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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DECISION AGREED BY ROUND-ROBIN

The following was approved by Round Robin on **Monday 27th May 2024**: -

EX MIN 24/131 EX MEMO 24/92 Proposed Supplementary Budget No. 1 for 2024

Ex Min 24/125 approved the Supplementary Budget No.1 which detailed the total and recurrent expenditure for a number of arears including, HE the Governor's Office and the various ministries within the Government of Anguilla (GoA). The total expenditure ceiling was raised by \$50.8m to address emerging needs and ongoing projects. The adjustment resulted in a revised total of EC\$120,611,366 and EC\$313,562,257 for capital and recurrent expenditure respectively, which factored in a number of adjustments made in ExCo.

Following the approval of Supplementary Budget No. 1 for 2024, the Ministry of Finance was instructed to make the following adjustments:

- a. Increase in CDF provision for an additional classroom block at the Vivian Vanterpool Primary School (Capital MSD – 3.5M) (.588m was removed from the CDF allocation as it is to be appropriated under the CDF Regulations).
- b. Provision for capital expenditure related to James Ronald Webster Park development related to 150K GBP grant funding (Capital MSD – 0.512m)
- c. Reduction of Professional Consultancy Services for RAPF by 230,926 and redeployment to MOF. A revised contract price for UK armed forces was received which lowered the amount of funds required. (Change in ceilings for MOF and GOV-net change is \$0)
- d. Correction in PE in Department of Health Services (Recurrent MOF – small reduction by \$3,001)

Therefore, there was a total net increase in the capital allocation by \$3,423,860 and a small reduction in the recurrent ceiling. The 2024 total approved budget is \$383.37m and the total proposed increased

allocation by Supplementary 1 is \$54.22m This increase will produce a revised expenditure total of \$437.59m.

A summary of key areas is as follows:

- I. Funds for the new Departments of Health Services and Water Services
- II. Funds to cover arrears to the Pension 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 (.925m)
- 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 of Police Vehicles and School Buses (1.53m)
- IX. Contingency provisioning for Capital Expenditure (2.5m)
- X. Additional funding and contribution to Capital Development Fund for VVPS Development (4.45m)

RECURRENT EXPENDITURE

HE The Governor's

There is a total supplemental increase of \$1.68m 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, \$0.925m has been allotted to the Royal Anguilla Police Force to accommodate the UK Officers' payments. This joint programme is partly funded by the UKG. Additionally the RAPF has been allotted \$0.52m for PE, training and management fees pertaining to the Joint Emergency Services Control Room.

Ministry of Finance and Health

A supplementary amount of \$20.60 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 \$1.12m for audit expenses related to the DWS and DHS departments and the transition. Also, \$0.26m was redeployed to the Ministry under consultancy services as there was a reduction in the total expense related to the UKG Police Officers. This is provisioning related to the potential sale of shares in NCBA. 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 \$2.98m. 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 \$484,584 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)

Ministry of Sustainability

A supplementary increase of \$0.83m is allocated to the Department of Information Technology. This is to support the DHS/DWS integration with \$517,808 for computer software licenses, \$290,326 for the annual maintenance support for the Land Portfolio system and \$25,000 for the maintenance fees related to the Joint Emergency Services Control Room.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

The approved Capital Budget for 2024 is \$104.43m. Capital supplementary requests for consideration for Supplementary 1 total \$19.60m which would bring the total for the capital budget to \$124.03m.

Ministry of Finance and Health

The Ministry of Finance and Health has received a supplemental budget of \$3.77 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 \$2.5 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\$ 6.51 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\$4.45 million will be allocated to the Capital Development Fund to complete the Vivien Vanterpool Primary School project which was increased to provide for an additional classroom block, as well as provisioning for disbursements on the ACC Project Loan (\$.914m). \$511,500 has been appropriated for the James Ronald Webster Park Development which is finance through grant funding. Finally, provision has been made to facilitate expenditure that may be required for the Landsome Bowl Cultural Centre Project.

Executive Council:

- 1) Noted the updates and approved the adjustments to the portfolio allocations as identified in the Appropriation Schedule as attached in annex
- 2) Approved the detailed estimates as attached in annex
- 3) Instructed the Attorney General's Chambers to work with the Ministry of Finance to revise the Bill for Supplementary Appropriation for submission to the House of Assembly at its next sitting, following approval from the UKG.

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