

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 22 APRIL 2014

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 22 April 2014:

1. Contracts;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Appointments;
4. Ratification by Jamaica of the Agreement of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) for Regional Cooperation on Natural Disasters;
5. Celebration of Workers Week and Labour Day 2014; and
6. Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1) Contracts

(i) Supply and Installation of a Parking Access and Revenue Control System

Cabinet approved the award of a contract to INDRA SISTEMAS, S.A. of Spain, in the amount of US\$515,633.69, for the supply and installation of a Parking Access and Revenue Control System (PARKS) at the Norman Manley International Airport.

The PARKS is being installed at the Norman Manley International Airport in order to utilise the industry's latest technological advancements to control access and revenue for the parking facilities, and improve the overall management, system efficiency, revenue accounting, revenue security and customer aspects of the parking operations at the Airport.

(ii) Provision of Janitorial and Sanitation Services

Cabinet approved the award of a contract to Hi-Tech Chemicals Limited, in the amount of \$64,999,999.99, for the provision of janitorial and sanitation services at the Half Way Tree Transport Centre, for a period of three years.

Janitorial and sanitation services are being procured in order to ensure that users of the transport centre have a clean and pleasant environment to traverse.

(iii) Renewal of Insurance Coverage for the Airports Authority of Jamaica/NMIA Airports Limited

Cabinet approved the renewal of insurance coverage, by Marathon Insurance Brokers for the Airports Authority of Jamaica/NMIA Airports Limited for the final year commencing 1 May 2014 and ending on 30 April 2015 with the payment of premiums as follows:

- Placement of US\$ Denominated Policies – US\$1,699,272.00; and
- Placement of J\$ Denominated Policies – J\$9,241,841.00.

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

(iv) General Insurance Placement for the Jamaica Urban Transit Company Limited

Cabinet approved the:

(a) award of a contract for the placement of insurance for the Jamaica Urban Transit Company Limited to Marathon Insurance Brokers, for a period of three years, from 1 May 2014 to 30 April 2017, with premiums in the first year as set out below:

- Placement of US\$ Denominated Policies -US\$648,620.00;
- Placement of J\$ Denominated Policies - J\$17,080,838.00; and

(b) appointment of General Accident Insurance Company Limited, JN General Insurance Company Limited and Lloyd's of London as insurers for the coverage of the risks for the first year of placement only.

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

2) Annual Reports

Cabinet considered the Annual Reports of the:

- (i) Coffee Industry Board for the Financial Year 2010/2011;
- (ii) Rural Agricultural Development Authority for the Financial Year 2011/2012; and
- (iii) Women's Centre of Jamaica Foundation for the Financial Year 2011/2012.

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

3) Appointments

(i) Harmonisation Limited

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board of Directors of Harmonisation Limited, for a period of two years, with effect from 22 April 2014 to 21 April 2016:

- (1) Mr. Patrick Hylton – **Chairman**;
- (2) Dr. Lorna Simmonds;
- (3) Councillor Garth Wilkinson;
- (4) Dr. the Honourable Carlton Davis;
- (5) Chairman, Development Bank of Jamaica;
- (6) Managing Director, Development Bank of Jamaica;
- (7) Chairman, National Housing Trust;
- (8) Managing Director, National Housing Trust; and
- (9) Representative, Ministry of Tourism and Entertainment.

(ii) Clarendon Alumina Production Limited

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board of Directors of Clarendon Alumina Production Limited, for a period of one year, with effect from 22 April 2014 to 21 April 2015:

- (1) Mr. Vincent Lawrence – **Chairman**;

- (2) Mr. Joseph Cox;
- (3) Ms. Delrose Campbell;
- (4) Mr. Winston Hepburn;
- (5) Mr. Winston Hayden;
- (6) Mr. Junior Rose;
- (7) Mr. Roderick Gordon;
- (8) Mr. Moses Green; and
- (9) Ms. Michelle Forbes.

(iii) Coffee Industry Board

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board of Directors of the Coffee Industry Board, for a period of two years, with effect from 22 April 2014 to 21 April 2016:

- (1) Mr. Delano Franklyn – **Chairman**;
 - (2) Mr. Leonard Green;
 - (3) Ambassador Derick Heaven;
 - (4) Mrs. Carol Jones;
 - (5) Ms. Joy Crawford;
- Nominated Members
- (6) Mr. DaCosta Biggs;
 - (7) Mr. Oswald O’Meally; and
 - (8) Ms. Donna Meredith.

(iv) Toll Regulator

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of Mr. Ryland Campbell as the new Toll Regulator in view of the resignation of Mr Dunbar McFarlane from the position.

4) Ratification by Jamaica of the Agreement of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) for Regional Cooperation on Natural Disasters

Cabinet gave approval for the ratification of the Agreement of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) for Regional Cooperation on Natural Disasters.

ACS Member States signed the Agreement for Regional Cooperation on Natural Disasters at ACS’ Second Summit of Heads of State and Government on 17 February 1999. The primary objective of the Agreement is to promote cooperation for the prevention, mitigation and management of natural disasters, through collaboration among other Member States and with regional organisations working in the field of natural disaster management.

5) Celebration of Workers Week and Labour Day 2014

Cabinet approved the theme, “Take a Stand... Beautify Our Land” which will focus on climate change and national security issues, for Labour Day and Worker’s Week 2014.

Labour Day is used by communities islandwide to engage in developmental activities, including physical enhancement, fostering a spirit of volunteerism and promoting social cohesion through improved community planning.

6) Reports

(i) Jamaica Investment Forum

Cabinet noted the intention of the Jamaica Promotions Corporation (JAMPRO) to host the second tri-annual Jamaica Investment Forum (JIF) scheduled to be held on 11 to 12 March 2015.

The report informed that the Investment Forum would be geared towards assisting the country in promoting high-profile investment opportunities to targeted investors and raising the profile of Jamaica as a place for doing business. Attention would be given to projects focusing on Jamaica's Logistics Hub initiative, in addition to related key industries.

(ii) The Twenty-Fifth Inter-Sessional Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

Cabinet noted a report on the outcome of the Twenty-Fifth Inter-Sessional Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) held at Kingstown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines during the period 10 to 11 March 2014.

The report highlighted the matters discussed, particularly the progress made with regard to negotiations for a CARICOM-Canada Trade and Development Agreement, the unfavourable economic climate affecting the region and the need to employ the agreed-upon fiscal strategies, and the proposals to advance the regional agenda for sustainable development, using information and communication technologies.



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