

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 3 MARCH 2014

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 3 March 2014:

1. Contracts;
2. Legislation Matters;
3. Annual Reports;
4. Board Appointments;
5. Amendments to the Motor Vehicle Import Policy; and
6. Report on Second Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) Havana, Republic of Cuba 28-29 January 2014 and the Official Visit to Cuba by the Prime Minister of Jamaica.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1) Contracts

(i) Essex Valley Water Supply and Upgrade – Phase 2

Cabinet approved the award of a contract to Bacchus Engineering Works Limited in the amount of \$108,918,000.65 by the National Water Commission, to construct and commission water supply pipes from Nain Square to Junction Square in St. Elizabeth

(ii) Supply and Delivery of Tablets and Device Management Services

Cabinet approved the award of contracts in the total amount of US\$7,408,222.37 by e-Learning Jamaica Company Limited for the supply of tablets and services under the Tablets in Schools Project as follows:

- (1) Productive Business Solutions – US\$2,034,162.00 for 10,500 tablets;
- (2) GeoTechVision Enterprises Limited – US\$1,479,291.85 for 5,500 tablets;
- (3) Digicel (Jamaica) Limited – US\$1,999,175.00 for 5,500 tablets; and
- (4) Innovative Corporate Solutions – US\$1,895,653.52 for 5,500 tablets.

The e-Learning Jamaica Company Limited (e-LJam) is spearheading the e-Learning Project which provides a range of digital-related equipment and other support to all Government schools to assist in the transformation and enhancement of national learning outcomes using information communication technologies in the education system.

(iii) Provision of Computer Equipment and Services at the Newly Built Cedar Grove Academy and the Upgrade of Servers and Computers Under the e-Learning Project

Cabinet approved the contract variation in the amount of US\$1,602,629.68 to a contract awarded to Dell World Trade by e-Learning Jamaica Company Limited, for the supply of computer equipment and services for one newly built high school as well as upgrading existing servers and computers of the 176 institutions under the e-Learning Project.

The contract variation will enable e-LJam to complete the technology infrastructure component of the e-Learning Project as well as to upgrade the servers installed at the original 176 institutions in the project to mitigate against obsolescence in major components.

(iv) Implementation of Electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) in Jamaica

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$469,700.00 to European Dynamics Belgium SA, for the implementation of an Electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) system in Jamaica

The e-GP system is being implemented to improve the transparency of the procurement process; allow better access to information; improve accuracy of order; reduce administrative costs; and speed up the overall procurement process.

2) Legislation Matters

(i) The Integrity Commission Act, 2014

Cabinet gave approval for the introduction of the Bill entitled “The Integrity Commission Act, 2014” into the Houses of Parliament, and noted that a Joint Select Committee of Parliament should be established for its review.

The Bill seeks to establish a single anti-corruption body, the Integrity Commission, to promote and strengthen measures for the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of acts of corruption and to monitor, and investigate where necessary, the award of government contracts and prescribed licences.

(ii) Fiscal Rules for Jamaica – Bills entitled “An Act to Amend the Financial Administration and Audit Act” and “An Act to Amend the Public Bodies Management and Accountability Act”

Cabinet gave approval for the introduction into the Houses of Parliament, the Bills entitled “The Financial Administration and Audit (Amendment) Act, 2014” and “The Public Bodies Management and Accountability (Amendment) Act, 2014”.

The Bills seek to further strengthen Jamaica’s Fiscal Responsibility Framework (FRF) to achieve medium to long-term fiscal sustainability through, inter alia, fiscal rules governing the investment activities of public bodies and stipulating how fiscal targets would be met, as well as adjustment mechanisms to ensure that the integrity of the fiscal rules framework is maintained in the face of economic and policy shocks.

3) Annual Reports

Cabinet considered the Annual Reports of the Professional Engineers’ Registration Board for the Calendar Years 2011 and 2012.

