



**Statement by  
the Honourable Minister for Planning, Commerce and  
Infrastructure (CPI) on  
the Reallocation of Funds within the 2016/17 Budget of  
the Ministry of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing and  
Infrastructure (PLAH&I)**

**Section 11(5) of the Public Management and Finance  
Law (2018 Revision)**

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Mr Speaker, I wish to make a statement as to the circumstances and reasons why the Ministry of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure (PLAH & I) was able to reallocate funds from, and within, its **2016/17** Budget, under Section 11(5) of the Public Management and Finance Law (2017 Revision).

Mr Speaker, during the 2016/17 financial year to date, the Ministry of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure required appropriation changes on a number of occasions as follows;

Mr. Speaker, In August 2016 the Ministry received an increase allocation in supplementary funding of CI\$307,950 which was placed in New TP appropriation '*Ex Gratia Payments*' to facilitate the compensation payments to owners of displaced residential properties impacted by the ongoing project to widen the Linford Pierson Highway. This appropriation was topped-up by an additional CI\$243,553 approved by Cabinet in February 2017 upon the completion of the tender exercise for the construction of the replacement houses.

Mr. Speaker, Ministry of PLAH&I transferred the day to day management responsibility of the Crown property known as the former John Silvers Inn (THU), being Block 4D Parcels 279 & 280, from the Ministry of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure to the Ministry of Community Affairs decrease its appropriation PAH 15 by CI\$17,760.

Mr. Speaker, Ministry of PLAH&I purchased undeveloped land at Smith Barcadere, South Sound, sourcing funding for the purchase from the Environmental Protection Fund. The

Government decided that it was in the best interest of the public for this Parcel not to be developed, but that it is instead purchased by the Crown to ensure continued public use & enjoyment as a beach park. Therefore an increase of US\$ 5,439,237.87 to the EA4 Land Purchase appropriation; a decrease of US\$ 5,439,237.87 to the Environmental Protection Fund;

Mr. Speaker, appropriation (PAH4) Management of Public Recreational Facilities and Cemeteries increased in the amount of CI\$ 198,539.00 to assist with National Community Enhancement Project (NiCE). This is the project that provides short-term employment for unemployed Caymanians. In an effort to assist with funding this initiative Ministry of PLAHI reduced the following appropriations (PAH 14, PAH9, & PLN 30) in the amount of CIS\$56,938.00.

Mr Speaker, an increase was approved by Cabinet for the appropriation captioned "EA 36 Miscellaneous Road Surface Upgrades". In 2015/16 the Ministry had instructed the National Roads Authority to repave the George Town Hospital Car Park

at a cost of CI\$ 142,668.75. The National Roads Authority, meanwhile, had widened Smith Road, taking land from the Health Services Authority in order to do so, incurring a Roads Law compensation liability of CI\$ 148,190. Cabinet agreed to set one off against the other, with the balance to be paid to the HSA.

Mr Speaker, the Ministry of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure was advised to achieve this by reallocating CI\$142,668.75 from PLAH&I "EA9 Land Purchase: Gazetted Claims" to PLAH I "EA36 Miscellaneous Road Surface Upgrades".

Mr Speaker, the next occasion in 2016/17 requiring the reallocation of funds related to a request from the Attorney General's Chambers and the Portfolio of Legal Affairs made to the Facilities Management section, to construct additional offices in the Government Administration Building at a cost of CI\$ 75,000. As the Ministry PLAH&I had no funding allocated for this unexpected request, funding was provided by the Attorney General's Chambers and the Portfolio of Legal Affairs.

Accordingly, CI\$75,000 was transferred from appropriation "EI134 Equity Injection Portfolio of Legal Affairs" to PLAHI appropriation "EA78 Government Office Accommodation Project 1".

Mr Speaker, the Government had a number of priority projects that required funding, such as the Land for the Spotts Public Beach parking, a generator for the EE Primary School, The Coewood Beach Project, and the new WB Cemetery Project. Mr Speaker, given that the Ministry of Community Affairs, Youth and Sport did not foresee utilizing some funds in their budget, we agreed to collaborate with them to assist in funding these projects. As a result, Mr Speaker, we:

- Reduced the Ministry of CAY&S appropriation "EI 54 / Equity Investment to Purchase Entity Assets CI\$1,200,000;" and,
- Reduced the appropriation "EI 71/Entity Investment" by CI\$700,000; and then,
- Transferred (that is, increased) Ministry of PLAH&I's budget appropriation "EA 142 / George Town Revitalisation" by CI\$850,000; and then,

- Increased the Ministry of PLAH&I's budget appropriation "EA 4 / Land Purchases" by CI\$300,000; and then,
- Re-allocated CI\$41,000 from Ministry of PLAH&I's budget output "PAH8/ Management of Special Projects" to Ministry of PLAH&I's budget appropriation "TP 76/ Assistance for Infrastructure Development"; and lastly,
- Created a new Executive Asset for Minor District Works for Ministry of PLAH&I, thereby increasing Ministry of PLAH&I's appropriation 16/17 budget by \$750,000.

Mr Speaker, the details of the reallocation of funds from, and within, The Ministry of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure that required additional funding can be found in the 2016/17 Supplementary Annual Plan and Estimates which were Tabled in the House.

Thank you Mr Speaker.