots which periodically come into DoE's possession.
Turtle Friendly Lighting	100,000	100,000	To continue subsidizing the DoE's turtle friendly lighting incentive scheme to compliment the designation of turtle nesting critical habitat on all 3 islands.
Invasive Species Removal -Green Iguanas	850,000	850,000	To continue funding the green iguana control programme.
Coral Lab Grow Facility	217,237	95,874	Covers consultancy fees, design of facility and additional post to assist with operation of the new coral lab grow out facility in 2026. Covers coral lab assistant salary plus supplies and consumables for 2027. (Has CAPEX requirements in 2026 & 27).
Little Cayman Feral Cat Eradication Project	500,000	1,000,000	Covers professional fees for set-up of project, acquisition of equipment and supplies by contractor and contractor's personnel costs in 2026; and full execution of project in 2027.
Hemmington Forest National Park	100,000	-	Hemmington Forest, located on the Bluff in CYB) is the first area targeted for National Park designation where all of the land has been acquired within the target area. These Professional fees are for branding of a national system of protected areas and protected area design for the Hemmington Forest National Park. (Has CAPEX requirement in 2027).
Fishing Licences for Non-Caymanian Program	141,105	464,312	For 4 additional officers needed to enforce the new regulations plus equipment, fuel, and annual maintenance of vehicles. (Has CAPEX requirement in 2026 & 27).

QEII Botanic Park Predator Fence Repair	60,000	-	To repair the Blue Iguana Breeding enclosure in order to keep out dogs which have recently killed 3-4 adult Blues at the Park.
Little Cayman UNESCO World Heritage Bid (LCM UWH Committee)	89,400	89,400	For a full-time scientifically trained and well-written full-time person recommended by UK UNESCO WHS consultant. It would function as LCM bid coordinator and develop management plan which needs to accompany application.
TOTAL EPF OPERATING EXPENDITURE REQUEST	2,257,742	2,799,586	

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND – CAPITAL EXPENDITURE REQUEST 2026-2027**

ITEM	2026 CI\$	2027 CI\$	PURPOSE
Coral Lab Grow Facility	86,436	10,000	Capex covers purchase of containers for facility plus tanks, pumps and other equipment and supplies to establish facility.
Hemmington Forest National Park	-	300,000	Hemmington Forest, located on the Bluff in CYB) is the first area targeted for National Park designation where all of the land has been acquired within the target area. The CAPEX fees are to cover the construction of trails, interpretive centre, etc.
Fishing Licences for Non-Caymanian Program	299,500	299,500	Capex to cover boat (hull, engine, equipment, trailer); Ford F150 truck; radios; and tasers - all of which will be required for the new enforcement officers.
TOTAL EPF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE REQUEST	385,936	609,500	

Hon Katherine Ebanks-Wilks moved a motion that the Motion entitled “Disbursement from the Environment Protection Fund” be withdrawn.

Question Put: That the Motion entitled Disbursement from the Environmental Protection Fund be withdrawn.

Question Put: Ayes The Ayes have it.

A Division was sought by Honourable Kenneth Bryan, Deputy Leader of the Opposition.

Division No. 2:

Ayes: 15

Hon. André Ebanks
 Hon. Gary Ruttly
 Hon. Katherine Ebanks-Wilks
 Hon. Johany Ebanks
 Hon. Isaac Rankine
 Hon. Nickolas DaCosta
 Hon. Wayne Panton
 Ms. Heather Bodden
 Hon. Michael Myles
 Hon. Joseph Hew
 Hon. Kenneth Bryan
 Hon. Pearlina McGaw-Lumsden
 Hon. Juliana O’Connor-Connolly
 Mr. Royston Tatum
 Mr. Roy McTaggart

Absentees: 3

Mrs. Julie Hunter
 Mr. Dwayne Seymour
 Mr. Christopher Saunders

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

The Chair read the results of the Division – Ayes: 15; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0 and Absentees: 3

Agreed that the Minister for Health, Environment & Sustainability withdraw the Motion that funds from the Environmental Protection Fund be used to cover expenditures as set out in Appendix A of the Motion passed by a majority.

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 Committee report the Bill to the House.

4. **Adjournment**

The Honourable Minister for Finance & Economic Development, Chair of the Standing Finance Committee adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm until Friday, 21st November, 2025, at 12:00 pm to consider the Report.

**Minutes of Proceedings
of the
Standing Finance Committee
on the Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025**

**Sixth Meeting
Friday, 21st November, 2025**

Minutes of proceedings of the Standing Finance Committee meeting held Friday, 21st November, 2025 at 12:41 pm in the Large Committee Room of the House of Parliament, George Town, Grand Cayman.

Present: Hon. Rolston M. Anglin, JP, MP - **Chairman**
Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP
Hon. Gary B. Ruddy, MP
Hon. Johany S. Ebanks, JP, MP
Hon. Isaac D. Rankine, JP, MP
Hon. Nickolas T. A. DaCosta, JP, MP
Hon. Michael S. Myles, MP
Hon. G. Wayne Panton, JP, MP
Ms. Heather D. Bodden, OCI, Cert Hon, JP, MP
Mrs. Julie J. T. Hunter, JP, MP
Hon. Joseph X. Hew, MP
Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, JP, MP
Hon. Pearlina L. McGaw-Lumsden, MP
Mr. A. Royston Tatum, Jr., Cert. Hon., MP
Mr. Christopher S. Saunders, MP

Apologies: Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP
Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks, MP
Mr. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP
Mr. Dwayne S. Seymour, CCI, JP, MP

1. **Meeting to Order**

There being a quorum present the Chair called the meeting to order at 12:41 pm.

2. The Honourable Chairman Rolston Anglin offered a word of prayer.

3. **Consideration of Minutes**

The Committee considered the Minutes of the 13th, 14th, 17th, 18th and 19th November, 2025, of the Standing Finance Committee on the Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025, and approved the minutes, as amended, on a Motion moved by Honourable André Ebanks and seconded by Honourable Joseph Hew.

4. **Consideration of Draft Report**

The Committee considered the Draft Report of the Standing Finance Committee on the Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025 and approved the report, as amended, on a Motion moved by Honourable André Ebanks and seconded by Honourable Joseph Hew.

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

5. At 1:20 pm the Honourable Minister for Finance & Economic Development, Chair of the Standing Finance Committee adjourned the meeting.