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## CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 22 MAY 2012

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at the meeting held on 22 May 2012:

1. Contracts;
2. Legislation;
3. Annual Reports;
4. Board Appointments;
5. Air Services Agreement between Jamaica and the People's Republic of China;
6. Employment of International Police Officer Scene of Crime Manager;
7. Jamaica Co-Hosting the Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (CCPFV) with the USA;
8. Construction of Accommodation Facilities for the Jamaica Defence Force and the Related Financing Arrangements Utilizing Proceeds of Sale of Lands From the National Land Agency to the National Housing Trust; and
9. Reports to Cabinet.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

### 1. Contracts

On the recommendation of the Infrastructure Subcommittee of Cabinet and the National Contracts Commission, Cabinet approved the following contracts:

(i) Capacity Increase of the Water Users Associations and Increase in the Technical Knowledge of Farmers in Three National Irrigation Development Programme Project Areas: Colbeck, Yallahs and New Forest

To Rural Agricultural Development Agency in the amount of \$42,418,467.00 for the provision of support services which would increase the technical knowledge of targeted farmers in applying best practices to improve their production and income.

The impact of the proposed programme would see approximately 475 farmers on 781 hectares of farm land in the three (3) project areas acquiring increased knowledge in farming techniques and the proper functioning of three Water Users Associations, one in each of the project areas.

(ii) Extension of Insurance Coverage for the Port Authority of Jamaica

The extension of the Port Authority of Jamaica's current brokerage contract with Allied Insurance Brokers Limited for a one-year period, with effect from 1 May 2012.

The extension of the current contract with Allied Insurance Brokers will allow the Port Authority of Jamaica to re-tender the contract whilst retaining insurance coverage for all of its assets.

## 2. Legislation

### Amendment of the Terrorism Prevention Act and Terrorism Prevention Act (Reporting Entities) Regulations 2010

Cabinet approved the amendment of the Terrorism Prevention Act and the Terrorism Prevention Act (Reporting Entities) Regulations 2010; and the issue of drafting instructions to the Chief Parliamentary Counsel. The proposed amendments will see the implementation of the recommendations of the Caribbean Financial Action Task Force; and ensure consistency with other key legislative provisions.

The amendment to Terrorism Prevention Act will address all outstanding recommendations of the Caribbean Financial Action Task Force and ensure Jamaica's compliance with the Financial Action Task Force, which is an intergovernmental body established to promote and monitor the implementation of policies designed to combat money laundering and terrorism financing.

## 3. Annual Reports

Cabinet considered the following Annual Reports:

- (i) Fair Trading Commission for the Financial Year 2007/2008; and
- (ii) Students' Loan Bureau for the Financial Year 2010/2011.

The Annual Reports will be tabled in the Houses of Parliament at a later date.

## 4. Board Appointments

### (i) Caribbean Maritime Institute

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. David Powell as a member of the Board of Directors of the Caribbean Maritime Institute, with effect from 21 May 2012 to 11 March 2015.

### (ii) Consumer Affairs Commission

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following membership of the Commission for a period of two years, with effect from 1 June 2012 to 31 May 2014:

1. Ms. Lorna Greene – **Chairperson**;
2. Mr. Derryck Webb;
3. Ms. Norman Clarke;
4. Ms. Fay Sylvester;
5. Dr. Leith Dunn;
6. Mr. Denton Ellis;
7. Ms. Michelle Parkins;
8. Ms. Berl Francis;
9. Mrs. Dolsie Allen;
10. Mr. Maurice Weir;

11. Ms. Kirby Clarke;
12. Ms. Nicole Pierce; and
13. Ms. Shirley Pryce.

(iii) Trade Board

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following membership of the Board for a period of two years, with effect from 1 June 2012 to 31 May 2014:

1. Mr. Bentham Hussey – **Chairman**;
2. Mr. Bryan Barnes;
3. Mr. Ken Peart;
4. Mr. Carl Tucker;
5. Mr. Kes Miller;
6. Mr. Anthony O'Connor;
7. Ms. Jewel Spencer;
8. Mr. Manley Nicholson;
9. Ms. Elsa Binns;
10. Mr. Pierre Shirley;
11. Mr. Karl Montieth;
12. Mr. Marlon Lowe; and
13. Mr. Raymond Reece.

(iv) Anti-Dumping and Subsidies Commission

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following membership of the Commission for a period of two years, with effect from 1 June 2012 to 31 May 2014:

1. Ms. Beverley Morgan – **Chairperson**;
2. Dr. Annica Gayle;
3. Ms. Michelle Brown;
4. Mr. Bryon Blake; and
5. Mr. Gavin Goffe.

5. Air Services Agreement Between Jamaica and the People's Republic of China

Cabinet gave approval for the Government of Jamaica to sign the Air Services Agreement with the People's Republic of China.

In 2005, both countries had expressed an interest negotiating an Air Services Agreement and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to facilitate the establishment of air services between the two countries was proposed by Jamaica for signature during the official visit of the then Prime Minister to China in June 2005. However, the MOU was not signed at that time as the Chinese had indicated that they needed more time to review the document.

