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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 17TH MAY 2024 AT 8.00 AM**

- PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Julia Crouch
- The Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance, Economic Development & Investment and Health, Dr. Ellis Webster
- The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley
- The Honourable Minister for Social Development, Cultural Affairs, Youth Affairs, Gender Affairs, Education and Library Services, Ms. Dee-Ann Kentish-Rogers
- The Honourable Minister for Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing and Tourism, Mr. Haydn Hughes
- The Honourable Minister for Sustainability, Innovation and the Environment AND Acting Minister for Home Affairs, Immigration, Labour, Human Rights, Constitutional Affairs, Information and Broadcasting, Lands and Physical Planning, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie
- Acting Attorney General, Ms. Dawne Richardson
- Clerk to Executive Council, Ms. Dumisa Webster
- IN ATTENDANCE: The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. Merrick Richardson
- Financial Advisor, Mr. Evarist Mwesigye
- Head of Governor's Office, Mr. Orlando Ames-Lewis
- ABSENT: The Honourable Minister for Home Affairs, Immigration, Labour, Human Rights, Constitutional Affairs, Information and Broadcasting, Lands and Physical Planning, Mr. Kenneth Hodge

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr. Dwight Horsford

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Hon. Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Adviser and Head of Governor's Office remained.

The following persons joined the meeting:

Ms. Marisa Harding-Hodge, PAS, Finance

Mrs. Kathleen Rogers, PS, Finance

Ms. Rochelle Bryan, Budget Officer

Ms. Rukeya Jeffers, Finance Officer

Ms. Solange L. Lloyd, Director of Finance

PAS, Finance and Budget Officer briefed Council. Section 24 of the Financial Administration and Audit Act makes provision for supplementary appropriation where the amount appropriated is insufficient or a need has arisen for expenditure for which no amount has been appropriated. As such, Executive Council is asked to consider and approve areas where supplementary funds are required for funding the new departments and certain programmes. The Health Authority of Anguilla and the Water Corporation were integrated into central government as the Department of Health Services and Department of Water Services respectively, on 1st April 2024. There was no expenditure allocation for these departments within the 2024 approved budget, therefore, a supplementary appropriation is required. In the interim between the integration and the passage of the supplementary budget, funds for the needs of both departments have been provided by transferring the subvention of both entities from their responsible Ministries to the Departments themselves. Additionally, urgent and essential expenditure needs were identified and included in the supplementary budget, primarily concerning security and safety and supporting medical treatment.

A summary of the areas is as follows:

- i. Funds for the new Department of Health Services and Water Services.
- ii. Funds to cover arrears to the Pensions Service Public Fund (1.16m)
- iii. Additional funding for Medical Treatment Overseas (2m)
- iv. Funding for increased security at ALHCS
- v. Funding for the RAPF and UK Officers joint programme (1.15m)
- vi. Additional Funding for Health Services Development (1.2m)
- vii. Additional Funding for Water Development following on from Castalia Report (1.55m)
- viii. Additional Funding for Vehicles and School Buses (1.53m)

RECURRENT EXPENDITURE

HE The Governor's

There is a total supplemental increase of \$1.39m that has been allocated to HE the Governor's budget of which \$0.16m is required for personal emoluments within Public Administration. HM Prison received a new budget line item, Medical Treatment, of \$0.05m required to cover any medical expenses for prisoners, as well a small increase in personal emoluments which covers inter alia a second deputy superintendent as well as the creation of a post of chaplain. Also, \$1.15m has been allotted to the Royal Anguilla Police Force to accommodate the UK Officers' payments. This joint programme is partly funded by the UKG.

Ministry of Finance and Health

A supplementary amount of \$20.37 million is added to the Ministry of Finance & Health budget, of which \$12.01 million is applied to the DHS. This allocation ensures the full functioning of the department, covering personal emoluments and expenses for goods and services. Additionally, \$6.98 million is added to the Treasury Department. Of this, \$1.99 million is allocated to cover expenses for the DHS and DWS related to pensions, social security contributions, and gratuities. An increase of \$2.28 million is provided to cover medical insurance and

other insurance costs for the DHS and DWS, and \$0.53 million is allocated to cover GST expenses for the DHS. Furthermore, there is an increase of \$1.16 million under the Treasury Department for arrears expenses for the PSPF, and \$1 million is allocated to claims against the government. Under the Ministry of Finance there is an increase of \$.86m for audit expenses related to the DWS and DHS departments and the transition. In the Ministry of Health there is an increase of \$465,200, of which \$334,590 is required to cover expenses for DHS Locum.

Ministry of Social Development

The total supplementary recurrent expenditure allocation for this Ministry is \$2.55m. Of this sum, a supplementary amount of \$2m has been allocated to Medical Treatment Overseas, which will aid in meeting the unpredictable grave circumstances met by members of the public that need medical assistance. Also, there is an increase of \$436,584 for the Education Department which inter alia is for security guards at primary schools, refashioning of duties of crossing guards, and provisioning for rental of school buses.

