

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

Tuesday, 26th September, 2023

Laid upon the Table of this Honourable House this 26th day of September, 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 26th September, 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 Tuesday, 26th September, 2023, to consider such requests. The Minutes of the meeting is appended hereto and form part of this Report.

The Committee met again on Tuesday, 26th September, 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. Isaac D. Rankine, JP, MP
Deputy Speaker
Parliamentary Secretary for Planning, Agriculture,
Infrastructure *and* Home Affairs
Elected Member for East End

Ms. Heather D. Bodden, JP, MP
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

Mr. Dwayne S. Seymour, JP, MP
Elected Member for Bodden Town East

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

Meeting
Tuesday, 26th September, 2023

Minutes of proceedings of the Standing Finance Committee (the "Committee") meeting held Tuesday, 26th September, 2023 at 10:56 am 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. Kenneth V. Bryan, MP
Hon. Sabrina T. Turner, MP
Hon. Johany S. (Jay) Ebanks, MP
Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP
Hon. Bernie A. Bush, 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
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
Mr. Dwayne S. Seymour, JP, MP

Apologies: Mr. Moses I. Kirkconnell, JP, 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
Ms. Lyneth Monteith - Chief Officer (Acting) - Ministry of Education
Mrs. Nicola Anderson-Wildman – Deputy Chief Officer (Acting) - Ministry of District Administration & Lands
Mr. Michael Ebanks - Chief Officer (Acting) - Ministry of Home Affairs
Mr. Eric Bush - Chief Officer - Ministry of Planning, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure
Mr. David Dixon - Director – Department of Vehicle & Driver's Licences
Mrs. Nellie Pouchie - Chief Officer - Ministry of Health & Wellness
Hon. Gloria McField-Nixon – Deputy Governor (Acting) - Portfolio of the Civil Service

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 10:56 am.

3. **Prayers**
The Honourable Isaac Rankine, Deputy Speaker, offered a word of prayer.

4. Discussion on strategic financial planning, revenue, and projected surplus ahead of the upcoming two-year budget cycle debate.

5. **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 EDUCATION

SUPPLIER OF OUTPUT: MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2023 Original Appropriation $	2023 Section 12 of PMFA (September 2023) $	2023 Revised Appropriation $
EGA 5	Primary Education Services	38,601,419	2,247,831*	39,774,900**

Description

Provision of teaching and learning services for children between the age of 4 and 11 at government reception programmes, primary schools and nursery pilot (age 3) programme in Cayman Brac at Creek and Spot Bay Primary:

- Provision for children in the reception programme through the delivery of the Cayman Islands Early Years Curriculum Framework (CIEYCF)
- Assessment, recording and reporting of students' achievement
- Student progress and achievement reports issued with reference to National Curriculum attainment targets three times annually.
- Standardised testing administered to students annually to assess English and Mathematics skills, providing data to inform teaching and learning, to track students' progress and to report to parents. Students to sit Cognitive Ability Test (CAT) in Years 4 and 6; Student attitude self and school survey to be administered in Years 1 to 6 to provide supporting information for student attainment, engagement and well-being.
- National curriculum subject tests in core subjects of Mathematics and English

Reason for Appropriation Change:

- to hire 14 mathematics specialist teachers;
- to cover higher than projected personnel costs (Cost of Living Adjustment, Honorarium, and step up in the salary grade); and

- to cover outsourced student services support, utility charges, and depreciation charges on school buildings and computer hardware.

$38,601,419	2023 Original Appropriation
-$ 1,200,000	2023 Appropriation that was utilised in 2022 pursuant to Section 9(5) of the Act
$37,401,419	
+$ 453,831	Supplementary Appropriation now being requested under Section 12 of the Act
+$ 1,794,000	Supplementary Appropriation now being requested under Section 12 of the Act
*$ 2,247,831	Total Supplementary Request for 2023
+$ 125,650	Supplementary Appropriation approved by Cabinet under Section 11(5) of the Act, in June 2023
**$39,774,900	2023 Revised Appropriation

Discussions ensued on EGA 5

Question Put: **Ayes.** **The Ayes have it.**

A Division was sought by the Elected Member for Bodden Town West.

