



**Statement by
the Honourable Minister for Social Development and
Innovation**

**Reallocation of appropriations in accordance with
Section 11(5) of the Public Management and Finance Act
(2026 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 reallocation of appropriations within the **2026 and 2027 Budgets, under Section 11(5) of the Public Management and Finance Act (2026 Revision).**

Mister Speaker, the request was to reallocate appropriations from TP 131 which is for social support programmes for seniors and children to TP 123 which is for community development. I, as Minister with responsibility for Social Development, have identified several projects in this budget cycle which support persons of all ages, and are more suited to the allocation for community development.

Recently, Autism Acceptance opened a new, inclusive community space for neurodivergent persons and they were in need of additional support to ensure that they could open their facility and begin delivering services in line with their summer timeline and prior to the start of the school year. I was moved to support this initiative and after looking into possibilities for funding, it was determined that supplementary funding was required to be able to support them and similar projects this year.



Accordingly, Mister Speaker, the Ministry of Social Development and Innovation requested to re-allocate \$150,000 from TP 131 (Social Support Programme for Seniors and Children) to TP 123 (Community Development) for 2026 and 2027 as such projects could not have been anticipated when allocations were determined. This was a cost-neutral request.

Mister Speaker, the aforementioned exceptional circumstance transaction – which was approved by Cabinet for the Ministry of Social Development and Innovation for the 2026 and 2027 financial years – did not cause any non-compliance with the Principles of Responsible Financial Management.

Thank you, Mister Speaker.