

**CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 1 JUNE 2015**

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 1 June 2015:

1. Contracts;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Appointments;
4. National Child Diversion Policy;
5. Revision of the National Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Policy; and
6. Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Insurance Placement 2015/2016 – National Housing Trust

Cabinet approved the placement of insurance coverage for the remainder of the current financial year 2015/2016, through the use of the emergency procurement method by the National Housing Trust (NHT), for the NHT's risks as follows:

- 1) Houseowners Comprehensive portfolio with Jamaica National General Insurance Company Limited, at a cost of US\$7,355,134.00;
- 2) Commercial All Risks portfolio with Jamaica National General Insurance Company Limited, British Caribbean Insurance Company Limited and Jamaica Insurance Company Limited, at a cost of J\$25,440,448.15; and
- 3) Crime and Internet Banking portfolio with Antares Underwriting Limited Lloyds Syndicate 1274, at a cost of US\$58,684.93; and

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

(ii) Restoration of Mechanical and Electrical Facilities at Petrojam Limited's Main and Esso Kingston Terminal Docks

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$3,824,011.48 to Quality Plus Contracting Company Limited for the restoration of mechanical and electrical facilities at Petrojam Limited's main and Esso Kingston Terminal Docks.

The restoration works are required due to damage arising from an incident whereby a marine vessel collided with the main docking facility of Petrojam Limited.

(iii) Kingston Metropolitan Area (KMA) Water Supply Improvement Programme

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$7,234,646.54 to Deryck A. Gibson Limited for the procurement of fifty thousand (50,000) 5/8" Solid State Cold Water Meters and twenty-five thousand (25,000) ½" brass valves.

The Kingston Metropolitan Area (KMA) Water Supply Improvement Programme seeks to improve the quality of services provided to the KMA and selected urban areas and to increase the efficiency and sustainability of the National Water Commission (NWC). The programme involves the rehabilitation of reservoirs and water treatments plants, reduction of non-revenue water (NRW), improvement of energy efficiency and related works in the KMA and selected urban areas, as well as institutional strengthening of the NWC.

(iv) Rehabilitation of Lakes Pen Road, St. Catherine

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of J\$46,066,580.50 to Asphaltic Concrete Enterprise Limited for the rehabilitation of the Lakes Pen Road in St. Catherine.

The Ministry of Transport, Works and Housing, through the National Works Agency, is undertaking the rehabilitation of the Lakes Pen road in the parish of St. Catherine which is in urgent need of repair. The Lakes Pen road corridor is a heavily trafficked route to and from Spanish Town, Portmore, Kingston, St. Andrew and its environs. The road is frequently used by motorists to bypass the Mandela Highway to access the Portmore Leg of Highway 2000. The corridor is also used to access the Wisynco Group Distribution Complex.

(v) Pre-Feasibility and Feasibility Studies for Small Scale Hydropower Projects at Six (6) Selected Sites Islandwide

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$1,159,665.00 to Studio Pietrangeli and Environmental and Engineering Managers Limited to conduct hydropower pre-feasibility and feasibility studies in Jamaica for six (6) selected locations.

The National Energy Policy (2009-2030) has established targets for renewable energy and the diversification of a percentage of the energy supply. Hydropower has been identified as one of the key, local indigenous energy sources which could contribute to the achievement of national energy targets. To further this process, the Government of Jamaica received financing from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development through the Energy Security and Efficiency Enhancement Project, which is being used to partially fund the pre-feasibility and feasibility studies.

(vi) Structural Repairs to the Tower Block at Bank of Jamaica

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of J\$183,472,737.51 to Y.P. Seaton and Associates Limited to effect structural repairs and re-sealing of windows to the Tower Block at the Bank of Jamaica.

The facades of the Bank of Jamaica Tower Block have deteriorated over the years, resulting in the cracking and breaking of concrete into small components which fall periodically, placing employees and the general public at risk.

(vii) Supply of Pharmaceuticals

Cabinet approved the award of contracts for the supply of pharmaceuticals for a period of twenty-four (24) months to the following companies:

Rank	Company	Contract Value US\$
1.	Facey Commodity Company Limited	4,845,522.96
2.	T S Pharma Inc.	2,899,853.50
3.	Lasco Distributors Limited	2,700,656.90
4.	Indies Pharma Limited	1,706,935.85
5.	Apotex Inc.	1,700,853.00
6.	Cari-Med/Novartis Pharma	1,690,048.50
7.	Medical Products Limited	1,471,237.42
8.	Ethnor Del Istmo S.A.	1,248,178.70
9.	Cari-Med/Servier	1,071,961.76
10.	Lasco/Cipla	1,059,307.97
11.	Eli Lilly	1,014,300.00
12.	Baxter Sales & Distribution	1,104,886.20
13.	Massy Distribution/Puerto Rico Pharma	944,544.61
14.	GlaxoSmithKilne	869,578.15
15.	T. Geddes Grant Distributors	750,344.30
16.	Intas Pharmaceuticals	737,432.45
17.	Massy Distribution/Sanofi	620,322.44
18.	Renal Dynamics LLC	618,728.50
19.	Massy Distribution/Novo Nordisk	554,677.20
20.	Inter-Commerical Distributors	515,925.74
21.	T. Geddes Grant Limited	507,805.87
22.	Medimpex W.I. Limited	478,404.90
23.	Recharged Distributors Limited	403,020.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>29,514,526.92</b>

