


# PARLIAMENT

## of the

# CAYMAN ISLANDS

## REPORT OF THE STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE

## ON THE

## REQUESTS TO FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR APPROPRIATION CHANGES SOUGHT UNDER SECTION 12 OF THE PUBLIC MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE ACT (2020 REVISION)

## FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER, 2023

**Wednesday, 7th June, 2023**

*Laid upon the Table of this Honourable House this 8th day of June, 2023.*
*By the Hon. Premier, Chairman of the Standing Finance Committee.*

1. **Reference**

The Standing Finance Committee (the "Committee") met to consider requests for Supplementary Expenditure Appropriations - brought to the Committee - pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision), with respect to the Financial Year ending 31 December 2023.

This Report and Minutes of the Committee's 7th June, 2023 meeting is to be Tabled in the Parliament with respect to Appropriation changes approved by the Committee – pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision), for the Financial Year stated in the previous paragraph.

2. **Composition of Committee**

In accordance with the provisions of the Cayman Islands Constitution Order 2009, Section 71(7), the Committee comprises all Elected Members of the Parliament with the Honourable Minister of Finance as Chairman of the Committee.

3. **Consideration of Appropriations**

The Committee had before it Supplementary Expenditure Appropriations requests for the Financial Year ending 31 December, 2023.

The Committee met on Wednesday, 7th June, 2023, to consider such requests. The Minutes of the meeting is appended hereto and form part of this Report.

The Committee met again on Thursday, 8th June, 2023, to consider and approve this Report.

4. **Chief Officers, Witnesses and Persons in Attendance**

Chief Officers attended the meeting to provide information to the Committee. Other Government Officers were also in attendance to provide information and/or to assist the Committee and Chief Officers. Their names are set out in the Minutes of proceedings.

5. The Committee considered the Paper entitled "***Requests to Finance Committee for Appropriation Changes sought under Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision)***" for the year ending 31 December, 2023 and approved the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation requests, contained therein.

6. **Report of the Standing Finance Committee to the House**

The Committee agreed that this Report be the Report of the Standing Finance Committee on the requested Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation changes for the Financial Year ending 31 December, 2023 and, that it be laid upon the Table of this Honourable House.

Hon. G. Wayne Panton, JP, MP
**Premier**
Minister of Sustainability & Climate Resiliency *and*
Finance & Economic Development
Elected Member for Newlands
*Chairman*

Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP
**Deputy Premier**
Minister of Education *and* District Administration & Lands
Elected Member for Cayman Brac East

Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks, MP
**Speaker**
Elected Member for West Bay Central

Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, MP
Minister of Tourism & Ports
Elected Member for George Town Central

Hon. Sabrina T. Turner, MP
Minister of Health & Wellness *and* Home Affairs
Elected Member for Prospect

Hon. Johany S. (Jay) Ebanks, MP
Minister of Planning, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure
Elected Member for North Side

Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP
Minister of Financial Services & Commerce *and*
Investment, Innovation & Social Development
Elected Member for West Bay South

Hon. Bernie A. Bush, MP
Minister of Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage
Elected Member for West Bay North

Hon. Dwayne S. Seymour, JP, MP
Minister of Border Control & Labour
Elected Member for Bodden Town East

Hon. Isaac D. Rankine, JP, MP
Parliamentary Secretary for Planning, Agriculture,
Infrastructure *and* Home Affairs
Deputy Speaker
Elected Member for East End

Ms. Heather D. Bodden, JP, MP
Temporary Minister for Tourism & Ports
Parliamentary Secretary for Tourism
*and* Social Development
Elected Member for Savannah

Hon. Dr. W. McKeeva Bush, JP, (Hon) MSc, MP
Elected Member for West Bay West

Hon. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP
Leader of the Opposition
Elected Member for George Town East

Mr. Joseph X. Hew, MP
Deputy Leader of the Opposition
Elected Member for George Town North

Hon. Sir Alden McLaughlin, KCMG, MBE, KC, JP, MP
Elected Member for Red Bay

Mr. Moses I. Kirkconnell, JP, MP
Elected Member for Cayman Brac West and Little Cayman

Ms. Barbara E. Conolly, JP, NP, MP
Elected Member for George Town South

Mr. David C. Wight, JP, MP
Elected Member for George Town West

Mr. Christopher S. Saunders, MP
Elected Member for Bodden Town West

**Minutes of Proceedings**
**of the**
**Standing Finance Committee**
**on Supplementary Expenditure Appropriations for the Financial Year 2023**

**Meeting**
**Wednesday, 7th June, 2023**

Minutes of proceedings of the Standing Finance Committee (the "Committee") meeting held Wednesday, 7th June, 2023 at 9:03 pm in the Chamber of the House of Parliament, George Town, Grand Cayman.