Division No. 5

Ayes: 10

Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP
Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, MP
Hon. Sabrina T. Turner, MP
Hon. Johany S. (Jay) Ebanks, MP
Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP
Hon. Bernie A. Bush, MP
Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks, MP
Ms. Heather D. Bodden, JP, MP
Hon. Isaac D. Rankine, JP, MP
Hon. Dr. W. McKeeva Bush, JP, (Hon) MSc, MP

Abstentions: 7

Hon. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP
Mr. Joseph X. Hew, MP
Ms. Barbara E. Conolly, JP, MP
Hon. Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MP
Mr. David C. Wight, JP, MP
Mr. Christopher S. Saunders, MP
Mr. Dwayne S. Seymour, JP, MP

Absent: 1

Mr. Moses I. Kirkconnell, JP, MP

The Honourable Chairman declared the results of the Division: Ayes: 10; Abstentions: 7; Absentees: 1.

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2023 Original Appropriation $	2023 Section 12 of PMFA (September 2023) $	2023 Revised Appropriation $
EGA 6	**Secondary Education Services**	**35,316,073**	**6,804,000***	**40,720,073****

Description

- Provision of secondary level teaching and learning services for children in Years 7 to 11 at Government Secondary schools in Grand Cayman and children in Years 7-12 in Cayman Brac, including:
  - Delivery of Key Stage 3 (KS 3) National Curriculum, in accordance with the aims and guiding principles of the National Overview document.
  - Delivery of Key Stage 4 (KS 4) curriculum, to meet the requirements of the exam board syllabi and school curriculum guidance and schemes of work.
  - Assessment, recording and reporting, of student's achievement:
    - Student progress and achievement reports issued with reference to National Curriculum attainment targets (in Key Stage 3) or predicted examination grades (in Years 10 and 11) in Grand Cayman and (Years 10 – 12) in Cayman Brac three time annually.
    - Standardised testing administered to students in Years 7-9 annually, to assess Reading and Mathematics skills, providing data to inform teaching and learning, to track students' progress and to report to parents. The Cognitive Ability Test (CAT) is administered in Year 9. Students sit CSEC/GCE and other equivalent external qualifications as appropriate in Year 11 in Grand Cayman and Years 11 and 12 in Cayman Brac.
    - Student attitude survey to be administered in Years 7-12 to provide supporting information for student attainment, engagement and well-being.
- Provision of a Further Education Programme for Year 12 students at the Cayman Islands Further Education Centre (CIFEC), with the following programme strands:
  - A vocational, career and technical programmes components, including opportunities for work experience
  - A Foundations Programme, to assist students who need additional support in obtaining key academic qualifications
  - Supervision of a Dual Entry programme component, to offer guidance and monitoring of students in Grand Cayman and Cayman Brac who attend off-site educational programmes for Year 12 credit (e.g. UCCI, A Levels, approved off-island programmes)

Reason for Appropriation Change:

- to cover higher than projected personnel costs (Cost of Living Adjustment, Honorarium, and step up in the salary grade); and
- to cover outsourced student services support, utility charges, and depreciation charges on school buildings and computer hardware.

$35,316,073 2023 Original Appropriation
-$ 3,900,000 2023 Appropriation that was utilised in 2022 pursuant to Section 9(5) of the Act
$31,416,073

*+$ 6,804,000	Supplementary Appropriation now being requested under Section 12 of the Act
+$ 500,000	Supplementary Appropriation approved by Cabinet under Section 11(5) of the Act, in August 2023
+$ 2,000,000	Supplementary Appropriation approved by Cabinet under Section 11(5) of the Act, in August 2023
**$40,720,073	2023 Revised Appropriation

Question Put: **Ayes.** **The Ayes have it.**

A Division was sought by the Elected Member for Bodden Town West.

Division No. 6

Ayes: 10

Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP
Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, MP
Hon. Sabrina T. Turner, MP
Hon. Johany S. (Jay) Ebanks, MP
Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP
Hon. Bernie A. Bush, MP
Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks, MP
Ms. Heather D. Bodden, JP, MP
Hon. Isaac D. Rankine, JP, MP
Hon. Dr. W. McKeeva Bush, JP, (Hon) MSc, MP

Abstentions: 6

Hon. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP
Mr. Joseph X. Hew, MP
Ms. Barbara E. Conolly, JP, MP
Hon. Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MP
Mr. David C. Wight, JP, MP
Mr. Christopher S. Saunders, MP

Absent: 2

Mr. Moses I. Kirkconnell, JP, MP
Mr. Dwayne S. Seymour, JP, MP

The Honourable Chairman declared the results of the Division: Ayes: 10; Abstentions: 6; Absentees: 2.

