



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

of the

# CAYMAN ISLANDS

## **REPORT OF THE STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE**

ON THE REQUESTS TO FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR AN APPROPRIATION CHANGE SOUGHT UNDER SECTION 12 OF THE  
PUBLIC MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE LAW (2018 REVISION)

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2019

Laid upon the Table of this Honourable House this 7th Day of June 2019.

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**1. Reference**

Following the Tabling of a Schedule to the Appropriation for the financial year ending 31 December, 2019, the Appropriation stood committed to the Standing Finance Committee of the Legislative Assembly in accordance with the provisions of Standing Orders.

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 64(7) the Standing Finance Committee agreed that I report to this Honourable House the Appropriation change in accordance with section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Law (2018 Revision) (“PMFL”) in respect of the financial year stated in the previous paragraph.

**2. Meetings**

The Committee met on the following day –

- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**3. 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.

**4. Composition of Committee**

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

**5. Consideration of the Schedule of the Requests to Finance Committee for an Appropriation change sought under section 12 of the PMFL for the year ending 31 December 2019.**

The Committee considered the Schedule and agreed to the Appropriation change for the Transfer Payment, set out therein.

The Schedule of the Requests to Finance Committee for an Appropriation Change sought under section 12 of the PMFL for the year ending 31 December 2019 was agreed to by the Committee.

**5.1 Section 12 of the PMFL**

In accordance with the provisions of section 12 of the PMFL, Cabinet may authorise Executive Expenses for an Output Group, Transfer Payment, Other Executive Expense, the acquisition or creation of Executive Assets, and the making of Loans or the making of Equity Investments that are not included in an Appropriation Law for a Financial Year. Before any expense is incurred the approval of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Assembly is to be obtained.

Once approved by Finance Committee, the additional Appropriation must be included in a Supplementary Appropriation Bill for that Financial Year and, that Bill shall be introduced in the Legislative Assembly before the end of the Financial Year.

**5.2 Consideration of the Schedule of the Requests to Finance Committee for Appropriation change sought under section 12 of the PMFL, for the year ending 31 December 2019 – Standing Order 64(3)**

The Committee considered a Schedule of the Requests to Finance Committee for an Appropriation change sought under section 12 of the PMFL for the year ending 31 December 2019 and agreed to the Appropriation for the Transfer Payment, as set out in the Schedule.

**5.3 Consideration of the Standing Committee Motion**

The Committee had before it, and agreed, the following motion -

**Motion No. 1  
Increase Transfer Payment TP 60 Housing Assistance**

THAT the Transfer Payment: Appropriation to the Minister of Community Affairs be increased from \$1.2 Million to \$1.620 Million in respect of Housing Assistance.

Moved by: Hon Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MLA, Premier, Minister of Employment, Border Control, Community Affairs, International Trade, Investment, Aviation and Maritime Affairs, Elected Member for Red Bay

Dated: 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**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 Requests to Finance Committee for a Supplementary Appropriation Change sought under section 12 of the PMFL for the year ending 31 December 2019, be laid upon the Table of this Honourable House.

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Hon Roy McTaggart, JP, MLA  
Minister of Finance and Economic Development  
Elected Member for George Town East  
*Chairman*

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Hon Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MLA  
Premier  
Minister of Employment, Border Control, Community Affairs,  
International Trade, Investment, Aviation and Maritime Affairs,  
Elected Member for Red Bay

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Hon Moses I Kirkconnell, JP, MLA  
Deputy Premier  
Minister of District Administration, Tourism and Transport  
Elected Member for Cayman Brac West and Little Cayman

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Hon W McKeeva Bush OBE, JP, MLA  
Speaker  
Elected Member for West Bay West

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Hon Juliana Y O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MLA  
Minister of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture and Lands  
Elected Member for Cayman Brac East

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Hon Dwayne S Seymour, JP, MLA  
Minister of Health, Environment Culture and Housing  
Elected Member for Bodden Town East

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Hon Joseph X Hew, MLA  
Minister of Commerce, Planning and Infrastructure  
Elected Member for George Town North

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Hon Tara A Rivers, JP, MLA  
Minister of Financial Services and Home Affairs  
Elected Member for West Bay South

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

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Mr Austin O Harris, MLA  
Elected Member for Prospect

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Capt A Eugene Ebanks, JP, MLA  
Elected Member for West Bay Central

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Ms Barbara E Conolly, JP, MLA  
Elected Member for George Town South

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Hon Bernie A Bush, MLA  
Deputy Speaker  
Elected Member for West Bay North

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Hon V Arden McLean, JP, MLA  
Leader of the Opposition  
Elected Member for East End

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Mr Alva H Suckoo, Jr., MLA  
Deputy Leader of the Opposition  
Elected Member for Newlands

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Mr Anthony S Eden, OBE, MLA  
Elected Member for Savannah

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Mr Christopher S Saunders, MLA  
Elected Member for Bodden Town West

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Mr Kenneth V Bryan, MLA  
Elected Member for George Town Central

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Mr D Ezzard Miller, MLA  
Elected Member for North Side

**Minutes of Proceedings  
of the  
Standing Finance Committee  
on the Requests to Finance Committee for Appropriation Change sought under Section 12 of  
the Public Management and Finance Law (2018 Revision) for the year ending 31 December  
2019.**

**First Meeting  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

Minutes of the proceedings of the Standing Finance Committee meeting, commenced on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 10:35 a.m. in the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly Building, George Town, Grand Cayman.

