

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 13 APRIL 2015

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 13 April 2015:

1. Legislation Matter;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Appointments;
4. Establishment of the Caribbean Regional School of Art; and
5. Companies Office of Jamaica Proposed Amnesty.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Legislation Matter

A Bill entitled "Copyright (Amendment) Act, 2015"

Cabinet gave approval for the introduction of the Bill entitled "Copyright (Amendment) Act, 2015" into the Houses of Parliament.

The Bill seeks to amend the Act to strengthen the copyright system in Jamaica and enact the Copyright (Licensing Bodies) Regulations.

2. Annual Reports

Cabinet considered the Annual Reports of the:

- (i) Commission for the Prevention of Corruption for the year ended 31 March 2014;
- (ii) General Legal Council for the year ended 31 March 2014;
- (iii) Jamaica Ultimate Tyre Company Limited for the year ended 31 March 2014;
- (iv) Private Security Regulation Authority for the year ended 31 March 2012; and
- (v) University Hospital of the West Indies for the years ended 31 March 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010.

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

3. Appointments

(i) Jamaica Railway Corporation

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of Mr. Christopher Leckie, representative of the Ministry of Finance and Planning, to the Board of Directors of the Jamaica Railway Corporation, with effect from 13 April 2015 to 12 March 2018, when the tenure of the current Board expires.

(ii) Labour Market Reform Commission

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of Dr. Heather Ricketts as a member of the Labour Market Reform Commission.

(iii) Financial Sector Adjustment Company Limited

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 13 April 2015 to 12 April 2018:

- 1) Dr. the Honourable Carlton Davis, OJ, CD – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Mr. Robert Martin;
- 3) Dr. Judith Robinson; and
- 4) Ms. Millicent Hughes.

(iv) Bellevue Hospital

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 13 April 2015 to 12 April 2018:

- 1) Dr. Winston De La Haye – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Mr. Locksley Comrie;
- 3) Mr. Linton Walters;
- 4) Councillor Lorraine Dobson;
- 5) Dr. Earl Wright;
- 6) Dr. Maureen Irons Morgan;
- 7) Ms. Marjorie Taylor;
- 8) Mr. Hopeton Morrison; and
- 9) Dr. Lloyd Prince.

(v) Firearm Licensing Authority

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Authority for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 1 May 2015 to 30 April 2018:

- 1) Mr. Robert Gregory – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Mr. Gilbert Scott – **Deputy Chairperson**;
- 3) Hon. Mrs. Justice Marva McIntosh;
- 4) Mrs. Rosalie McDonald-Barker; and
- 5) Pastor Michael Harvey.

(vi) Sports Development Foundation

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 13 April 2015 to 12 April 2017:

- 1) Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson;
- 2) Dr. Joyce Graham Royale.
- 3) Dr. Warren Blake;
- 4) Mrs. Deon Hemmings McCatty;
- 5) Captain Horace Burrell;
- 6) Major Kevron Henry;
- 7) Honourable Michael Fennel, OJ, CD;
- 8) Honourable Molly Rhone, OJ;
- 9) Mr. Compton Rodney; and
- 10) Mr. Donovan Bennett.

(vii) St. Joseph's Hospital

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 13 April 2015 to 12 April 2017:

- 1) Professor Archibald McDonald – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Mr. Dennis Gordon;
- 3) Mr. John Paul White;
- 4) Dr. Winston Davidson;
- 5) Dr. Lundie Richards;
- 6) Reverend Basil Clarke;
- 7) Mr. Dennis Hickey;
- 8) Professor Neville Ying;
- 9) Mr. Leonard Greene;
- 10) Dr. Lloyd Prince;
- 11) Mr. Charlton McFarlane;
- 12) Ms. Coleen Scott;
- 13) Ms. Netricia Miller;
- 14) Representative, Ministry of Finance and Planning; and
- 15) Representative, Development Bank of Jamaica.

4. Establishment of the Caribbean Regional School of Arts

Cabinet ratified the decision taken by the Caribbean Community for Jamaica to host the Caribbean Regional School of Arts through the enhancement of the Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts.

During the Fourth CARICOM-Cuba Summit held in Trinidad and Tobago on 8 December 2011, the Cuban Government submitted a package of nine (9) projects covering various areas for cooperation, including the establishment of a Caribbean Regional School of Arts. At the Sixteenth Meeting of the Council for Foreign and Community Relations, which was held in Port of Spain, Trinidad in May 2013, it was decided that Jamaica would host the regional institution, through the enhancement of the Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts.

5. Companies Office of Jamaica Proposed Amnesty

Cabinet gave approval for the Companies Office of Jamaica to conduct amnesties over the period 4 May 2015 to 30 June 2015 for companies and the proprietors of Business Names.

Delinquency levels with regard to the filing of Annual Returns are increasing steadily, and anecdotal evidence points to the extreme difficulty that companies have in finding funds to pay the penalty for the late filing of Annual Returns. The Amnesty would give companies the opportunity to become compliant with their statutory obligations.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Portia Simpson Miller, MP
Prime Minister
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