



**Ministry of
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Cayman Islands Government

Statement in relation to an Exceptional Circumstance

Appropriation: National CCTV Program Services

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STATEMENT

Mister Speaker,

I rise to make a statement to this Honourable House in accordance with **section 11(6) of the Public Management and Finance Act (2026 Revision)** regarding an exceptional circumstance appropriation approved by Cabinet pursuant to section 11(5) of the Act.

This matter concerns the continued advancement of the **National CCTV Programme**, which is a critical security and public safety asset of the Cayman Islands.

The Government has taken a **deliberate and strategic decision** to pursue a targeted expansion of this programme in order to strengthen community safety, enhance situational awareness, and ensure more equitable public safety coverage across our districts.

Mister Speaker,

The National CCTV Programme and related network infrastructure is overseen by the **Ministry of District Administration and Home Affairs** and administered by the **Department of Public Safety Communications**. It plays an essential role in supporting law enforcement through real-time monitoring, evidentiary capture, and coordinated response capability.

In this instance, Cabinet's determination was **informed by consultation and technical assessment**, including engagement between the Department of Public Safety Communications and the **Royal Cayman Islands Police Service (RCIPS)**, to ensure that the proposed expansion would deliver maximum operational impact and public safety benefit.

Through this process, a gap in coverage in the district of East End was identified, particularly in areas experiencing increased traffic

movement, community activity, and evolving public safety risks. Addressing this gap could not be deferred without consequence to public safety outcomes.

Accordingly, Cabinet approved the **targeted expansion of the network**, comprising the installation of twenty-four (24) new CCTV cameras at eight strategically identified sites in East End. All sites have been thoroughly assessed and the technical feasibility confirmed.

Mister Speaker,

Having regard to the risks presented, Cabinet further determined that the most appropriate and responsible course of action was to **identify potential savings across Ministries within the existing 2026 Budget**, rather than increase overall expenditure.

On 28 August 2026, Cabinet therefore approved the transfer of appropriations in the amount of **one hundred and thirty thousand Cayman Islands dollars (CI\$130,000)** by reducing **EI 86 – Equity Investment – Ministry of Youth, Sports, Culture, and Heritage**, and increasing **EI 93 – Ministry of District Administration and Home Affairs**, to facilitate this expansion.

Mister Speaker,

In accordance with the Act, I further advise this Honourable House that the authorised executive financial transaction is **CI\$130,000 in capital expenditure**, and that this transfer of funds **has no adverse impact on the Government’s overall financial position**, as it is funded entirely through the transfer of existing appropriations within the same expenditure category.

This decision remains fully consistent with the principles of **responsible financial management**, including maintaining fiscal discipline while responding decisively to priority national risks.

Mister Speaker,

This action reflects a broader and ongoing commitment by this Government to **modernise and strengthen our national security infrastructure**, ensuring that our communities are safe, our law enforcement agencies are properly supported, and our public safety systems are resilient, responsive, and fit for purpose.

It is a clear demonstration that where **national security and public safety needs are identified**, this Government will act **decisively, responsibly, and collectively** to address them.

Thank you, Mister Speaker.