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2023 Original Appropriation $	2023 Section 12 of PMFA (September 2023) $	2023 Revised Appropriation $
EGA 8	Facilities Maintenance and Operational School Support Services	14,764,507	3,600,000*	16,364,507**

Description

Provision of key infrastructural, procurement and other services to support the effective operations of schools and the education system, including:

- Centralised tendering and procurement services for capital and recurrent expenditure orders for schools:
- Identifying quality suppliers, negotiating and managing contracts, managing supplier relationships, managing tendering processes (Public Procurement Committee (PPC) and Departmental Tenders Committee)
- Student transportation to and from schools
- Oversight of canteen services at schools
- Oversight of Janitorial services
- Oversight of Campus Security services

Provision of building management and facility maintenance services to all schools, Department of Education Services and other educational facilities.

Reason for Appropriation Change:

- to cover higher than budgeted transportation, janitorial services, and software costs during the academic year 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 and increased school maintenance costs.

$14,764,507 2023 Original Appropriation
-$ 2,000,000 2023 Appropriation that was utilised in 2022 pursuant to Section 9(5) of the Act
$12,764,507

*+$ 3,600,000 Supplementary Appropriation now being requested under Section 12 of the Act
**$16,364,507 2023 Revised Appropriation

Discussions ensued on EGA 8

Question Put: **Ayes.** **The Ayes have it.**

A Division was sought by the Honourable Leader of the Opposition, Elected Member for George Town East.

Division No. 7

Ayes: 10

Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP
Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, MP
Hon. Sabrina T. Turner, MP
Hon. Johany S. (Jay) Ebanks, MP
Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP
Hon. Bernie A. Bush, MP
Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks, MP
Ms. Heather D. Bodden, JP, MP
Hon. Isaac D. Rankine, JP, MP
Hon. Dr. W. McKeeva Bush, JP, (Hon) MSc, MP

Abstentions: 6

Hon. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP
Mr. Joseph X. Hew, MP

Ms. Barbara E. Conolly, JP, MP
Hon. Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MP
Mr. David C. Wight, JP, MP
Mr. Christopher S. Saunders, MP

Absent: 2
Mr. Moses I. Kirkconnell, JP, MP
Mr. Dwayne S. Seymour, JP, MP

The Honourable Chairman declared the results of the Division: Ayes: 10; Abstentions: 6; Absentees: 2.

TRANSFER PAYMENT SOUGHT BY THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2023 Original Appropriation $	2023 Section 12 of PMFA (September 2023) $	2023 Revised Appropriation $
TP 30	**Local and Overseas Scholarships and Bursaries**	**10,039,273**	**6,924,153***	**19,947,178****

Description
Scholarships and bursaries awarded by the Education Council to support education at local and overseas tertiary institutions.

Reason for Appropriation Change:

- to increase overseas undergraduate scholarships from $20,000 to $30,000;
- to increase overseas postgraduate scholarships from $25,000 to $35,000;
- to increase scholarships for ICCI students to include 100% of tuition and books;
- scholarships for 'A' level students to include full tuition at local providers, meals (up to $18/day), examination fees, books, and school trips;
- to grant Cayman Islands Government High School Scholar Awards to two qualified Caymanian scholars per annum in the amount of up to $100,000 annually;
- to grant one-time awards of stipends of $1,500 for the costs of obtaining visas to study in the USA, Canada, and the UK; and
- to grant a temporary waiver of the SAT requirements for the fall 2021 semester and a temporary waiver of all academic criteria for students who applied for and received conditional approval to begin studies at local and overseas educational institutions for the fall 2022 semester.

