

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 2 DECEMBER 2013

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 2 December 2013:

1. Contracts;
2. Legislation Matters;
3. Annual Reports;
4. Board Appointment;
5. Design of the Third Phase of the Citizen Security and Justice Programme (CSJP III)
6. Meeting to Review Recommended Dietary Allowances (RDA) for the Caribbean 2 - 3 December 2013;
7. Hosting of the Caribbean Telecommunications Union's 27th Executive Council Meeting; 16th General Conference of Ministers; and 12th Caribbean Ministerial Strategic Information, Communications and Technology (ICT) Seminar: 2 - 6 December 2013: Montego Bay Convention Centre, St. James;
8. Jamaica's Hosting of the 8th Annual Caribbean Conference on Comprehensive Disaster Management (CDM);
9. Third International Conference on Climate Services (ICCS3): Hosting by Jamaica 4-6 December 2013;
10. Energy Monitoring Committee; and
11. Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Construction of National Youth Service Facility and Youth Information Centre

Cabinet approved the variation to a contract in the amount of \$9,802,506.28 that had been awarded to Rogers Land Development Limited for the construction of the National Youth Service Facility and the Youth Information Centre. The approved variation would bring the final contract sum to \$89,677,325.57.

The construction of the National Youth Service Facility and the Youth Information Centre was reported to be approximately 81% complete and would require the injection of additional funds to complete the project.

(ii) Private Security Guard Services at the Kingston and St. Andrew Department and Health Centres

Cabinet approved three (3) contracts for the provision of security guard services at the Kingston and St. Andrew Health Department and at twenty (20) Health Centres in the South East Regional Health Authority for a period of three (3) years, as follows:

Package	Contractor	Contract Amount (J\$)
Package 1	Shalk Electronic Security Limited	\$49,054,680.00
Package 2	Shalk Electronic Security Limited	\$89,723,115.00

Package 3	Marksman Limited	\$79,515,648.00
Total		\$218,293,443.00

The South East Regional Health Authority utilises the services of the private security companies in order to ensure the safety of employees, customers, property and assets at the Kingston and St. Andrew Health Department and at Health Centres.

(iii) Security Services at Ebony Park Heart Academy

Cabinet approved a variation in the amount of \$68,845,010.22 to a contract awarded to Vanguard Security Limited, for the provision of security services at the Ebony Park HEART Academy for the remaining nineteen (19) months of a three-year contract, previously awarded to Ranger Protection & Security Company. The approved variation would bring the final contract sum to \$552,604,273.02.

A contract was previously awarded to Ranger Protection and Security Company. This contract was subsequently terminated. The outstanding monies owed to the outgoing security company and that needed to contract a new one resulted in the contract amount exceeding the sum previously approved by Cabinet.

(iv) Cascade Water Supply Mains Replacement and Upgrading Project

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$43,765,600.00 to Frederick Rodrigues & Associates Limited for the construction of a new transmission and distribution pipeline from German Hill to Retrieve in the parish of Hanover.

The works are a component of the ongoing Cascade Water Supply Main Replacement and Upgrading Project being implemented by the National Water Commission. The Project aims to upgrade the potable water supply to the residents of Cascade, Claremont, Jericho, Retrieve, Pond Side and its environs.

(v) Westmoreland Water Supply Upgrading – Bethel Town Distribution System Improvement Civil Works

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$43,757,175.00 to Bacchus Engineering Works Limited for installation of new transmission and distribution pipelines in Argyle Mountain and Wedderburn under the Eastern Westmoreland Water Supply Upgrading – Bethel Town Distribution System Improvement Civil Works (Pipelaying).

The National Water Commission intends to upgrade the distribution network on the Bethel Town Distribution Water Supply System in order to meet the needs of existing and prospective customers in the communities of Wedderburn, Argyle Mountain.

2. Legislation Matters

(i) Enactment of Omnibus Statute to Facilitate Supervision of Deposit-taking Institutions

Cabinet gave approval for the:

- a) enactment of omnibus legislation for deposit-taking institutions and amendment to existing legislation, in order to enhance supervision of those institutions; and

b) issue of drafting instructions to the Chief Parliamentary Counsel accordingly.

The omnibus legislation would set out in one statute the provisions that are currently contained in three (3) statutes; the Banking Act, the Financial Institutions Act and Bank of Jamaica (Building Societies) Act and Regulations. The omnibus legislation would also set out the autonomy of the Supervisor of Banks and vest the authority to grant and revoke licences with the Bank of Jamaica (BOJ). The BOJ would also be vested with the authority to issue legally binding rules.

