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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 27th AUGUST 2021 AT 8.00 AM

- PRESENT:
- Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam
 - The Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance 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 Home Affairs, Immigration, Labour,
Human Rights, Constitutional Affairs, Information and Broadcasting,
Lands and Physical Planning, Mr Kenneth Hodge
 - The Honourable Minister for Infrastructure, Communications,
Utilities, Housing and Tourism, Mr Haydn Hughes
 - The Honourable Minister for Economic Development, Commerce,
Information Technology, Environment and Natural Resources,
Mr Kyle Hodge
 - The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford
 - Clerk to Executive Council, Mrs Angela Hughes
- IN ATTENDANCE:
- Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development,
Mrs Quincia Gumbs-Marie
 - Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social
Development/Education, Mr Merrick Richardson
 - Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull
 - PS, Finance, Mrs Kathleen Rogers
 - PAS, Finance, Ms Marisa Harding-Hodge
 - Budget Officer, Ms Jamila Gumbs
 - Chief Project Officer, Mrs Anthea Ipinson

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PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR 2021

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

The Ministry of Finance has prepared a Supplementary Budget to reflect the changes needed, because of various demands on the recurrent budget. The purpose of the Supplementary Budget is to facilitate expenditure adjustments and to reflect additional expenditure needs related to COVID-19 and other critical financing needs. Hence, resources across Government are to be reprioritised against current needs.

Table 1 below includes the 2021 Approved Budget, and the proposed Supplementary Budget (PSB). The PSB is based on the reprioritizing exercise that took place across Government departments. The process required Ministries and Departments to use their first six months actuals together with their projections for the second half of the year. The results of this exercise indicated the projected under/overspends for the Ministries/Departmental budgets and this was used to help determine the PSB and where funds may be redirected.

Council:

- 1) thanked the finance team for the work done on the proposed Supplementary Budget;
- 2) noted that the overall financial position is difficult and it is likely that a further Supplementary Budget will be needed for quarter 4;
- 3) noted that as a consequence of the historic practice of the Government paying bills on behalf of statutory bodies an accurate picture of their true operating costs was difficult to provide, and accounting standards required expenses to be properly recorded. Work is ongoing to achieve this;
- 4) noted that allocations of expenditure for the Ministry of ICUHT, as it relates to maintenance costs for the completed Anguilla Programme projects has been increased in the 2022 Medium Term Economic and Fiscal Policy;

- 5) noted the EC\$1.5 million budget shortfall for the Ministry of Health, which is attributable to the COVID-19 response anticipated through to December 2021;
- 6) noted that any significant savings are held by the Ministry of Finance as restricted expenditure, so that expenditure can be synchronized by the Ministry;
- 7) noted that total projected Recurrent Revenue is EC\$240 million, and this does not include revenue projected to be generated by the ivisit Anguilla portal;
- 8) noted that Appendix 5 the revenue outturn projection, shall not be included in the submission as the Supplementary Appropriation only reflects expenditure, however, the revenue figure should be updated to align with the current projection. Capital and Caribbean Development Bank loan financing shall be mentioned within the Ministerial Statement;
- 9) noted that the approved capital budget for 2021 is EC\$2,872,000. As at the end of July 2021, capital expenditure totaled EC\$1,290,012, approximately 45% of the total approved Budget. The source of funds is the final tranche of the European Development Fund and the Government will request disbursement by the end of August 2021. A Supplementary Budget of EC\$4,032,420 is requested and the revised capital budget for 2021 is EC\$7,829,420;
- 10) noted that any funds reimbursed by the FCDO should be applied to the developments that they were intended to support, as they are not a source of funds for new spending. The finance team shall work further and to provide clarity to ExCo;
- 11) noted that the EC\$166K allocated for a drone for the Customs department was not a priority project and should be reallocated, as border security is managed across several departments and existing assets already include a drone. Accordingly, the funds may be applied to other expenditure;
- 12) approved the proposed Supplementary Budget for 2021 with the following portfolio allocations as identified in Table 1

column F (last column), subject to confirmation of the anticipated personal emoluments savings, within the Department of Education and any corrections required to reallocate funds originally earmarked for the acquisition of the drone;

Table 1

GOVERNMENT OF ANGUILLA 2021 ESTIMATES OF RECURRENT EXPENDITURE AND CAPITAL SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS SCHEDULE						
PROGRAM	MINISTRY	A	C	D	E	
		2021	2021	2021	2021	2021
		APPROVED	REVISED BUDGET	End of Year	Expected	SUPPLEMENTARY
		BUDGET	Virments/ Reallocations	Projection	Shortfall/Savings Difference	BUDGET
					(C-D)	
	PART 1 - RECURRENT EXPENDITURE	\$	\$	\$	\$	
001R	HE THE GOVERNOR	28,810,840	28,915,738	27,131,441	1,784,297	27,331,441
350R	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, LABOUR, IMMIGRATION, INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING	8,963,220	8,516,772	8,193,997	322,775	8,516,772
450R	MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND HEALTH	108,092,690	108,157,401	98,710,493	9,446,907	111,539,090
550R	MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	51,615,945	51,417,724	46,275,211	5,142,513	46,675,211
650R	MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE, COMMUNICATIONS UTILITIES, HOUSING AND NATURAL RESOURCES	20,518,395	20,518,395	21,527,732	(1,009,337)	21,527,732
750R	MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	8,710,117	9,185,177	10,195,961	(1,010,784)	10,195,961
	TOTAL RECURRENT EXPENDITURE	226,711,207	226,711,207	212,034,836	14,676,371	225,786,207

- 13) 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;
- 14) agreed that the Bill for Supplementary Appropriation be presented to the House of Assembly at the earliest possible date;
- 15) noted that the 2021 Appropriation Bill estimates allocate a provision of EC\$7 million for public unemployment assistance. The benefit is only extended for a few months at a time, so that the financial position can be fully assessed, prior to making a commitment;
- 16) noted that the estimated expenditure under the programme for the period August to September 2021 is EC\$1,025,000 per month, totaling EC\$2,050,000 for the proposed extended period. For July the expenditure was EC\$540K, but this represents a period where employment was higher. Inclusive

of payments made to date, total expenditure for the period January to September 2021 is anticipated to be EC\$6.79 million; and

17) agreed an extension to the temporary unemployment assistance benefit for a further period of two months, expiring September 30, 2021, and continuing on the current terms:

- a) unemployed persons – up to EC\$1000 a month; and
- b) underemployed persons – the difference between EC\$1000 and the monthly salary; and all other terms and conditions of the assistance.

Council authorized the issue of the Action Sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, FIN; PERM, SECS; BD; ACC, GEN; HON, PREM;
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