

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 23 FEBRUARY 2015

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 23 February 2015:

1. Contract;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Board Appointments;
4. Actuarial Analysis of the National Insurance Scheme;
5. Establishment of Start Up Jamaica;
6. Programme for Emancipation and Independence Celebrations 2015; and
7. Report.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contract – Construction of a New Market in Falmouth, Trelawny

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of J\$175,041,322.00 to Surrey Paving and Aggregate Company Limited, for the construction of a market in the town of Falmouth, Trelawny.

As part of the overall development plan for the town of Falmouth, it was proposed that the Trelawny Parish Council Market be relocated to reclaimed lands on the western side of the town in order to make the existing market lands available for future development. The market development is expected to start in March 2015 and be completed by November 2015.

2. Annual Reports

Cabinet considered the Annual Reports of the:

- (i) Airports Authority of Jamaica for the years ended 31 March 2012, 2013 and 2014; and
- (ii) Jamaica Tourist Board for the year ended 31 March 2014.

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

3. Board Appointments

(i) Coconut Industry Board

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three years, with effect from 1 March 2015 to 28 February 2018:

1. Mr. Leonard Green – **Chairman**;
2. Mr. Aston Smith;
3. Mr. James Joyles; and
4. Professor Wayne McLaughlin.

(ii) Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three years, with effect from 23 February 2015 to 22 February 2018:

1. Honourable Michael Hylton, OJ, QC – **Chairman**;
2. Mr. W. "Billy" Heaven – **Deputy Chairman**;
3. Ms. Tasha Manley;
4. Mr. Kevin Powell;
5. Mr. Keith Senior;
6. Mrs. Maria Jones;
7. Dr. Wesley Hughes;
8. Dr. Janine Dawkins; and
9. Mr. Nari Williams-Singh.

(iii) National Export Import Bank of Jamaica

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three years, with effect from 27 February 2015 to 26 February 2018:

1. Honourable William E. Clarke, OJ, CD – **Chairman**;
2. Ambassador Derrick Heaven, CD;
3. Mrs. Andrea Cowan;
4. Mrs. Doreen Frankson;
5. Mrs. Enith Williams;
6. Ms. Annalise Harewood;
7. Ms. Megan Deane;
8. Mr. Courtney Williams;
9. Ms. Effie Crooks; and
10. Mrs. Lisa Bell.

4. Actuarial Analysis of the National Insurance Scheme

Cabinet gave approval for the tabling in Parliament of the document "Actuarial Analysis of the Sustainability of the National Insurance Scheme in Jamaica", in keeping with Section 41 of the National Insurance Act.

The Ministry of Labour and Social Security completed the Actuarial Analysis in 2014 to guide the Ministry in reviewing and analysing the fiscal sustainability and coverage of the National Insurance Scheme.

5. Establishment of Start Up Jamaica

Cabinet gave approval for the establishment of a Government company, limited by guarantee without a share capital, Start Up Jamaica. The entity, which will be an agency of the Ministry of Science, Technology, Energy and Mining (MSTEM), will implement activities under the Youth Employment in the Digital and Animation Industries Project.

Given the need for greater focus on Information and Communications Technology innovation and the establishment of a framework to channel resources towards supporting innovation, MSTEM designed the project to strengthen capacities in the field of animation,

provide an avenue for technology innovations, and assist in fostering the financial ecosystem necessary to support and augment technology entrepreneurship.

6. Programme for Emancipation and Independence Celebrations 2015

Cabinet approved the programme of activities and associated budget for the staging of the Emancipation and Independence Celebrations 2015, and selected the theme "Proud and Free – Jamaica 53", for the celebrations.

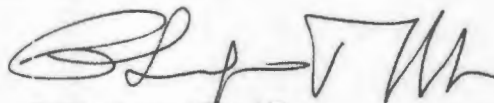
At 50 years old, Jamaica paused to reflect on its journey pre-emancipation and post-emancipation, and independence, and declared that it was "A Nation on a Mission". The 2015 Independence and Emancipation celebrations are scripted to continue that deep and necessary reflection, particularly in emphasising renewal of pride in the legacy of a diverse grouping of people that would have led to the motto, "Out of many, one people".

7. Report – Establishment of the Trade Facilitation Task Force

Cabinet noted a report which advised of the establishment of a Trade Facilitation Task Force.

The report informed that the Task Force was being established under the aegis of the National Competitiveness Council to map and drive the implementation of the trade facilitation measures deemed to be critical for the National Growth Agenda. The Task Force would also, among other things, lead a coordinated approach across Ministries, Departments and Agencies in the development of a single electronic window for trade.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Portia Simpson Miller, MP

Prime Minister

2 March 2015