$10,039,273 2023 Original Appropriation
-$ 5,016,248 2023 Appropriation that was utilised in 2022 pursuant to Section 9(5) of the Act
$ 5,023,025

*+$ 6,924,153 Supplementary Appropriation now being requested under Section 12 of the Act
+$ 4,000,000 Supplementary Appropriation approved by Cabinet under Section 11(5) of the Act, in August 2023

+$ 4,000,000 Supplementary Appropriation approved by Cabinet under Section 11(5) of the Act, in September 2023
**$19,947,178 2023 Revised Appropriation

Discussions ensued on TP 30

Question Put: **Ayes.** **The Ayes have it.**

A Division was sought by the Honourable Leader of the Opposition, Elected Member for George Town East.

Division No. 8

Ayes: 10

Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP
Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, MP
Hon. Sabrina T. Turner, MP
Hon. Johany S. (Jay) Ebanks, MP
Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP
Hon. Bernie A. Bush, MP
Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks, MP
Ms. Heather D. Bodden, JP, MP
Hon. Isaac D. Rankine, JP, MP
Hon. Dr. W. McKeeva Bush, JP, (Hon) MSc, MP

Abstentions: 6

Hon. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP
Mr. Joseph X. Hew, MP
Ms. Barbara E. Conolly, JP, MP
Hon. Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MP
Mr. David C. Wight, JP, MP
Mr. Christopher S. Saunders, MP

Absent: 2

Mr. Moses I. Kirkconnell, JP, MP
Mr. Dwayne S. Seymour, JP, MP

The Honourable Chairman declared the results of the Division: Ayes: 10; Abstentions: 6; Absentees: 2.

APPROPRIATION CHANGES SOUGHT BY THE MINISTER FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND LANDS

OTHER EXECUTIVE EXPENSE SOUGHT BY THE MINISTER FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND LANDS

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2023 Original Appropriation $	2023 Section 12 of PMFA (September 2023) $	2023 Revised Appropriation $
OE 134	Depreciation of Executive Assets – Ministry of District Administration and Lands	685,000	6,569,000	7,254,000
Description Depreciation of Executive Assets.				
Reason for Appropriation Change: • to fund the depreciation of Executive Assets (roads and buildings) in Cayman Brac and Little Cayman that were a part of the 2021 post-election transfer of assets from the previous Ministry.				

Discussions ensued on OE 134

Question Put: **Ayes.** **The Ayes have it.**

A Division was sought by the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Elected Member for George Town North.

Division No. 9

Ayes: 10

Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP
Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, MP
Hon. Sabrina T. Turner, MP
Hon. Johany S. (Jay) Ebanks, MP
Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP
Hon. Bernie A. Bush, MP
Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks, MP
Ms. Heather D. Bodden, JP, MP
Hon. Isaac D. Rankine, JP, MP
Hon. Dr. W. McKeeva Bush, JP, (Hon) MSc, MP

Abstentions: 6

Hon. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP
Mr. Joseph X. Hew, MP
Ms. Barbara E. Conolly, JP, MP
Hon. Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MP
Mr. David C. Wight, JP, MP
Mr. Christopher S. Saunders, MP

Absent: 2

Mr. Moses I. Kirkconnell, JP, MP
Mr. Dwayne S. Seymour, JP, MP

The Honourable Chairman declared the results of the Division: Ayes: 10; Abstentions: 6; Absentees: 2.

APPROPRIATION CHANGES SOUGHT BY THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS

SUPPLIER OF OUTPUT: MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2023 Original Appropriation $	2023 Section 12 of PMFA (September 2023) $	2023 Revised Appropriation $
HAF 5	Domestic and Aerodrome Fire Services	16,114,567	1,500,000*	18,136,829**

Description

Maintain capacity to respond to domestic, aerodrome fire and other emergencies (natural or man-made); conduct inspections to ensure safe, efficient and effective compliance with Fire Code; investigate cause and origin of all fires and provide Fire Safety education and training programmes to the public relative to all areas.

Reason for Appropriation Change:

- to meet overtime personnel costs for the Cayman Islands Fire Service.

$16,114,567 2023 Original Appropriation
*+$ 1,500,000 Supplementary Appropriation now being requested under Section 12 of the Act
+$ 522,262 Supplementary Appropriation approved by Cabinet under Section 11(5) of the Act, in September 2023

**$18,136,829 2023 Revised Appropriation

Discussions ensued on HAF 5

Question Put: **Ayes.** **The Ayes have it.**

A Division was sought by the Honourable Minister of Tourism & Ports, Elected Member for George Town Central.

