## STATEMENT IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BY THE HONOURABLE MOSES I. KIRKCONNELL, JP DEPUTY PREMIER AND MINISTER OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, TOURISM, AND TRANSPORT

## STATEMENT ON SECTION 11 (5) APPROPRIATIONS: 2020 October 2020

Mr. Speaker, I rise to make a Statement in accordance with Section 11 (6) of the Public Management and Finance Law, in relation to the Section 11 (5) appropriations during the 2020 fiscal year.

## 2020 Fiscal Year

Mister Speaker, CAL 1 Strategic Domestic Air Services was increased by \$1.8M in order to assist with meeting costs of domestic air service. This increase was funded by a decrease in El 1 Cayman Airways Ltd.

The appropriation CAL 2 Strategic Tourism, Regional and Core Air Services was increased by \$14,540,000 in order to secure a temporary fleet structure due to the ongoing grounding of the Boeing 737-8 Max fleet. This increase

was partially funded by a decrease in El 1 Cayman Airways Ltd. of \$9.55M.

The appropriation TP 66 Sister Islands Home Repairs Assistance was increased by \$300,000 in order to assist with continual housing repairs for Sister Islands senior citizens and to provide economic stimulus via the construction sector. This increase was funded by a decrease in El 68 Ministry of District Administration, Tourism, and Transport in the same amount.

Mister Speaker, TP 67 Sports and Cultural Tourism Programmes Assistance was increased by \$15,600,000 in order to assist with providing financial assistance to displaced Caymanian tourism employees that have been effected by the Covid-19 pandemic and the resulting close of Cayman Islands borders. This increase was partially funded by a decrease in DAT 15 Tourism Advertising Activities, Marketing, Public Relations, Sales and Promotions of \$4,000,000 and a decrease in EA 143 Cruise Berthing Facility Project of \$2,600,000. The remaining funding of \$9,000,000 is being requested at this current Finance Committee.

The appropriation TP 86 Sister Islands Beaches and Community Cleanup Programme was increased by \$300,000 in order to assist with the Sister Islands economic stimulus and employment relief effort. This increase was funded by a decrease in El 68 Ministry of District Administration, Tourism, and Transport in the same amount.

Mister Speaker, EA 55 Cayman Brac and Little Cayman Roads was increased by \$900,000 in order to assist with on-going road repair and paving projects in the Sister Islands as well as economic stimulus/relief from impacts of Covid-19. This increase was funded by a decrease in EA 157 Cayman Turtle Conservation Centre — Cayman Brac Facility in the same amount.

The appropriation EI 1 Cayman Airways Ltd. was increased by \$300,000 in order to accommodate the payment of the Covid-19 Honorarium to deserving staff.

Lastly, Mister Speaker, El 82 Cayman Islands Airports Authority was increased by \$154,000 in order to accommodate the payment of the Covid-19 Honorarium to deserving staff.

Thank you, Mister Speaker.