(ii) A Bill Entitled "The Securities (Amendment) Act, 2013"

Cabinet gave approval for the Bill entitled "The Securities (Amendment) Act, 2013" and the attendant Collective Investment Schemes Regulations to be introduced into the Houses of Parliament.

The amendments to the Securities Act seek to enhance the legislative framework for the regulation of the securities industry in order to combat the establishment and proliferation of unlawful financial organisations, modernise the framework for the regulation of collective investment schemes and correct other deficiencies in the regulatory framework of the securities industries.

3. Annual Reports

Cabinet considered the Annual Reports of the:

- (i) Agro-Investment Corporation for the Financial Year 2010/2011;
- (ii) Casino Gaming Commission for the Financial Year 2012/2013;
- (iii) Financial Institutions Services Limited for the Financial Year 2011/2012;
- (iv) Financial Sector Adjustment Company Limited for the Financial Year 2011/2012;
- (v) Jamaica Tourist Board for the Financial Year 2011/2012;
- (vi) Tourism Enhancement Fund Financial Year 2012/2013; and
- (vii) University Council of Jamaica for the Financial Year 2012/2013.

These Reports will be tabled in Parliament at a later date.

4. Board Appointment

Strata Appeals Tribunal

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of Mr. Justice Roy Anderson (Retired) as member and Chairman of the Strata Appeals Tribunal with effect from 9 September 2013 to 6 January 2016, when the tenure of the existing Tribunal would expire.

5. Design of the Third Phase of the Citizen Security and Justice Programme (CSJP III)

Cabinet:

- (i) gave approval for the extension of the Citizen Security and Justice Programme for an additional five (5) years, from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2018;
- (ii) noted that the Programme, designated CSJP III, would be funded through a loan of US\$20 million from the Inter-American Development Bank, a grant of CAN\$20 million

from the Government of Canada through the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development, a grant of £10 million from the Government of the United Kingdom through the Department for International Development, and a contribution of J\$1 billion from the Government of Jamaica;

- (iii) approved the overall programme direction of CSJP III, including the allocation of resources under four (4) main components;
- (iv) gave authorisation for the Ministry of National Security, as lead implementing agency, to coordinate the further design of the Programme with key stakeholders, including the Planning Institute of Jamaica, the Ministry of Justice, and International Development Partners.

The Citizen Security and Justice Programme has been operational since 2001 and, through the Ministry of National Security, has implemented a comprehensive programme aimed at strengthening the governance of security, reducing interpersonal violence and improving citizen security in targeted communities. The programme has sought, in particular, to improve the delivery of specific judicial services in the Ministry of Justice, and to strengthen the crime management capabilities of the Ministry of National Security.

6. Meeting to Review Recommended Dietary Allowances (RDA) for the Caribbean 2 - 3 December 2013

Cabinet gave approval for the Government of Jamaica to host a meeting to review the Recommended Dietary Allowances for the Caribbean during the period 2 to 3 December 2013.

The meeting was being convened to:

- (i) review recommendations for the revision of the Recommended Dietary Allowances (RDAs) for the Caribbean in light of current scientific evidence on the role of the energy and nutrients in the protection and promotion of human health;
- (ii) review the Population Nutrient Intake Goals for the Caribbean; and
- (iii) make recommendations for dissemination and use of the RDAs and the Population Nutrient Goals.

7. Hosting of the Caribbean Telecommunications Union's 27th Executive Council Meeting; 16th General Conference of Ministers; and 12th Caribbean Ministerial Strategic Information, Communications and Technology (ICT) Seminar

Cabinet gave approval for the Government of Jamaica to host the Caribbean Telecommunications Union 27th Executive Council Meeting, 16th General Conference of Ministers, and 12th Caribbean Ministerial Strategic Information, Communications and Technology Seminar over the period the 2 to 6 December 2013 at the Montego Bay Convention Centre, St. James

The Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU) was established by CARICOM Heads of Government to rationalise the telecommunications policy framework for the region and to address the problems of regional spectrum frequency incompatibilities.

8. Jamaica's Hosting of the 8th Annual Caribbean Conference on Comprehensive Disaster Management (CDM)

Cabinet gave approval for the Government of Jamaica to host the 8th Annual Caribbean Conference on Comprehensive Disaster Management in Montego Bay, St. James, over the period 2 to 6 December 2013.