Division No. 10

Ayes: 10

Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP
Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, MP
Hon. Sabrina T. Turner, MP
Hon. Johany S. (Jay) Ebanks, MP
Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP
Hon. Bernie A. Bush, MP
Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks, MP
Ms. Heather D. Bodden, JP, MP
Hon. Isaac D. Rankine, JP, MP
Hon. Dr. W. McKeeva Bush, JP, (Hon) MSc, MP

Abstentions: 6

Hon. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP
Mr. Joseph X. Hew, MP
Ms. Barbara E. Conolly, JP, MP

Hon. Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MP
Mr. David C. Wight, JP, MP
Mr. Christopher S. Saunders, MP

Absent: 2
Mr. Moses I. Kirkconnell, JP, MP
Mr. Dwayne S. Seymour, JP, MP

The Honourable Chairman declared the results of the Division: Ayes: 10; Abstentions: 6; Absentees: 2.

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2023 Original Appropriation $	2023 Section 12 of PMFA (September 2023) $	2023 Revised Appropriation $
HAF 6	**Regiment Services**	**1,500,000**	**135,186***	**2,445,032****

Description

Provision of a military regiment specialising in disaster relief and security.

Training of personnel in first aid, basic water rescue, drill, navigation, weapon handling, field craft, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR).

Maintaining high levels of physical fitness, including physical training, endurance training, sport and annual mandatory fitness tests.

Specialist Team Training including:

- Driver Training
- Team Medic Training
- Advanced Swimmer Training
- Ground - Air Coordination Training
- Fire Liaison Training

Leadership training including Driver Supervision, Advanced Navigation, Method of Instruction (MOI), Lesson Planning, Team building and supervision and Risk Assessment.

Instructor training, including First Aid Instructor, Chainsaw Instructor, Drill Instructor, Physical Training Instructor.

Maintain and service a fleet of vehicles used to support the Regiment in its duties.

Maintain and service supplies and equipment used to support the Regiment in its duties.

Carry out training exercises to test readiness.

Participate in National Parades.

Provide community service to the wider community, including community projects.

Reason for Appropriation Change:

- to convert the role of the Commanding Officer of the Cayman Islands Regiment to a full-time position.

$1,500,000 2023 Original Appropriation
*+$ 135,186 Supplementary Appropriation now being requested under Section 12 of the Act
+$ 809,846 Supplementary Appropriation approved by Cabinet under Section 11(5) of the Act, in August 2023

**$2,445,032 2023 Revised Appropriation

Question Put: **Ayes.** **The Ayes have it.**

A Division was sought by the Honourable Leader of the Opposition, Elected Member for George Town East.

Division No. 11

Ayes: 10

Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP
Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, MP
Hon. Sabrina T. Turner, MP
Hon. Johany S. (Jay) Ebanks, MP
Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP
Hon. Bernie A. Bush, MP
Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks, MP
Ms. Heather D. Bodden, JP, MP
Hon. Isaac D. Rankine, JP, MP
Hon. Dr. W. McKeeva Bush, JP, (Hon) MSc, MP

Abstentions: 5

Hon. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP
Ms. Barbara E. Conolly, JP, MP
Hon. Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MP
Mr. David C. Wight, JP, MP
Mr. Christopher S. Saunders, MP

Absent: 3

Mr. Joseph X. Hew, MP
Mr. Moses I. Kirkconnell, JP, MP
Mr. Dwayne S. Seymour, JP, MP

The Honourable Chairman declared the results of the Division: Ayes: 10; Abstentions: 5; Absentees: 3.

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

SUPPLIER OF OUTPUT: MINISTRY OF PLANNING, AGRICULTURE, HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2023 Original Appropriation $	2023 Section 12 of PMFA (September 2023) $	2023 Revised Appropriation $
PAH 16	Licensing of Drivers and Vehicles	917,197	1,000,000*	2,143,881**
Description Provision of services relating to the testing and licencing of vehicles and drivers.				

Reason for Appropriation Change:

- to cover the significant increase in vehicle registration/licencing.

