



**Ministry of
District Administration
& Home Affairs**

Cayman Islands Government

Statement in relation to an Exceptional Circumstance Appropriation:

Sister Islands Affordable Housing Development Programme

**By the Honourable Nickolas DaCosta, JP, MP
Minister for District Administration and Home Affairs**

**Fourth Meeting of the 2025–2026 Session
of the Parliament of the Cayman Islands**

4-6 March 2026

STATEMENT

Mister Speaker,

I wish to make a statement to this Honourable House regarding an exceptional circumstance appropriation approved by Cabinet pursuant to sections 11(5) and 11(6) of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision) by the former Ministry for District Administration & Lands.

Mister Speaker, the Ministry administers the Sister Islands Affordable Housing Development Programme which promotes affordable home ownership opportunities for Caymanians residing in Cayman Brac and Little Cayman.

During the implementation of this programme, the Ministry identified a growing affordability gap between the cost of constructing homes and the level of mortgage financing available to prospective homeowners.

At the same time, economic conditions including rising house prices, increasing mortgage interest rates and broader cost-of-living pressures created additional challenges for prospective homeowners seeking to access financing.

These circumstances were beyond the control of the Government, could not reasonably have been anticipated at the time the Appropriation Law was enacted,

and required expenditure to be incurred within the financial year in order to support the timely delivery of affordable housing under the programme.

Mister Speaker, on 20 March 2025 Cabinet approved, pursuant to section 11(5) of the Act, the transfer of appropriations in the amount of CI\$600,000 as follows —

1. A decrease of EI 92 – Equity Injection in the Ministry of District Administration and Lands by CI\$600,000; and
2. An increase of SIH 1 – Sister Islands Affordable Housing Programme by CI\$600,000.

Mister Speaker, the Ministry of Finance confirmed at the time that this appropriation change would not result in any non-compliance with the Principles of Responsible Financial Management.

Thank you, Mister Speaker.