

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 20 APRIL 2015

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 20 April 2015:

1. Contracts;
2. Legislation;
3. Annual Reports;
4. Appointments;
5. Administration Policy for Persons Deprived of their Liberty;
6. 10th Anniversary PetroCaribe Summit;
7. 24th Regional Meeting of Ministers and High Level Authorities on Housing and Urbanisation in Latin America and the Caribbean;
8. Revocation of the Jamaican Policy Against Doping in Sport (2005); and
9. Celebration of Workers' Week and Labour Day 2015.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Procurement of Antiretroviral Drugs

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$667,295.50 to Mylan Laboratories Limited for the provision of antiretroviral drugs for persons living with HIV/AIDS.

The Ministry of Health has made antiretroviral drugs available through the existing public health facilities and other treatment centres for the treatment of persons living with HIV/AIDS through a grant from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. The grant provides support to the Government's effort to scale up interventions to provide universal access to treatment, care and prevention services with special emphasis on vulnerable populations. The provision of antiretroviral drugs is aimed at improving quality of life, reducing new opportunistic infections and achieving viral suppression.

(ii) Renewal of Insurance Coverage

Cabinet approved the award of a follow-on contract to Marathon Insurance Brokers Limited in the amount of US\$1,685,454.00 for the United States Dollars denominated risks; and J\$8,800,931.00 for the Jamaican Dollar denominated risks for the renewal of insurance coverage for the Airports Authority of Jamaica/NMIA Airports Limited.

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

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of Ms. Dollis Campbell to the Board of Management, for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 13 April 2015 to 12 April 2017.

(i) St. Joseph's Hospital

4. Appointments

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

Cabinet considered the Annual Reports of the Government of Jamaica Audit Commission for the financial years ended 31 March 2012, 2013 and 2014.

3. Annual Reports

The Bill seeks to provide for the keeping, maintaining and operating of a consolidated forensic DNA databank, to be known as the National DNA Register, for the purposes of forensic investigation and human identification. The Bill also seeks to provide for the regulation of the taking of bodily samples from persons and crime scenes, treat with the retention or destruction of samples and DNA profiles, and for related matters.

Cabinet gave approval for the introduction of the Bill entitled "The Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Evidence Act, 2015" into the Houses of Parliament.

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2. Legislation

The latest 119 system being used by the JCF was purchased in 2007. That system is now at the end of its life and requires replacement.

Constabulary Force (JCF).

Jamaica Limited for the upgrading of the telecommunications systems of the Jamaica Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$3,915,853.26 to LIME

Systems

(iv) Upgrade and Expansion of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) Telecommunications

The Ministry of Transport, Works and Housing, through the National Works Agency, is undertaking the rehabilitation of the Hellshire Bridge due to the significant deterioration of the structure which poses a danger to both pedestrian and vehicular traffic. The Bridge was constructed in 1964, last repaired in 1984 and taken out of service in November 2014. The Hellshire Bridge is the only link to the community of Hellshire, home to approximately 5,000 residents.

the parish of St. Catherine.

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$69,389,045.00 to Y.P. Seaton and Associates Company Limited for the rehabilitation of the Hellshire Bridge in

(iii) Rehabilitation of Hellshire Bridge, St. Catherine

(ii) African Caribbean Institute of Jamaica/Jamaica Memory Bank/ Liberty Hall

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 20 April 2015 to 19 April 2018:

- 1) Professor Joseph Pereira – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Dr. Clinton Hutton – **Deputy Chairperson**;
- 3) Mr. Howard Isaacs;
- 4) Ms. Donna McIntosh;
- 5) Mr. Bernard Jankee;
- 6) Mr. Keith Campbell;
- 7) Professor Rupert Lewis;
- 8) Ms. Donna McFarlane;
- 9) Mr. Elombe Mottley; and
- 10) Ms. Anne Marie Bonner– ex officio.

(iii) Caribbean Maritime Institute

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 20 April 2015 to 19 April 2018:

- 1) Mrs. Joan Spencer-Ernandez – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Captain Hopeton DeLisser;
- 3) Mr. Dwane Forrester;
- 4) Mrs. Denise Lyn Fatt;
- 5) Mr. Joseph Lowe;
- 6) Professor Gossett Oliver;
- 7) Mr. David Powell;
- 8) Mr. Emerson Alleyne;
- 9) Miss Deniece Aiken;
- 10) Reverend Miranda Sutherland;
- 11) Mrs. Hedda-Kaye Watson;
- 12) Mr. Locksley Smith; and
- 13) Dr. Fritz Pinnock – ex officio.