$ 917,197	2023 Original Appropriation
-$ 173,316	2023 Appropriation that was utilised in 2022 pursuant to Section 9(5) of the Act
$ 743,881	
*+$1,000,000	Supplementary Appropriation now being requested under Section 12 of the Act
+$ 400,000	Supplementary Appropriation approved by Cabinet under Section 11(5) of the Act, in August 2023
**$2,143,881	2023 Revised Appropriation

Discussions ensued on PAH 16

Question Put: Ayes. The Ayes have it.

A Division was sought by the Honourable Leader of the Opposition, Elected Member for George Town East.

Division No. 12

Ayes: 10

Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP
Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, MP
Hon. Sabrina T. Turner, MP
Hon. Johany S. (Jay) Ebanks, MP
Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP
Hon. Bernie A. Bush, MP
Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks, MP
Ms. Heather D. Bodden, JP, MP
Hon. Isaac D. Rankine, JP, MP
Hon. Dr. W. McKeeva Bush, JP, (Hon) MSc, MP

Abstentions: 6

Hon. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP
Mr. Joseph X. Hew, MP
Ms. Barbara E. Conolly, JP, MP
Hon. Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MP
Mr. David C. Wight, JP, MP
Mr. Christopher S. Saunders, MP

Absent: 2

Mr. Moses I. Kirkconnell, JP, MP
Mr. Dwayne S. Seymour, JP, MP

The Honourable Chairman declared the results of the Division: Ayes: 10; Abstentions: 6; Absentees: 2.

APPROPRIATION CHANGES SOUGHT BY THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS

SUPPLIER OF OUTPUT: HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2023 Original Appropriation $	2023 Section 12 of PMFA (September 2023) $	2023 Revised Appropriation $
HEA 2	Medical Care for Indigents	12,000,000	9,368,000*	22,568,000**

Description

Provision of medical care to indigent patients which includes:

- Primary care
- Secondary care services
- Dental and mental health care

Reason for Appropriation Change:

- to provide indigent patients with primary and secondary healthcare services, as well as dental and mental healthcare services.

$12,000,000 2023 Original Appropriation
-$ 3,200,000 2023 Appropriation that was utilised in 2022 pursuant to Section 9(5) of the Act
$ 8,800,000

*+$ 9,368,000 Supplementary Appropriation now being requested under Section 12 of the Act
+$ 4,400,000 Supplementary Appropriation approved by Cabinet under Section 11(5) of the Act, in July 2023

**$22,568,000 2023 Revised Appropriation

Discussions ensued on HEA 2

Question Put: **Ayes.** **The Ayes have it.**

A Division was sought by the Elected Member for Bodden Town West.

Division No. 13

Ayes: 10

Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP
Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, MP
Hon. Sabrina T. Turner, MP
Hon. Johany S. (Jay) Ebanks, MP
Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP
Hon. Bernie A. Bush, MP
Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks, MP
Ms. Heather D. Bodden, JP, MP
Hon. Isaac D. Rankine, JP, MP
Hon. Dr. W. McKeeva Bush, JP, (Hon) MSc, MP

Abstentions: 5
Hon. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP
Mr. Joseph X. Hew, MP
Hon. Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MP
Mr. David C. Wight, JP, MP
Mr. Christopher S. Saunders, MP

Absent: 3
Mr. Moses I. Kirkconnell, JP, MP
Ms. Barbara E. Conolly, JP, MP
Mr. Dwayne S. Seymour, JP, MP

The Honourable Chairman declared the results of the Division: Ayes: 10; Abstentions: 5; Absentees: 3.

SUPPLIER OF OUTPUT: CAYMAN ISLANDS AND OVERSEAS HOSPITALS

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2023 Original Appropriation $	2023 Section 12 of PMFA (September 2023) $	2023 Revised Appropriation $
NGS 55	Tertiary Medical Care at Various Local and Overseas Institutions	21,593,371	21,826,000*	52,419,371**
Description Provision of Non-HSA tertiary health care for indigents, seamen and veterans who are referred for treatment locally and overseas.				
Reason for Appropriation Change: • to provide Indigents, Seafarers and Veterans with local and tertiary medical care. $21,593,371 2023 Original Appropriation *+$21,826,000 Supplementary Appropriation now being requested under Section 12 of the Act +$ 9,000,000 Supplementary Appropriation approved by Cabinet under Section 11(5) of the Act, in July 2023 **$52,419,371 2023 Revised Appropriation				

Discussions ensued on NGS 55

Question Put: Ayes. The Ayes have it.