The annual Caribbean Conference on Comprehensive Disaster Management (CDM) serves as the region's premier event on disaster risk management. Organised by the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency in collaboration with its partners, the Conference is the Caribbean region's largest gathering of professionals in the field of disaster management, as well as professionals from sectoral and thematic fields who have specific responsibilities in the area. The Conference will be used to, among other things, launch the Caribbean Strategy on Comprehensive Disaster Management; share experience on resilient development through sound investment by the public and private sectors; and facilitate dialogue on opportunities for investing in CDM.

9. Third International Conference on Climate Services (ICCS3)

Cabinet gave approval for the Government of Jamaica to host the Third International Conference on Climate Services (ICCS3) at the Montego Bay Convention Centre in Montego Bay, St. James, over the period 4 to 6 December 2013.

Climate services involve the timely provision of tailored scientific information in a way that allows individuals and societies to manage the risks, limit the costs, build resilience and take advantage of the opportunities associated with climate-related impacts. ICCS3 was designed to facilitate dialogue regarding efforts to move climate services from research and demonstration activities to sustained services from which society as a whole can benefit.

10. Energy Monitoring Committee

Cabinet approved the Terms of Reference of the Energy Monitoring Committee.

The Committee is charged with the monitoring of the 360 Megawatt project and the assessment of alternatives if any of the key elements of the project did not proceed according to plan. The Committee will be comprised as follows: four nominees of the Government; four nominees from the Private Sector/Non-Governmental Organisations; and a representative of the Trade Union Movement nominated by the Cabinet.

11. Reports

(i) Meeting of Law Ministers and Attorneys General of Small Commonwealth Jurisdictions, Marlborough House, London

Cabinet noted a report on the Meeting of Law Ministers and Attorneys General of Small Commonwealth Jurisdictions held in London, United Kingdom, over the period 12 to 13 September 2013. The report provided information on the deliberations on a range of issues of special interest to small Commonwealth jurisdictions, including continuing judicial and legal education and addressing the accumulated backlog of criminal cases.

(ii) Mission Trip Report of Official Visit to Cuba Led by the Minister of Industry, Investment and Commerce

Cabinet noted a report on the Ministerial Trade Mission to Cuba, undertaken over the period 3 to 9 November 2013, to promote investment and trade opportunities in Jamaica and meet potential investors and distributors. The report provided information on the objectives of the visit which were to promote trade and investment, create awareness of the Jamaica Logistics Hub Initiative, and explore opportunities for collaboration between Jamaica and Cuba, accordingly.

(iii) Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO); The Board Meeting of the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA); The Meeting of the Caribbean Ministers of Health (COHSOD); and Several Health Related Meetings - Washington DC

Cabinet noted a report on several health-related meetings held in Washington D.C, in the United States of America (USA) over the period 26 September to 4 October 2013. The report provided detailed information on the deliberations and decisions of the following meetings:

- a) Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO);
- b) Meeting of the Executive Committee of PAHO;
- c) The Board Meeting of the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA);
- d) The Meeting of the Caribbean Ministers of Health (COHSOD);
- e) Meeting on Tobacco Control;
- f) Meeting with the representative of the World Bank; and
- g) Meeting with the Global Fund.

(iv) Ministerial Participation in the XXII Meeting of Ministers and High Level Authorities on Housing and Urbanization in Latin America and the Caribbean (XXII MINURVI) Santiago, Chile

Cabinet noted a report on the XXII Regional Meeting of Ministers and High Level Authorities on Housing and Urbanisation in Latin America and the Caribbean (MINURVI) held in Santiago, Chile, during the period 30 September to 2 October 2013. The report informed that the Declaration of Santiago was signed on 2 October 2013 by the various MINURVI member countries and embodied various proposals for addressing housing and urban development issues in the region in relation to right of access, improvement of quality of life, social inclusion, susceptibility to natural phenomena, sustainable design and construction of quality housing, and mechanisms to facilitate security of tenure with regard to housing. The report advised of Jamaica's re-election to the MINURVI Executive Committee and selection to act as focal point for the Caribbean Sub region in preparation for the next Meeting (XXIII MINURVI) in 2014.

(v) 9th Session of the Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization (WTO), Bali, Indonesia

Cabinet noted a report on the intent to convene the 9th Session of the Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) during the period 3 to 6 December 2013 in Bali, Indonesia. The report provided detailed information on:

- a) the key issues on the agenda, particularly in relation to trade facilitation, agriculture, development issues, the Work Programme on Small Economies (SVEs), the Work Programme on Electronic Commerce, Trade-related Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPs), and Aid for Trade;
- b) Jamaica's official views on the agenda issues;
- c) the importance of the Ministerial Conference, in terms of providing a substantive and credible basis for the work programme for the future; and
- d) preparatory meetings for the Ministerial Conference.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



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