(iv) Creative Production and Training Centre

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 20 April 2015 to 19 April 2018:

- 1) Mr. Christopher Samuda – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Ms. Tanya Davies;
- 3) Dr. Nova Gordon Bell;
- 4) Dr. Denton Rhone;
- 5) Ms. Thelma Johill;
- 6) Ms. Gynelle Findlay;
- 7) Mr. Ian McNaughton;
- 8) Mr. Randolph Jones;
- 9) Mr. Mark Gonzales;
- 10) Dr. Leo Paul Powell; and
- 11) Mr. Courtney Lodge.

(v) Jamaica Fire Brigade

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 20 April 2015 to 19 April 2018:

- 1) Mr. Jahill Dabdoub, Jnr. – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Mr. Carl Thomas – **Deputy Chairperson**;
- 3) Mrs. Brenda Ramsay;
- 4) Mr. Frederick Whyte;
- 5) Mr. Leon Jarrett;
- 6) Father Burchell McPherson;
- 7) Mr. Henry McCurdy;
- 8) Colonel Daniel Pryce;
- 9) Mr. Horace Reid;
- 10) Mr. John Valentine; and
- 11) Commissioner, Jamaica Fire Brigade – ex officio.

(vi) National Council on Sports

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Council for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 20 April 2015 to 19 April 2017:

- 1) The Prime Minister – **Chairperson**;
- 2) The Minister without Portfolio, Office of the Prime Minister (Sports);
- 3) Honourable Michael Fennell, OJ;
- 4) Dr. Praimanand Singh;
- 5) Ms. Grace Jackson;
- 6) Mr. H. G. Helps;
- 7) Mr. Marlon Nattie;
- 8) Dr. Joyce Graham Royale;
- 9) Mr. Christopher Samuda;
- 10) Mr. Donald Anderson, CD;
- 11) Mrs. Marva Bernard;
- 12) Honourable R. Danvers Williams, OJ/or his alternate Mr. Carey Brown; and
- 13) Representative, Ministry of Health.

(vii) National Housing Trust

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 3 April 2015 to 2 April 2018:

- 1) Dr. the Honourable Carlton Davis, OJ, CD – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Honourable Daisy Coke, OJ, CD – **Deputy Chairperson**;
- 3) Mr. Granville Valentine;
- 4) Mr. O'Neil Grant;
- 5) Senator Lambert Brown;
- 6) Mr. Robert Buddan;
- 7) Sergeant Raymond Wilson;
- 8) Pastor Michael Harvey, JP;
- 9) Mr. Clayton Hall;
- 10) Dr. Pauline Knight, CD;

- 11) Mrs. Scarlett Gillings, CD;
- 12) Mrs. Sonia Hyman, OD;
- 13) Mr. Kavan Gayle;
- 14) Mr. Percival LaTouche;
- 15) Mrs. Lisa Harrison;
- 16) Mrs. Jacqueline Lynch Stewart; and
- 17) Managing Director, National Housing Trust.

(viii) Trade Board Limited

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 20 April 2015 to 19 April 2017:

- 1) Mr. Bentham Hussey – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Mr. Bryan Barnes;
- 3) Mr. Ken Peart;
- 4) Mr. Carl Tucker;
- 5) Mr. Kes Miller;
- 6) Mr. Anthony O'Connor;
- 7) Mrs. Jewel Spencer;
- 8) Mr. Manley Nicholson;
- 9) Mrs. Andrene Collings;
- 10) Ms. Rosalyn Campbell;
- 11) Mr. Karl Montieth;
- 12) Mr. Marlon Rowe;
- 13) Mr. Raymond Reece; and
- 14) Mr. Pierre Shirley.

(ix) Road Maintenance Fund

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 20 April 2015 to 19 April 2018:

- 1) Mr. Peter Jervis – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Reverend Devon Dick;
- 3) Mr. David Shirley;
- 4) Mr. Mikhail Raymore;
- 5) Mr. Clive Tapper;
- 6) Mr. Richard DePass, – *ex officio*;
- 7) Mr. Everton Hunter – *ex officio*;
- 8) Mr. Dwight Wilson – *ex officio*; and
- 9) Mr. Clinton Anderson – *ex officio*.