Ministry of Infrastructure

This Ministry has a supplementary amount of \$8.52m, primarily to accommodate necessary expenditure for the department of Water Services relating to personal emoluments and good and services expenditure for the department's full functioning (\$8.1m).

The balance of the additional sums for the Ministry relate to a Principal Assistant Secretary to support the Ministry, international travel expenditure provisioning for DWS and the reinstatement of a contribution to the Anguilla Hotel and Tourism Association (\$0.25m)¹

Ministry of Sustainability

A supplementary increase of \$0.81m is allocated to the Department of Information Technology. This is to support the DHS/DWS integration

with \$517,808 for computer software licences and \$290,326 for the annual maintenance support for the Land Portfolio system.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

The approved Capital Budget for 2024 is \$104.43m. Capital supplementary requests for consideration for Supplementary 1 total \$14.68m which would bring the total for the capital budget to \$119.11m

Ministry of Finance and Health

The Ministry of Finance and Health has received a supplemental budget of \$2.27 million. Of this \$1.27 million is earmarked for Health Services Development. This allocation aims to address urgent infrastructure and equipment needs to improve healthcare delivery and operational efficiency:

1. Commissioning of MRI Unit to finalize the commissioning and comprehensive operation of the MRI Unit: (Construction of Waiting Room, bathroom and UPS housing) \$100,000.
2. UPS - Critical Branch - Uninterrupted power supply is required for the operation of Laboratory and Operating Theatre Equipment \$170,000
3. Hospital Beds - 16 regular beds and & 1 operating bed are identified as critical for 2024.- \$150,000
4. Morgue - Completion and outfitting will significantly reduce the cost of using facilities at private funeral homes - \$150,000

An additional \$1 million is applied to the Ministry of Finance to serve as contingency provisioning for shortfalls or unanticipated capital expenditure needs (restricted expenditure for capital budget).

Ministry of Infrastructure

The increase to the Ministry of Infrastructure's budget totals \$8.652 million, with \$1.55 million allocated to Water Development based on recommendations from the CASTIA consultancy. Immediate actions will address reducing Non-Revenue Water losses, upgrading meter infrastructure, repairing leaks, managing unauthorized connections, improving the billing system, and enhancing office accommodation.

Additionally, there is a supplementary increase of \$3.032 million for the replacement of government vehicles. This amount covers several key acquisitions:

- (a) Procurement of electric vehicles (EVs), informed by the ongoing RESEMBID Project on transitioning to EVs.
- (b) Acquisition of 10 vehicles for the Royal Anguilla Police Force (RAPF) at an estimated total cost of EC\$1.83 million (EC\$183,000 per vehicle).
- (c) Acquisition of 2 diesel school buses, each estimated at EC\$550,000, totaling EC\$1,100,000.

Furthermore EC\$1.7 million is allocated for the renovation of government buildings. Due to the age and stock of government buildings, this allocation is essential for preserving our public assets and ensuring that our facilities remain safe, functional, and efficient. Additionally, an additional EC\$2.37 million is provided for the airport development. This serves as a buffer should land acquisition costs be on the higher side of the forecasted range.

Ministry of Sustainability

The Ministry of Sustainability will receive a supplementary allocation of EC\$675,000 for the establishment of a fish processing facility. This project is pivotal for our local fishing industry, promoting sustainable practices and enhancing the economic viability of this vital sector. The operations will include washing, degutting, filleting, freezing and smoking of fish.

Ministry of Social Development

Under the Ministry of Social Development, the total increased allocation is EC\$ 3.08 million. Of this sum, EC\$1.58 million is allocated for educational projects that inter alia, provide for the enhancement of security infrastructure across schools, incorporating intercom systems, perimeter fencing, security cameras, and advanced alert systems. Also, included in educational projects, EC\$544,000 will be assigned to a contribution to Project Inspire. Additionally of the total allocation, EC\$587,000 will be allocated to the Capital Development Fund to complete the Vivien Vanterpool Primary School project, as well as provisioning for disbursements on the ACC Project Loan (\$.914m).

Executive Council:

- 1) Approved the portfolio allocations as identified in the Appropriations Schedule as attached at Annex 1 with amendments to include:
 - a. Inclusion of additional subvention for ACC- \$378K
 - b. Inclusion of Control Center Funding- \$527K in Recurrent Costs covering maintenance costs from July, PE from October, and 10K for training (25K in DITES)
 - c. Increased capital expenditure contingency provision by \$1.5m
 - d. Creation of a capital account for the Landsome Bowl Cultural Centre
 - e. Increase in rental of assets for DOE to cover rental of additional buses- \$48K
- 2) Noted the detailed estimates as attached in file 2024 Supplementary Budget
- 3) Instructed the Attorney General's Chambers to work with the Ministry of Finance to draft a Bill for Supplementary Appropriation for submission to the House of Assembly at its next sitting.

ACTION: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; HON. PREM; HON AG