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

4) Board Appointments

(i) National Council on Sports

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of Mrs. Marva Bernard to the National Council on Sports. The expiration of Mrs. Bernard's tenure will coincide with that of the existing Board, on 30 September 2015

(ii) Institute of Sports Limited

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board of Directors of the Institute of Sports Limited for a period of two years, with effect from 30 January 2014 to 29 January 2016:

- (1) Mr. Donald Anderson – Chairman;
- (2) Mr. Errol Miller;
- (3) Rev. Devon Dick;
- (4) Mr. Kamal Powell;
- (5) Ms. Vennisha Phillips;
- (6) Mr. Peter Prendergast;
- (7) Mr. Dennis Clarke;
- (8) Mr. Duen Oliver Daley;
- (9) Mr. Denzil Wilks;
- (10) Lt. Col. Jaimie O'Gilvie;
- (11) Mr. Kimor Ritchie;
- (12) Mr. Emile Spence;
- (13) Mr. Anthony Lawrence; and
- (14) Ms. Patricia Lue Chin.

(iii) Independence Park Limited

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board of Directors of the Independence Park Limited for a period of two years, with effect from 30 January 2014 to 29 January 2016:

- (1) Honourable Michael Fennell, OJ, CD – Chairman;
- (2) Mr. Michael Hall;
- (3) Ms. Sandra Shirley;
- (4) Dr. Marion Bullock DuCasse, CD;
- (5) Major Dillon Lobban;
- (6) Mr. Leon Mitchell;
- (7) Mr. Gregory Hamilton;
- (8) Honourable Molly Rhone, OJ;
- (9) Mr. Carlton Dennis; and
- (10) Ms. Lorraine Wilson.

(iv) Tourism Product Development Company

Cabinet gave approval for the reappointment of the members of the Board of Directors of the Tourism Product Development Company for a period of two years, with effect from 3 March 2014 to 2 March 2016, as under:

- (1) Mrs. Maxine Henry-Wilson – Chairperson;
- (2) Mrs. Nicola Madden Greig;

- (3) Mr. Anthony Hall;
- (4) Ms. Vana Taylor;
- (5) Mr. David Shields;
- (6) Mr. John Claude Wright;
- (7) Mr. Sam James;
- (8) Ms. Carol Burke; and
- (9) Resort Board Representatives – one from each of the six (6) resort areas.

5) Amendments to the Motor Vehicle Import Policy (MVIP)

Cabinet gave approval for:

- (i) amendments to the Motor Vehicle Import Policy;
- (ii) the issue of drafting instructions to the Chief Parliamentary Counsel for the finalisation of Regulations under the Trade Act to incorporate the key policy requirements outlined in the revised Motor Vehicle Import Policy; and
- (iii) the tabling in the Houses of Parliament of a revised Ministry Paper incorporating the said amendments.

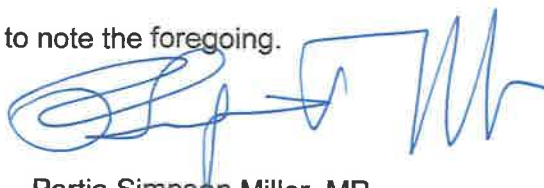
The proposed revision of the Motor Vehicle Import Policy is to make it relevant to the current environment and to respond to shifting micro and macro-economic conditions, international trends, regulatory issues, as well as adjustments in the wider policy framework of the Government of Jamaica.

6) Report on Second Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) Havana, Republic of Cuba 28-29 January 2014 and the Official Visit to Cuba by the Prime Minister of Jamaica

Cabinet noted a report on the Second Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) held in Havana, Cuba on 28 and 29 January 2014 and the official visit to Cuba by the Prime Minister of Jamaica during the period.

The report provided information on the theme of the Summit, "The Struggle Against Hunger, Poverty and Inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean"; Jamaica's delegation; preparatory meetings for the Summit; bilateral consultations undertaken by Jamaica; and the Prime Minister's presentation to the Summit on addressing poverty, hunger and inequality in the region, growth and development, climate change, Jamaica's social protection initiatives, and South/South cooperation. The report further outlined the main priorities identified and reflected in the Havana Declaration issued from the Summit. Information was also provided on meetings by the Prime Minister with President Raúl Castro and former President Fidel Castro.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Portia Simpson Miller, MP
Prime Minister
1 April 2014