**Present:** Hon. G. Wayne Panton, JP, MP – Chairman
Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP
Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks, MP
Hon. Sabrina T. Turner, MP
Hon. Johany S. (Jay) Ebanks, MP
Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP
Hon. Bernie A. Bush, MP
Hon. Dwayne S. Seymour, JP, MP
Hon. Isaac D. Rankine, JP, MP
Ms. Heather D. Bodden, JP, MP
Hon. Dr. W. McKeeva Bush, JP, (Hon) MSc, MP
Hon. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP
Mr. Joseph X. Hew, MP
Mr. Moses I. Kirkconnell, JP, MP
Hon. Sir Alden McLaughlin, KCMG, MBE, KC, JP, MP
Ms. Barbara E. Conolly, JP, NP, MP
Mr. David C. Wight, JP, MP
Mr. Christopher S. Saunders, MP

**Apologies:** Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, MP

**In Attendance:** Mr. Kenneth Jefferson – Financial Secretary, Chief Officer - Ministry of Finance & Economic Development
Ms. Anne Owens – Senior Assistant Financial Secretary
Mr. Matthew Tibbetts – Accountant General
Mr. Fabian Whorms – CEO Cayman Airways
Mr. Stran Bodden - Chief Officer - Ministry of Tourism & Ports

1. **Reference**
The Committee met following a request from the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Chairman of the Committee, for the Committee to consider Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation requests – pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision).

2. **Meeting to Order**
There being a quorum present the Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:03 pm.

3. **Consideration of Supplementary Expenditure Appropriations for the Financial Year ending 31 December 2023 – Pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision).**

The Committee commenced consideration of the following:

## REQUEST FOR CHANGES TO APPROPRIATIONS

### APPROPRIATION CHANGES SOUGHT BY THE MINISTER FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND LANDS

### EXECUTIVE ASSET SOUGHT BY THE MINISTER FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND LANDS

| Appropriation Reference | Appropriation Name | 2023 Original Appropriation $ | 2023 Section 12 of PMFA $ | 2023 Revised Appropriation $ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| EA 4 | Land Purchase | 1,354,000 | 4,563,830 * | 5,917,830 |
| Description<br>Land purchases for ownership by the Crown. | | | | |
| Reason for Appropriation Change:<br>Land purchases to facilitate the expansion of public beach and future construction of Government buildings, infrastructure and other projects.<br><br>+$ 785,000 Supplementary Appropriation now being requested under Section 12 of the Act<br>+$3,778,830 Supplementary Appropriation now being requested under Section 12 of the Act<br>*$4,563,830 Total Supplementary Request for 2023 | | | | |

Discussions ensued on EA 4

**Question Put:** **Agreed that the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation Request for EA 4 is approved – pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision).**

## APPROPRIATION CHANGES SOUGHT BY THE TEMPORARY MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND PORTS

## EQUITY INVESTMENT TO BE MADE BY THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND PORTS

| Appropriation Reference | Appropriation Name | 2023 Original Appropriation $ | 2023 Section 12 of PMFA $ | 2023 Revised Appropriation $ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| EI 1 | Cayman Airways Limited | 9,100,000 | 2,940,000 | 12,040,000 |
| Description<br>Equity Investment to cover debt servicing and operating expenditure. | | | | |
| Reason for Appropriation Change:<br>Acquisition of a third Twin Otter aircraft to accommodate the current and growing demand of additional flights to and from Little Cayman. | | | | |

Discussions ensued on EI 1

**Question Put:** **Agreed that the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation Request for EI 1 is approved – pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision).**

## APPROPRIATION CHANGES SOUGHT BY THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING, AGRICULTURE, HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE

