



**Statement by
the Honourable Minister for Social Development and
Innovation
the Request for Section 11(5) and 11(6) Supplementary
Funding**

**Section 11(5) and 11(6) of the Public Management and
Finance Act (2020 Revision)**

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Mister Speaker, I wish to make a statement as to the circumstances and reasons why I, as Minister for Social Development and Innovation had to request a re-allocation of appropriations within the **2025 Budget, under Sections 11(5) and 11(6) of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision).**

Mister Speaker, last year, the Ministry of Social Development and Innovation (the "**Ministry**") administered through TP 41 (Financial Assistance) a one-time stipend for Bus Wardens and Bus Drivers employed by private entities contracted to provide school bus transportation services to the Cayman Islands Government ("CIG") education system, for the 2023-2024 School Year.

As a result of the concerns raised regarding the loss of wages for the Summer period the Ministry administered the delivery of a one-time stipend via TP 41 (Financial Assistance) for Bus Wardens and Bus Drivers employed by private entities contracted for the 2024-2025 School Year to provide services to the Cayman Islands Government education system.

Mister Speaker, the Bus Warden Stipend was provided to address the void in salary for Bus Wardens and Bus Drivers who are not employed during the Summer months when schools are not in session. In order to process this stipend, supplemental funding was required in FY 2025 as there was no budget allocation for this stipend.

Mister Speaker, the supplementary funding request at this time was necessary and urgent to address the discrepancy in pay structures between civil servants and employees of private bus companies who all deliver the same service of providing transportation to our children so they can access education and to avoid negative economic and social impacts due to the loss of income for the Summer period.

Mister Speaker, the Ministry of Social Development and Innovation requested to:

- reallocate KYD380,000 from TP 60 (Housing Assistance) to TP 41 (Financial Assistance) in accordance with Section 11(5) and 11(6) of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision) (the "Act").

Mister Speaker, the aforementioned exceptional circumstance transaction – which was approved by Cabinet for the Ministry of Social Development and Innovation during the 2025 financial period – did not cause any non-compliance with the Principles of Responsible Financial Management.

Thank you, Mister Speaker & May God continue to bless these Cayman Islands.