6. Employment of International Police Officer Scene of Crime Manager

Cabinet approved the engagement of an International Police Officer as Scene of Crime Manager at the level of Superintendent of Police for a period of two years.

The Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) had implemented a forensic master plan and its purpose was to lead and support the strategic scientific and forensic priorities of the JCF that would deliver the highest possible international standards and quality of evidence to support criminal prosecution.

The engagement of this officer is to address a gap in the technical expertise and related management and supervision experience of this very technical and scientific area of work that is missing in Jamaica. Effective crime scene management is central to the gathering of high-quality forensic evidence by using advanced crime-solving and prevention efforts.

7. Jamaica Co-Hosting the Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (CCPFV) with the USA

Cabinet gave approval for Jamaica to partner with the United States of America (USA) Codex Office to host the meeting of the Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables scheduled to be held in Jamaica during the period 13-19 October 2012 at an estimated cost of US\$14,200.00.

The Codex Alimentarius Commission was created in 1963 by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) to develop food standards, guidelines and related texts such as codes of practice under the joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme. The National Code Committee (NCC) was established in Jamaica in 2004 to act as a consultative body to the Government of Jamaica on Codex-related issues and to facilitate national responses to Codex draft standards and proposals.

8. Construction of Accommodation Facilities for the Jamaica Defence Force and the Related Financing Arrangements Utilizing Proceeds of Sale of Lands From the National Land Agency to the National Housing Trust

Cabinet approved the following:

- (i) the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) Lathbury Barracks Redevelopment Project to construct new integrated accommodation, office and storage facilities at Lathbury Barracks, Up Park Camp as under:
  - a. twelve multi-storey integrated facilities with 271,440 square feet of barrack/dormitory type accommodation for approximately 1,400 soldiers from two infantry battalions and attendant offices, lecture rooms and storage space covering 60,780 square feet;
  - b. accommodation buildings for senior enlisted ranks with a capacity of up to 140 persons; and
  - c. accommodation buildings for Officers with a capacity of 70 persons;
- (ii) the divestment of six identified parcels of lands (excluding Barossa) by the National Land Agency to the National Housing Trust for the purpose of financing the JDF Lathbury Barracks Redevelopment Project at an aggregate equivalent amount of up to \$1,689,916,745.00;
- (iii) the overall expenditure of up to \$1,689,916,745.00, being proceeds from the divestment by National Land Agency of land for housing development of equivalent value, on the JDF

Lathbury Barracks Redevelopment Project during the financial years 2012/2013 through to 2016/2017; and

- (iv) the financing structure of the transaction and financing schedule of the JDF Lathbury Barracks Redevelopment Project as outlined below:
- a. the National Land Agency to identify and transfer lands to the National Housing Trust of an equivalent value totalling \$1,689,916,745.00;
  - b. the National Housing Trust to pay the National Land Agency \$1, 689,916,745.00 for the transfer of said lands in accordance with the agreed financing schedule;
  - c. the National Land Agency to remit the \$1,689,916,745.00 to the Consolidated Fund upon receipt of payment of said funds from the National Housing Trust;
- (v) the Ministry of Finance and Planning to allocate a total of \$1,689,916,745.00 to the Ministry of National Security's Capital Budget for the JDF Lathbury Barracks Redevelopment Project during the current and the next four fiscal years, according to the financing schedule outlined hereunder:
- Fiscal Year 2012/2013 – \$80 million;
  - Fiscal Year 2013/2014 – \$430.73 million;
  - Fiscal Year 2014/2015 – \$520.60 million;
  - Fiscal Year 2015/2016 – \$343.79 million; and
  - Fiscal Year 2016/2017 – \$314.80 million.

The accommodation facilities at Up Park Camp, some of which were constructed from as early as 1889, are currently in a severe state of disrepair and the cost of maintaining those facilities has become uneconomical.

## 9. Reports to Cabinet

### (i) Advisory Committee on the Proposed Institutional and Legislative Framework for the Establishment of a Single Anti-Corruption Entity

Cabinet noted a report advising of the establishment of an Advisory Committee, by the Minister of Justice, on the proposed institutional and legislative framework for the establishment of a single Anti-Corruption Entity. The report advised that the Advisory Committee would, among other things:

- (a) Examine the establishment of a single Anti-Corruption Entity;
- (b) Consult with the relevant stakeholders, including the various incumbent institutions with an anti-corruption mandate, in formulating new proposals; and
- (c) Report on the optimal design for Jamaica's institutional and legislative anti-corruption arrangements.

The members of the Advisory Committee named by the Minister were:

1. Honourable Mr. Justice Karl Harrison – **Chairman**;
2. The Honourable Shirley Miller, OJ, CD, QC;
3. Professor Trevor Munroe; and
4. Mr. Maurice Bailey.

(ii) Sixth Summit of the Americas Cartagena de Indias, Colombia

The Cabinet noted a report from the Prime Minister advising of the 6th Summit of the Americas held in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia over the period 14-15 April 2012.

The report provided details on, among other things, the Summit; the bilateral meetings held; and the Seventh Summit of the Americas scheduled for 2015.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Portia Simpson Miller, MP  
Prime Minister  
12 June 2012