



**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)**

**First Meeting of the 2026-2027 Session of Parliament**

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 supplementary appropriations within the **2025 Budget, via Sections 11(5) and 11(6) of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision).**

Mister Speaker, in November 2025, the Department of Financial Assistance (the "Department") confirmed to the Ministry of Social Development (the "Ministry") that its budget would be insufficient to meet their projected expenditure for December 2025. Subsequently, there was a need to increase the appropriation in order to allow the Department to make payments throughout the remainder of the year.

The Department indicated that funding was primarily being depleted before the end of this year due to the increase in demand for rental assistance from August 2025 – November 2025, and projected demand for December 2025. There was a 25.23% increase in the number of households receiving rental assistance from January 2025 – November 2025.

Mister Speaker, in December 2025 the Ministry was advised of the decision to provide the additional holiday stipend for persons receiving the Ex-Gratia Seafarers and Veterans Benefit and the Long-Term Financial Assistance from the Department, which required an increase in the appropriation in order to allow the Department to make the additional payment.

Consequently, Mister Speaker, the Department of Financial Assistance confirmed to the Ministry that for December 2025 they would be unable to continue funding essential services for their clients who are in dire need of financial assistance, as allocated funding would be exhausted.

Mister Speaker, due to insufficient availability of funds, the Department would also be unable to provide the additional holiday stipend, as allocated funding would be exhausted. The Ministry responded to this critical need by submitting a Paper to Cabinet requesting for supplementary funding.

Mister Speaker, the Cabinet therefore approved the request from the Ministry of Social Development and Innovation for Supplementary appropriations per section 11(5) and 11(6) of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision) to:

- i. re-allocate \$500,000 from ITI 3 (Digital Services, Strategy and Business Investment Services) to TP 41 (Financial Assistance), for the continuation of financial assistance services through December 2025.
- ii. increase TP 41 (Financial Assistance) in the amount of \$450,000 for the continuation of financial assistance throughout 2025.
- iii. increase TP 47 (Ex-Gratia Benefits to Seamen and Ex-Servicemen) in the amount of \$427,500 for an additional holiday stipend of \$500 to be provided to all recipients of the Seafarers & Veterans Ex-Gratia Benefit.

- iv. increase TP 41 (Financial Assistance) in the amount of \$501,000 for an additional holiday stipend of \$500 to be provided to all Long-Term Financial Assistance recipients.

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.