A Division was sought by the Honourable Minister of Tourism & Ports, Elected Member for George Town Central.

Division No. 14

Ayes: 10
Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP

Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, MP
Hon. Sabrina T. Turner, MP
Hon. Johany S. (Jay) Ebanks, MP
Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP
Hon. Bernie A. Bush, MP
Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks, MP
Ms. Heather D. Bodden, JP, MP
Hon. Isaac D. Rankine, JP, MP
Hon. Dr. W. McKeeva Bush, JP, (Hon) MSc, MP

Abstentions: 5
Hon. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP
Mr. Joseph X. Hew, MP
Hon. Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MP
Mr. David C. Wight, JP, MP
Mr. Christopher S. Saunders, MP

Absent: 3
Mr. Moses I. Kirkconnell, JP, MP
Ms. Barbara E. Conolly, JP, MP
Mr. Dwayne S. Seymour, JP, MP

The Honourable Chairman declared the results of the Division: Ayes: 10; Abstentions: 5; Absentees: 3.

APPROPRIATION CHANGES SOUGHT BY THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR

SUPPLIER OF OUTPUT: CAYMAN ISLANDS NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY

Appropriation Reference	Appropriation Name	2023 Original Appropriation $	2023 Section 12 of PMFA (September 2023) $	2023 Revised Appropriation $
CIN 2	Health Insurance for Civil Service Pensioners	36,564,714	8,800,000	45,364,714
Description Provision of Health Insurance for Civil Servant Pensioners and their Dependents.				
Reason for Appropriation Change: • to cover health insurance premiums for Civil Servant Pensioners and their Dependents.				

Discussions ensued on CIN 2

Question Put: **Ayes.** **The Ayes have it.**

A Division was sought by the Honourable Minister of Tourism & Ports, Elected Member for George Town Central.

Division No. 15

Ayes: 10

Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP
Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, MP
Hon. Sabrina T. Turner, MP
Hon. Johany S. (Jay) Ebanks, MP
Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP
Hon. Bernie A. Bush, MP
Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks, MP
Ms. Heather D. Bodden, JP, MP
Hon. Isaac D. Rankine, JP, MP
Hon. Dr. W. McKeeva Bush, JP, (Hon) MSc, MP

Abstentions: 5

Hon. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP
Mr. Joseph X. Hew, MP
Hon. Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MP
Mr. David C. Wight, JP, MP
Mr. Christopher S. Saunders, MP

Absent: 3

Mr. Moses I. Kirkconnell, JP, MP
Ms. Barbara E. Conolly, JP, MP
Mr. Dwayne S. Seymour, JP, MP

The Honourable Chairman declared the results of the Division: Ayes: 10; Abstentions: 5; Absentees: 3.

5. Adjournment

The Honourable Minister of Finance & Economic Development, Chairman of the Finance Committee, adjourned the Meeting at 1:15 pm on Tuesday, 26th September, 2023.

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

Meeting
Tuesday, 26th September, 2023

Minutes of proceedings of the Standing Finance Committee (the "Committee") meeting held Tuesday, 26th September, 2023 at 3:25 pm in the Committee Room of the House of Parliament, George Town, Grand Cayman.

Present: Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP – Chairperson
Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, MP
Hon. Sabrina T. Turner, MP
Hon. Johany S. (Jay) Ebanks, MP
Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP
Hon. Bernie A. Bush, 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

Absent: Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks, 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
Mr. Dwayne S. Seymour, JP, MP

Apologies: Hon. G. Wayne Panton, JP, MP
Mr. Moses I. Kirkconnell, JP, MP

1. Meeting to Order

There being a quorum present the Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:25 pm.

2. Consideration of Draft Finance Committee Report

The Committee considered the Draft Minutes and Report of the Standing Finance Committee on the Supplementary Appropriations 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).

Question Put:	Agreed.	Minutes of Tuesday, 26th September 2023 approved with amendment.
Question Put:	Agreed.	Paragraphs 1 through 6 of the Report approved without amendment.

Question Put: Agreed that this Report of the Standing Finance Committee on the Supplementary Appropriations 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) **be the Report to be laid on the Table of the House.**

3. Adjournment

At 3:31 pm the Chairman of the Standing Finance Committee adjourned the meeting.