(viii) Supply of Pharmaceutical Preparations

Cabinet approved the award of contracts for the supply of pharmaceutical preparations (vital items) to the University Hospital of the West Indies as follows:

Company	Endorsed Contract Sum	
	US\$	JAS
Medical Products Limited	612,157.42	66,113,001.36
Facey Commodity	495,238.66	53,485,775.28
Lasco Distributors Limited	380,184.10	41,059,882.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,547,882.58</b>	<b>234,659,546.64</b>

The University Hospital of the West Indies, a Type 'A' Regional Referral Hospital, is an internationally recognised academic institution. As such, it is charged, through its Pharmacy Department, to provide a comprehensive spread of pharmaceutical services for the Hospital's clientele.

## 2. Annual Reports

Cabinet considered the Annual Reports of the:

- (i) Council of Community Colleges of Jamaica for the year ended 31 March 2011;
- (ii) National Works Agency for the year ended 31 March 2011;
- (iii) Passport Immigration and Citizenship Agency for the year ended 31 March 2009; and
- (iv) Transport Authority for the year ended 31 March 2010.

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

## 3. Appointments

### (i) Architects Registration Board

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. Garfield Senior as an ex-officio member of the Architects Registration Board, with effect from 1 June 2015 to 17 August 2016, when the tenure of the Board would expire.

### (ii) Tax Administration Jamaica

Cabinet approved the appointment of Senior Superintendent Clifford Chambers to the Board of Governors of the Tax Administration Jamaica, with effect from 1 June 2015 to 1 December 2016, when the tenure of the Board would expire.

### (iii) Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Commission

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Commission for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 1 June 2015 to 31 May 2018:

- 1) Mr. Gary Peart – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Mr. Linton Walters – **Deputy Chairperson**;
- 3) Mr. Peter Reid;
- 4) Mr. Jeffrey Mordecai;
- 5) Major Vincent 'Dave' Anderson; and
- 6) Mrs. Monique Harrison-Beckford.

### (iv) Jamaica Racing Commission

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Commission for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 1 June 2015 to 31 May 2018:

- 1) Mr. Linton Walters – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Mr. Gary Peart – **Deputy Chairperson**;
- 3) Mr. Peter Reid;
- 4) Mr. Jeffrey Mordecai;
- 5) Major Vincent 'Dave' Anderson; and
- 6) Mrs. Monique Harrison-Beckford.

### (v) Caymanas Track Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board, for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 1 June 2015 to 31 May 2018:

- 1) Mr. Christopher Brown – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Mr. Phillip Andrew Azar – **Deputy Chairperson**;

- 3) Councillor Alric Campbell;
- 4) Mr. Patrick Smellie;
- 5) Ms. Sheron Henry;
- 6) Mr. Robert Martin;
- 7) Mr. Kamal Powell; and
- 8) Mr. Anthony Litchmore.

(vi) College of Agriculture, Science and Education

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 1 June 2015 to 31 May 2018:

- 1) Ambassador Derrick Heaven – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Dr. Donald Rhodd – **Deputy Chairperson**;
- 3) Dr. Mary Nichols;
- 4) Mr. Donovan Stanberry;
- 5) Mr. Brian Townsend;
- 6) Dr. Phylcia Marshall;
- 7) Mr. Fazel Apinal Huie;
- 8) Ms. Veronica Palmer;
- 9) Dr. Paul Golding;
- 10) Mr. John Gayle;
- 11) Mr. Elon Beckford;
- 12) Mr. Webster McPherson;
- 13) Mr. David Thwaites;
- 14) Mr. Eron McLean; and
- 15) Representative, University of the West Indies.

(vii) Council of Community Colleges in Jamaica

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Council, for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 1 June 2015 to 31 May 2018:

- 1) Mr. Quince Francis – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Dr. Disraeli Hutton;
- 3) Dr. Haldane Johnson;
- 4) Ms. Eleith Neufville;
- 5) Ms. Sharon Black;
- 6) Ms. Nadine Black;
- 7) Mrs. Sandra Brown Ferrigon;
- 8) Mr. Ruiz Warren;
- 9) Mrs. Donna Smith Taylor;
- 10) Ms. Bridgette Flowers;
- 11) Dr. Yvonne Marshall;
- 12) Mr. Marlon Palmer;
- 13) Ms. Monique Oates;
- 14) Mrs. Sandra Swyer Watson;
- 15) Ms. Jennifer Francis;
- 16) Mr. Jason Dear;

- 17) Ms. Janet Robinson;
- 18) Mr. Trevor Allen;
- 19) Mr. Andre Earle;
- 20) Dr. Phylcia Marshall – ex officio;
- 21) Mrs. Corine Richards – ex officio;
- 22) Mrs. Yvonne Clarke – ex officio;
- 23) Reverend Dr. Gordon Cowans – ex officio;
- 24) Dr. Angela Samuels Harris – ex officio;
- 25) Mr. Howard Isaacs – ex officio;
- 26) Mrs. Claudeth Fletcher – ex officio;
- 27) Mr. Philmore McCarthy – ex officio; and
- 28) Reverend Dr. Mary Nichols – ex officio.