5. Administration Policy for Persons Deprived of their Liberty

Cabinet approved the new *Administration Policy for Persons Deprived of their Liberty* and its tabling in Parliament as a Ministry Paper. Cabinet also approved a framework for the reduction of overcrowding in detention facilities through process improvements and law reform, and the recommendations relating to the review of the infrastructure and logistics of the detention facilities.

The Regional Meeting of MINURVI was initiated in early 1992. Regional meetings are held annually and hosted by a member country. MINURVI, through its technical secretariat, has been a coordinating body for the overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the goals and objectives of the Habitat Agenda in Latin America and Caribbean Region. MINURVI also reviews the progress of the implementation of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals in the region and currently facilitates the coordination of national reports on Housing and Urban Development in preparation for the Habitat III Conference in 2016. Jamaica successfully hosted the meeting in 1996 and became the interim secretariat for the period 1996-1997. Jamaica also successfully hosted the meeting in 2009. Jamaica has

(MINURVI) in Montego Bay in August 2015. Cabinet gave approval for Jamaica to host the 24th Regional Meeting of Ministers and High Level Authorities on Housing and Urbanisation in Latin America and the Caribbean in Latin America and the Caribbean

7. 24th Regional Meeting of Ministers and High Level Authorities on Housing and Urbanisation

The PetroCaribe Agreement was established on 29 June 2005 and the PetroCaribe Energy Cooperation Agreement was signed between Jamaica and Venezuela on 23 August 2005. Shortly thereafter, Jamaica hosted the 2nd PetroCaribe Summit in September 2005. The bilateral agreement has been beneficial to Jamaica in the upgrading of physical infrastructure and social development programmes.

for the performing and the visual arts. and the official opening of the Simon Bolivar Cultural Centre, which is a multipurpose centre Jamaica/Venezuela diplomatic relations, the 20th Anniversary of the "Carta de Jamaica", Summit. These activities will be undertaken to mark the 50th anniversary of Cabinet further approved the organisation of commemorative activities to coincide with the Summit and related meetings, in Montego Bay, Jamaica in September 2015.

6. 10th Anniversary PetroCaribe Summit

Specifically the Subcommittee: (a) Examined ways to reduce overcrowding in police lock-ups and correctional facilities through process improvements and law reform; (b) Reviewed the current lock-up administration policy and procedures of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF), to address issues relating to training, professionalism and accountability of officers who interface with persons in custody, and to address issues relating to persons in custody who have special requirements; and (c) Reviewed the infrastructure and logistical issues affecting police lock-ups and correctional facilities.

Due to the poor state of some detention facilities in Jamaica and issues pertaining to the arrest and detention of persons, a Cabinet Subcommittee was established. The Subcommittee's mandate included addressing the long-standing issue of the treatment of persons who had been deprived of their liberty, and remained in correctional facilities.

been elected to the MINURVI Executive Committee as a Focal Point for the Caribbean Sub-region on several occasions, including the 2012-2013 period, and continues to play an integral role in the process.

8. Revocation of the Jamaican Policy Against Doping in Sport (2005)

Cabinet approved the revocation of the *Jamaican Policy Against Doping in Sport, 2005*.

The *Jamaican Policy Against Doping in Sports, 2005* was adopted by the Government of Jamaica on 16 May 2005 and articulated its position on anti-doping in sport at the national level. A review of the document was conducted which confirmed that the provisions of the Policy have been overtaken by subsequent events and new legislation. In addition, the Government of Jamaica's policy position on anti-doping in sport is expressed in the *National Sport Policy, 2013*, which means a separate policy against doping in sport is no longer necessary.

9. Celebration of Workers' Week and Labour Day 2015

Cabinet approved the theme "*Labour of love: nurturing our children*" and the focus of activities for Labour Day and Workers' Week 2015.

In keeping with the practice that was re-established in 2008, recognition and respect of the workers of Jamaica will continue in 2015 as part of celebrations of Workers' Week, culminating on Labour Day. The week will accord respect and homage to workers for their contribution to nation building. Workers Week 2015 will be celebrated from Sunday, 17 May 2015 and culminate on Labour Day, Monday, 25 May 2015. Labour Day is seen by communities island-wide as an opportunity to participate in activities that involve the physical enhancement and beautification of their surroundings, as well as to foment a spirit of volunteerism towards a common community goal and promote social cohesion and unity amongst citizens.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Portia Simpson Miller, MP
Prime Minister
8 May 2015

