

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 31 MARCH 2014

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 31 March 2014:

1. Contracts;
2. Annual Report;
3. Appointments;
4. Ratification of Amendment to Article XII (c) (ii) of the Agreement Relating to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organisation (ITSO);
5. Concept Paper for the Development of a Craft Policy and Strategy; and
6. Community Inclusion Programme.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1) Contracts

(i) Renovation of Buildings at Montpelier

Cabinet approved the award of a contract to Surrey Paving and Aggregates Company Limited in the amount of \$123,584,908.50, for the renovation of buildings at the Montpelier Complex located in St. James, for use as an extension of Anchovy High School.

Anchovy High School was built to accommodate 1,125 students and now has an enrolment of 2,100 students. The Montpelier Complex, which is 5 km from Anchovy High School, was donated to the people of Jamaica by the Cuban Government in 1979 to be used as a school, but was never utilised for that purpose. This complex will be renovated for use as an extended campus of Anchovy High School, thereby alleviating overcrowding.

(ii) Expansion of the Wigton Windfarm Electricity Generating Facility

Cabinet approved:

- (a) Wigton Windfarm Limited (Wigton) entering into a contract with Gamesa as equipment supplier and turnkey contractor, for the 24 Megawatt expansion of the Wigton Windfarm electricity generating facility located at Rose Hill, Manchester. The contract amount is US\$40,827,236.00 and the total budget for the project is US\$45 million; and
- (b) the award of a contract to the Jamaica Public Service Company Limited at a total cost of US\$2,510,880.00, for the provision of grid interconnection services for the proposed 24 Megawatt (MW) expansion of the Wigton Windfarm, situated in Rose Hill, Manchester.

Wigton became incorporated in April 2000 and is a subsidiary of the Petroleum Corporation of Jamaica. Its objective is to diversify and develop renewable energy sources. Since 2004, Wigton has owned and operated a windfarm in southern

Manchester, which has successfully supplied clean and low-cost electricity to the national grid.

(iii) Pavement Construction and Infrastructure Works at the Cargo Terminal

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$129,064,453.23 to the D.R. Foote Construction Company Limited, for pavement construction and infrastructure works at the Cargo Terminal, Port of Montego Bay, St. James

In 2006, the Port Authority of Jamaica commissioned the services of Mott MacDonald Limited, International Engineering Consultants, to design the overall development and reconfiguration of the Port of Montego Bay in the Parish of St. James. In order to facilitate the demand for operational space at the Cargo Terminal, a decision was taken in 2011 to implement approximately 18,950 m² of pavement, including upgrading of other related infrastructure facilities to meet present and future needs of the Terminal.

(iv) General Insurance and Group Personal Accident Insurance Placement

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$60,543,121.00 to the Marathon Insurance Brokers Limited (MIB), for General and Personal Accident Insurance coverage for the HEART Trust/NTA for the contract year commencing 1 April 2014.

Insurance is being procured to secure the assets of the company and enable protection from liabilities and potential future losses.

(v) Award of Contract for the Renewal of Insurance Coverage for the Port Authority of Jamaica

Cabinet approved a contract to renew insurance coverage for the Port Authority of Jamaica through the Marathon Insurance Brokers Limited (MIB), for the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015, with premiums representing the second year as set out below:

- 1) Placement of US\$ Denominated Policies - US\$4,707,094.00; and
- 2) Placement of J\$ Denominated Policies - J\$14,648,122.00.

Insurance is being procured to secure the assets of the company and enable protection from liabilities and potential future losses.

2) Annual Report

Cabinet considered the Annual Report of the Overseas Examinations Commission for the Financial Year 2012/2013. This Report will be tabled in Parliament at a later date.

3) Appointment

Maxfield Park Children's Home

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of Mrs. Sacha Vacciana Riley to the Board of Directors of the Maxfield Park Children's Home with effect from 31 March 2014 to 18 March 2015 when the tenure of the Board would expire.

4) Ratification of Amendment to Article XII (c) (ii) of the Agreement Relating to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organisation

Cabinet gave approval for Jamaica to ratify the Amendment to Article XII(c)(ii) of the Agreement Relating to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organisation (ITSO).

The ITSO (formerly INTELSAT) was initially formed in 1964 as a part of a geopolitical initiative of the United States of America (USA) at the height of the United States-Soviet space race in which nations were offered the benefit of improved international communications.

5) Concept Paper for the Development of a Craft Policy and Strategy

Cabinet gave approval for the development of a Craft Policy and Strategy by the Ministry of Tourism and Entertainment, which would have responsibility for the coordination, strategic development, and management of the craft industry. A broad-based Policy Steering Committee would be established to guide the development of the Policy, with representatives from the key stakeholders Ministries and entities.

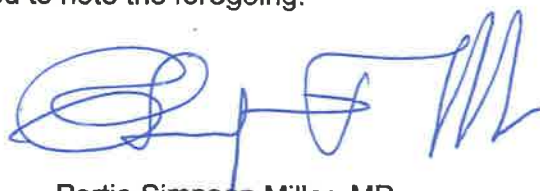
The Craft Policy aims to streamline the craft sector by facilitating incremental improvements in quality, variety, value, sales, customer satisfaction and profits. To this end the Policy aims to promote innovation, greater local identity of finished craft and souvenirs, better packaging, regulation, and production and distributing facilities.

6) Community Inclusion Programme

Cabinet noted a report on the implementation of a Community Inclusion Programme by the G.C. Foster College of Physical Education and Sports (G.C. Foster).

The report advised that in 2012, G.C. Foster instituted a Community Inclusion Programme to develop a relationship with community members in the immediate vicinity of the College; assist in the reduction of crime by engaging both attached and unattached youths in sports; encourage the development of healthy lifestyles among youths and adults; develop interest in sports by more students at an earlier age; and develop a commitment of membership in clubs organised and developed by the institution. G.C. Foster partnered with the Social Development Commission, which played an integral role in mobilising the community groups to participate in the initiative. The report listed the programmes implemented and highlighted G.C. Foster's intention to expand the programme to include HEART Level 1 and Level 2 sport-related programmes.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



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Prime Minister
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