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Statement for the Exceptional Circumstances

As a result of the ministerial reorganization after the 2017 General Election, a number of departments changed Ministries, with effect from July 1, 2017. Additionally, the name of the Ministry was changed from the Ministry of Home Affairs to the Ministry of Human Resources and Immigration.

As a result of the reorganization, a number of departments were transferred from the Ministry of Human Resource and Immigration, formerly known as the Ministry of Home Affairs:

a) Hazard Management Cayman Islands (HCA 9)
b) Department of Public Safety (HCA 7, HCA 12)
c) Her Majesty's Prison Service (HCA 11, HCA12
d) Department of Community rehabilitation (HCA 12)
e) Cayman Islands Fire Service (HCA 2, HCA 14, HCA 15, HCA 17)
f) Ministry Support Staff and Funding (HCA 1)
g) The National Drug Council (NDC 1)

The movement of these departments resulted in the appropriation amounts being transferred from the former Ministry of Home Affairs to the new Ministry of Financial Services and Home Affairs:

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Appropriation Amount $	Page No. in Plan & Estimates
Output Groups			
HCA 2	Licensing Services	(181,706)	72
HCA 7	Incident Responses	(1,113,835)	72
HCA 9	National Disaster Preparedness and Response Services	(590,105)	73
HCA 11	Prison Services	(6,679,925)	73
HCA 12	Correctional Supervision, Intervention and Support Services	(2,417,728)	74
HCA 14	Protection and Investigative Services	(86,640)	74
HCA 15	Emergency Domestic Fire Services	(4,091,691)	75
HCA 17	Aerodrome Fire Services	(3,553,140)	75
HCA 1	Policy Advice and Ministerial Services on Human Resource and Border Control Matters	(23,547)	21
NDC 1	Policy, Prevention, Surveillance, Research, Information, Monitoring and Evaluation	(143,429)	76

The Department of Computer Services was transferred from the Ministry of Home Affairs to the Ministry of Commerce, planning and infrastructure, along with the following funding (HCA 20):

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Output Groups			
HCA 20	Technology Support Services	(2,996,564)	76

The following Departments were transferred from the Ministry of Education to the Ministry of Human Resources and Immigrations:

a) The Department of Labour & Human Resource Services & National Work Force Development Agency (HCA 6)
b) The National Workforce Development Agency (TP 56)

This resulted in the following remaining appropriations being transferred to the Ministry of Human Resources and Immigration

Appropriation Reference Number	Appropriation Name	Appropriation Amount $	Page No. in Plan & Estimates
Output Group			
HCA 6	Human Resource Services	1,907,788	77
Transfer Payment			
TP 56	Employment Initiatives	1,288,340	116

NGS 38 – Services for Irregular Migrants, as required an additional amount of $3.6M to cover exceptional cost arising from a material influx of migrants spending time in our facilities.

HCA 14 - Protection and Investigative Services - In the wake of an incident involving the tragic deaths of a number of persons who were lost at sea the Cayman Islands Government to commissioned an assessment of the local Search and Rescue capabilities. The assessment report outlined a number of key insights and recommendations; the top two priorities which were costed at $600,000 and funding was allocated to complete the following two initiatives:

a. The Joint Marine Unit Vessels are in a state of disrepair or out of service. The offshore vessel capability should be addressed as a top priority.

b. The Cayman Islands Fire Service presents an opportunity to manage capability gaps in relation to in-shore SAR response. As such, leveraging the Fire Service to support in-shore marine rescue capability.

TP 56 - Emergency Relief Payments – This increase in funding in the amount of $50,000 was required to cover the cost of additional demands for poor relief for persons who were granted asylum. These provisions are similar to the NAU poor relief funding and are disbursed to refugees until they can become self-sufficient.

OE 115 – Regional Security Initiatives – Pursuant to Section 11(5) and 11(6) of the Public Management and Finance Law (2017) and this transaction is a reclassification of funds from Appropriation Group EI 12 to Appropriation Group OE 115 in the amount of CI$597,377.00 for the payment of the outstanding liability to the CARICOM Crime and Security Agenda (JRCC). The amount of $597,377 was required to pay outstanding contributions to the Joint Regional Communications Centre. This is a CARICOM driven regional Security Initiative which benefits the region and the Cayman Islands. The JRCC provides passenger checks and issues alerts on passengers who require additional screening, which is a vital part of the operation of the Advanced Passenger Information processing systems.