- Present:** Hon Roy M McTaggart, JP, MLA – Chairman  
Hon Alden M McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MLA  
Hon W. McKeeva Bush, OBE, JP, MLA  
Hon Juliana Y O’Connor-Connolly, JP, MLA  
Hon Dwayne S Seymour, JP, MLA  
Hon Joseph X Hew, MLA  
Hon Tara A Rivers, JP, MLA  
Mr David C Wight, JP, MLA  
Mr Austin O Harris, Jr., MLA  
Capt A Eugene Ebanks, JP, MLA  
Ms Barbara E Conolly, JP, MLA  
Hon Bernie A Bush, MLA  
Hon V Arden McLean, JP, MLA  
Mr Alva H Suckoo, Jr., MLA  
Mr Kenneth V Bryan, MLA  
Mr Christopher S Saunders, MLA  
Mr D Ezzard Miller, MLA
- Absent:** Hon Moses I Kirkconnell, JP, MLA  
Mr Anthony S Eden, OBE, MLA
- In Attendance:** Mr Kenneth Jefferson – Financial Secretary & Chief Officer, Ministry of Finance & Economic Development  
Mr Matthew Tibbetts - Accountant General, Ministry of Finance & Economic Development
- Witnesses:** Mr Andre Ebanks – Deputy Chief Officer, Ministry of Community Affairs, Chairman of the Housing Repairs Committee

**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 Requests to Finance Committee for an Appropriation Change sought under section 12 of the PMFL for the year ending 31 December 2019.

**2. Meeting to Order**

There being a quorum present, the Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

**3. Prayers**

The Elected Member for Cayman Brac East offered a word of prayer.

**4. Consideration of the Requests to Finance Committee for Appropriation Change sought under section 12 of the PMFL for the year ending 31 December 2019.**

The Committee commenced consideration of the following –

**SCHEDULE**

**Appropriation Change Arising from Requests to Finance Committee for an Appropriation Change sought under section 12 of the PMFL for the year ended 31 December 2019**

**Minister of Human Resources, Immigration and Community Affairs -  
Human Resources and Immigration**

<b>Appropriation Reference</b>	<b>Appropriation Name</b>	<b>2019 Approved Budget \$</b>	<b>2019 Section 12 Change Request \$</b>	<b>2019 Appropriation Revised Total \$</b>
<b>TP 60</b>	<b>Housing Assistance</b>	<b>373,000</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>	<b>1,573,000</b>

Discussions ensued on Appropriation: TP 60.

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

**Motion 1: Increase Transfer Payment TP 60, Housing Assistance**

The Hon Alden M McLaughlin, MBE, JP moved a Motion under Standing Order 65(1) that the Transfer Payment: Appropriation to the Minister of Community Affairs be increased from \$1.2 Million to \$1.620 Million in respect of Housing Assistance.

**Question Put:** Agreed that the amendment to the appropriation for Transfer Payment TP60 increased from \$1.2 Million to \$1.620 Million in respect of Housing Assistance.

A Division was sought by the Hon Juliana Y O'Connor-Connolly, JP.

**Division No. 5**

**Ayes: 14**

Hon Alden McLaughlin  
Hon Joseph X Hew  
Hon Bernie A Bush  
Hon W McKeeva Bush  
Hon Dwayne S Seymour  
Hon Tara A Rivers  
Mr Austin O Harris, Jr.

**Noes: 0**

**Abstentions: 2**

Hon Juliana Y O'Connor-Connolly  
Mr Christopher S Saunders



Mr David C Wight  
Ms Barbara E Conolly  
Capt A Eugene Ebanks  
Mr V Arden McLean  
Mr Alva H Suckoo, Jr.  
Mr Kenneth V Bryan  
Mr D Ezzard Miller

**Absentees: 2**

Hon Moses I Kirkconnell  
Mr Anthony S Eden

The Honourable Chairman declared the results of the Division: Ayes: 14; Noes: 0, Absentees: 2 and Abstentions: 2

**Agreed by the majority that the appropriation for Transfer Payment TP60 as amended stand part of the Schedule to the Requests to Finance Committee for Appropriation change sought under section 12 of the PMFL for the year ending 31 December 2019 and passed.**

**5. Adjournment**

The Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Chairman of the Finance Committee, adjourned the Meeting at 11:30am.

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**Second Meeting  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2019**

Minutes of the proceedings of the Standing Finance Committee meeting, commenced on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 2:15 pm in the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly Building, George Town, Grand Cayman.

**Present:**

Hon Roy M McTaggart, JP, MLA – Chairman  
Hon Alden M McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MLA  
Hon W. McKeeva Bush, OBE, JP, MLA  
Hon Juliana Y O’Connor-Connolly, JP, MLA  
Hon Dwayne S Seymour, JP, MLA  
Hon Tara A Rivers, JP, MLA  
Mr David C Wight, JP, MLA  
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Hon V Arden McLean, JP, MLA  
Mr Alva H Suckoo, Jr., MLA  
Mr Kenneth V Bryan, MLA  
Mr Christopher S Saunders, MLA  
Mr D Ezzard Miller, MLA

**Absent:**

Hon Moses I Kirkconnell, JP, MLA  
Mr Anthony S Eden, OBE, MLA  
Hon Joseph X Hew, MLA

**1. Meeting to Order**

There being a quorum present, the Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:15pm.

**2. Consideration of the Draft Report**

The Committee considered the Draft Report of the Standing Finance Committee on the Requests to Finance Committee for Appropriation Changes sought under section 12 of the PMFL for the year ending 31 December 2019.

Question Put: Paragraphs 1-6 of the Draft Report was agreed with amendments.

Question Put: Agreed that this Report be the report of the Finance Committee and that it be laid on the Table of the House.

**3. Adjournment**

At 2:35 pm the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Chairman of the Finance Committee, adjourned the meeting.



**CAYMAN ISLANDS GOVERNMENT**

**END**