## EXECUTIVE ASSET SOUGHT BY THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING, AGRICULTURE, HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE

| Appropriation Reference | Appropriation Name | 2023 Original Appropriation $ | 2023 Section 12 of PMFA $ | 2023 Revised Appropriation $ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| EA 36 | Miscellaneous Road Surface Upgrades | 3,000,000 | 2,500,000 | 5,500,000 |
| Description<br>Road, infrastructure upgrade/installation project for Affordable Housing lots programme. | | | | |
| Reason for Appropriation Change:<br>To cover the shortfall of funding due to increased costs and services. | | | | |

**Question Put:** **Agreed that the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation Request for EA 36 is approved – pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision).**

## APPROPRIATION CHANGES SOUGHT BY THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS

### SUPPLIER OF OUTPUT: MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS

| Appropriation Reference | Appropriation Name | 2023 Original Appropriation $ | 2023 Section 12 of PMFA $ | 2023 Revised Appropriation $ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| HES 1 | Policy Advice and Ministerial Services to the Minister for Health and Wellness | 8,138,603 | (282,322) | 7,856,281 |

Description

Provision of policy advice and administrative services for the Minister and Cabinet including:

- Preparation of policy advice papers and papers for Cabinet
- Preparation of drafting instructions
- Monitor and review the delivery of outputs for, Statutory Authorities, Government-Owned Companies and Non-Government Organisations
- Environmental Policy/Issues

Reason for Appropriation Change:

Reallocation of funding to maintain the operations of the Molecular Biology Laboratory by the Health Services Authority.

**Question Put:** **Agreed that the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation Request for HES 1 is approved – pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision).**

### SUPPLIER OF OUTPUT: HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

| Appropriation Reference | Appropriation Name | 2023 Original Appropriation $ | 2023 Section 12 of PMFA $ | 2023 Revised Appropriation $ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| HEA 20 | Public Health Programmes, Investigations and Treatments | 2,409,835 | 1,270,449 | 3,680,284 |

Description

Provision of administrative services for the Public Health programmes such as communicable disease surveillance and control, HIV/AIDS, Immunization, Tobacco Control, Health Promotion programmes and their implementation.

This includes provision of medical examinations or tests in the interest of the public health of these islands and medical care at H.S.A. to clients with AIDS, Tuberculosis (TB), Malaria or other communicable disease as certified by the Medical Officer of Health, as per the Health Fees Act and regulations.

Reason for Appropriation Change:

To maintain the operations of the Molecular Biology Laboratory by the Health Services Authority.

**Question Put:** **Agreed that the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriation Request for HEA 20 is approved – pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision).**

## 5. Adjournment

The Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Chairman of the Finance Committee, adjourned the Meeting at 9:40 pm on Wednesday, 7th June, 2023.

**Minutes of Proceedings**
**of the**
**Standing Finance Committee on the**
**Supplementary Expenditure Appropriations for the Financial Years 2022 and 2023;**
**Supplementary Appropriation Changes for the Financial Years 2021 and 2020; and**
**Appropriation changes in accordance with Section 25 of the**
**Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision) for the Financial Year 2022**

## Meeting
**Thursday, 8th June, 2023**

Minutes of proceedings of the Standing Finance Committee (the "Committee") meeting held Thursday, 8th June, 2023 at 11:00 am in the Committee Room, House of Parliament, George Town, Grand Cayman.

**Present:** Hon. G. Wayne Panton, JP, MP – Chairman
Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP
Hon. Sabrina T. Turner, MP
Hon. Johany S. (Jay) Ebanks, MP
Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP
Hon. Bernie A. Bush, MP
Hon. Dwayne S. Seymour, JP, MP
Hon. Isaac D. Rankine, JP, MP
Ms. Heather D. Bodden, JP, MP
Hon. Dr. W. McKeeva Bush, JP, (Hon) MSc, MP
Hon. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP
Mr. Joseph X. Hew, MP
Mr. Moses I. Kirkconnell, JP, MP
Ms. Barbara E. Conolly, JP, NP, MP
Mr. David C. Wight, JP, MP

**Absent:** Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks, MP
Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, MP
Hon. Sir Alden McLaughlin, KCMG, MBE, KC, JP, MP
Mr. Christopher S. Saunders, MP

1. **Meeting to Order**
There being a quorum present the Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:05 am.

2. **Consideration of Draft Finance Committee Reports**

(1) **Meeting on Wednesday, 16th March, 2022**
The Committee considered the Draft Minutes and Report of the Standing Finance Committee on the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriations for the Financial Year 2022 as further supported by a Paper entitled "*Requests to Finance Committee for Appropriation Changes Sought Under Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision) for the Year Ending 31 December 2022*", in accordance with Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision).

