

**CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 14 APRIL 2014**

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 14 April 2014:

1. Contract;
2. Legislation Matter;
3. Annual Reports;
4. Appointments;
5. Land Sale Matter;
6. Global Fund Regional Meeting and the Caribbean Consultation and Justice for All and Human Rights Agenda, Kingston, Jamaica: 8 -11 April 2014; and
7. Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1) Contract – General Insurance Placement for Factories Corporation of Jamaica Limited

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amounts of US\$522,604.00 and J\$722,214.00 to Marathon Insurance Brokers Limited (MIB), to cover the general insurance premium for Factories Corporation of Jamaica Limited (FCJ), for the contract year starting 1 April 2014.

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

2) Legislation Matter - Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act, 2014

Cabinet gave approval for the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act, 2014", to be introduced in the Houses of Parliament.

The Bill seeks to amend the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act to enable the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Commission to provide for more effective regulation of the industry with a view to protecting the interests of stakeholders and consumers.

3) Annual Reports

Cabinet considered the Annual Reports of the:

- (i) Fair Trading Commission for the Financial Year 2008/2009;
- (ii) Tourism Product Development Company Limited for the Financial Year 2011/2012;  
and
- (iii) University of Technology, Jamaica for the Financial Year 2012/2013.

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

#### 4) Appointments

##### (i) Casino Gaming Commission

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of Senator Noel Sloley to the Casino Gaming Commission with effect from 14 April 2014 to 26 February 2015 when the tenure of the Commission would expire.

##### (ii) National Youth Service

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. Ronald Blake as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Youth Service with effect from 14 April 2014 to 19 February 2015, when the tenure of the Board expires.

##### (iii) National Water Commission

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons as Board of Commissioners of the National Water Commission for a period of three years, with effect from 14 April 2014 to 13 April 2017:

- (1) Mr. Prakash Vaswani – **Chairman**;
- (2) Mrs. Marjorie Fyffe Campbell – **Deputy Chairman**;
- (3) Mr. Garfield Knight;
- (4) Reverend Naggie Sterling;
- (5) Mr. Hugh Graham;
- (6) Mr. Eugene Kelly;
- (7) Mr. Paul Williams;
- (8) Senator Wensworth Skeffery; and
- (9) Mr. Gavin Goffe.

#### 5) Land Sale Matter - The Proposed Sale of Jamaica Railway Corporation's Property Registered at Volume 1221 Folio 436 to the St. Catherine Parish Council

Cabinet gave approval for the sale of the Jamaica Railway Corporation (JRC) property, comprising approximately 0.81 hectares registered at Volume 1221 Folio 436, to the St. Catherine Parish Council at a sale price of \$50 million.

The property being purchased from JRC has been significantly developed by the St Catherine Parish Council under a lease arrangement spanning many decades. Currently, the Council operates a bus park and taxi stand on the site being purchased.

#### 6) Global Fund Regional Meeting and the Caribbean Consultation and Justice for All and Human Rights Agenda, Kingston, Jamaica: 8 -11 April 2014

Cabinet gave approval for Jamaica to host the Global Fund Regional Technical Meeting and the Caribbean Consultation and Justice for All and Human Rights Agenda over the period 8 to 11 April 2014.

The objectives of The Global Fund Regional Meeting are to facilitate understanding of the new funding model for The Global Fund; illustrate the risk management model of The Global Fund; and present the Human Rights Information Note of The Global Fund. The objectives of the Caribbean Consultation and Justice for All and Human Rights Agenda are to identify concrete programmes and policies to dismantle structural barriers that deny human rights

and impact vulnerability; and identify key elements of the Caribbean Roadmap on Justice for All and the Human Rights Agenda.

7) Reports

(i) Tabling of the Ministry Paper on the Unite for Change Programme of the National Crime Prevention and Community Safety Strategy

Cabinet noted a report on the Unite for Change (UFC) Programme of the National Crime Prevention and Community Safety Strategy (NCPCCS) and the intention to table a Ministry Paper on the matter.

The report informed that the main purpose of the UFC was to mobilise the society using an approach incorporating programme coordination, measurement and communication that specifically addressed risk factors associated with targeted sub-populations that were most at risk of either contributing to or being victimised by violent crimes. The report provided information on a Strategic Implementation Framework which would guide the UFC programme as well as other programmes to be advanced by the UFC, and achievements of the UFC to date.

(ii) Drought Update 2014

Cabinet noted a report on the drought being experienced across the country.

The report informed that the Meteorological Service of Jamaica had declared that the average rainfall recorded for the island in February 2014 was 22% below normal; that seven parishes and the Corporate Area of Kingston and St. Andrew had reported below normal rainfall for February; and the highest deficits were recorded for St. Mary and St. Ann at 77% and 67% below normal, respectively. The report also provided information on drought predictions; reduction in inflows from major rivers; the impact on water production and storage; the drought mitigation measures being implemented to alleviate the situation; the funds allocated for the trucking of water in the drought affected areas; and the medium-term solutions.



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