**Question Put:** **Agreed.** **Minutes of Wednesday, 16th March, 2022 were approved with amendment.**

**Question Put:** **Agreed.** **Paragraphs 1 through 6 of the Report of the Meeting on 16th March, 2022 were approved without amendment.**

Agreed that this Report of the Standing Finance Committee on the Requests for Appropriation Changes sought under Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision) for the Financial Year ending 31 December 2022 **be the Report to be Laid on the Table of the House.**

(2) **Meeting on Friday, 10th June, 2022**

The Committee considered the Draft Minutes and Report of the Standing Finance Committee on the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriations for the Financial Year 2022 as further supported by a Paper entitled "*Requests to Finance Committee for Appropriation Changes Sought Under Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision) for the Year Ending 31 December 2022*", in accordance with Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision).

**Question Put:** **Agreed.** **Minutes of Friday, 10th June, 2022 were approved with amendment.**

**Question Put:** **Agreed.** **Paragraphs 1 through 6 of the Report of the Meeting on 10th June, 2022 were approved without amendment.**

Agreed that this Report of the Standing Finance Committee on the Requests for Appropriation Changes sought under Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision) for the Financial Year ending 31 December 2022 **be the Report to be Laid on the Table of the House.**

(3) **Meeting on Monday, 10th October, 2022**

The Committee considered the Draft Minutes and Report of the Standing Finance Committee on the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriations for the Financial Year 2022, and Supplementary Appropriation Changes for the Financial Years 2021 and 2020 as further supported by Papers entitled:

(i) "*Requests to Finance Committee for Appropriation Changes Sought Under Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision) for the Year Ending 31 December 2022*",

(ii) "*Requests to Finance Committee for Supplementary Appropriation Changes for the year ended 31 December 2021*", and

(iii) "*Requests to Finance Committee for Supplementary Appropriation Changes for the year ended 31 December 2020*",

pursuant to Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision), and SO 67(1)(a) and 67(1)(b).

**Question Put:** **Agreed.** **Minutes of Monday, 10th October, 2022 were approved without amendment.**

**Question Put:** **Agreed.** **Paragraphs 1 through 6 of the Report of the Meeting on 10th October, 2022 were approved without amendment.**

Agreed that this Report of the Standing Finance Committee on the Requests for Appropriation Changes sought under Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision) for the Financial Year ending 31 December 2022 and Requests for Supplementary Appropriation Changes for the Financial Years ending 31 December 2021 and 2020 **be the Report to be Laid on the Table of the House.**

(4) **Meeting on Wednesday, 7th June, 2023**

The Committee considered the Draft Minutes and Report of the Standing Finance Committee on the Supplementary Appropriation Bill for the 2022 Financial Year as further supported with additional details set out in the Supplementary Plan and Estimates document in accordance with Section 25 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision).

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| **Question Put:** | **Agreed.** | **Minutes of Wednesday, 7th June, 2023 were approved with amendment.** |
| **Question Put:** | **Agreed.** | **Paragraphs 1 through 6 of the Report of the Meeting on 7th June, 2023 were approved with amendment.** |

Agreed that this Report of the Standing Finance Committee on the Supplementary Appropriation Bill for the 2022 Financial Year ending 31 December 2022, in accordance with Section 25 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision) **be the Report to be Laid on the Table of the House.**

(5) **Meeting on Wednesday, 7th June, 2023**

The Committee considered the Draft Minutes and Report of the Standing Finance Committee on the Supplementary Expenditure Appropriations for the Financial Year 2023 as further supported by a Paper entitled "*Requests to Finance Committee for Appropriation Changes Sought Under Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision) for the Year Ending 31 December 2023*", in accordance with Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision).

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| **Question Put:** | **Agreed.** | **Minutes of Wednesday, 7th June, 2023 were approved with amendment.** |
| **Question Put:** | **Agreed.** | **Paragraphs 1 through 6 of the Report of the Meeting on 7th June, 2023 were approved with amendment.** |

Agreed that this Report of the Standing Finance Committee on the Requests for Appropriation Changes sought under Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision) for the Financial Year ending 31 December 2023 **be the Report to be Laid on the Table of the House.**

3. **Adjournment**

At 12:20 pm the Chairman of the Standing Finance Committee adjourned the meeting.