(viii) Dental Council

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Council for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 1 June 2015 to 31 May 2018:

- 1) Dr. Winston Gray – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Dr. Shawnette Finegan;
- 3) Dr. Eugenia Hines;
- 4) Dr. Noel Brown;
- 5) Dr. Denise More Ebhohemin;
- 6) Dr. Susan Lawrence Beckford;
- 7) Dr. Brian Morgan;
- 8) Dr. Casbert Morrison; and
- 9) Dr. Irving McKenzie – ex officio.

(ix) Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 1 June 2015 to 31 May 2018:

- 1) Mrs. Audrey Tugwell Henry – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Her Excellency the Most Hon. Lady Rheima Hall – **Deputy Chairperson**;
- 3) Dr. Nicholeen DeGrasse Johnson;
- 4) Dr. Phylcia Marshall;
- 5) Mrs. Sheena Johnson Brown;
- 6) Mr. Horace Prince;
- 7) Mr. Keino Senior;
- 8) Mr. Shamar Bruce;
- 9) Mrs. Charmaine Thompson;
- 10) Mr. Kenneth Salmon;
- 11) Mr. Patrick Waldemar;
- 12) Ms. Georgette Wiltshire;
- 13) Mr. Howard Taylor;
- 14) Mrs. Melanie Subratie; and
- 15) Representative, University of the West Indies.

(x) Human Employment and Resource Training Trust/National Training Agency

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

- 1) Dr. Moses Peart – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Dr. Wayne Wesley;
- 3) Mr. Rickert Allen;
- 4) Brigadier Dr. Rocky Meade;
- 5) Mr. Steven Whittingham;
- 6) Mr. Gresford Smith;
- 7) Dr. Pauline Knight;
- 8) Mr. Barrington White;
- 9) Mr. Adrian Spencer;
- 10) Reverend Father Kingsley Asphall;
- 11) Ms. Verica Bennett;
- 12) Dr. Fritz Pinnock;
- 13) Dr. Grace McLean;
- 14) Mr. Seymour McCulloch;
- 15) Mrs. Maya Johnston;
- 16) Ms. Shereen Jones;
- 17) Mrs. Scarlett Gillings;
- 18) Ms. Nadine Chambers;
- 19) Mrs. Grace Baston; and
- 20) Mrs. Olivia Campbell.

(xi) Jamaica Library Service

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 1 June 2015 to 31 May 2018:

- 1) Mr. Paul Lalor – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Ms. Marcia Shields;
- 3) Major Gregory Webster;
- 4) Mrs. Debra Lopez-Spence;
- 5) Mrs. Elaine Cunningham;
- 6) Dr. Tolulope Bewaji;
- 7) Mr. Silvera Castro;
- 8) Dr. Khitanya Petgrave; and
- 9) Mrs. Karen Barton – ex officio.

(xii) Land Divestment Advisory Committee

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Advisory Committee for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 1 June 2015 to 31 May 2018:

- 1) Mr. Hensley Williams – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Ms. Cammesha Harrison;
- 3) Reverend Ruel Robinson;
- 4) Mr. Rudolph Bruce;
- 5) Ms. Dionne Samson;

- 6) President, Jamaica Developers Association;
- 7) President, Association of Land Economy and Evaluation Surveyors;
- 8) Miss Kerri-Ann Dryden – ex officio;
- 9) Mr. Everton Spencer – ex officio;
- 10) Mr. Vincent Haldane – ex officio;
- 11) Mr. Trevor Anderson – ex officio;
- 12) Mr. Peter Knight – ex officio;
- 13) Ms. Elizabeth Stair – ex officio; and
- 14) Mr. Donovan Hayden – ex officio.

(xiii) Mental Health Appeal Tribunal

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Tribunal for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 1 June 2015 to 31 May 2018:

- 1) Mr. Victor Cummings – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Reverend Adhinair Jones; and
- 3) Miss Jada Buchanan.

(xiv) National Council on Education

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Council for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 1 June 2015 to 31 May 2018:

- 1) Mr. Simon Clarke – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Mrs. Joan Wint;
- 3) Dr. Sandra Gayle;
- 4) Mrs. Maxine Henry-Wilson;
- 5) Dr. Disraeli Hutton;
- 6) Dr. Yvonne Marshall;
- 7) Archbishop Donald Reece;
- 8) Mrs. Sandra Swyer Watson;
- 9) Mrs. Paulette Simpson;
- 10) Ms. Nadine Molloy;
- 11) Mr. Doran Dixon;
- 12) Mr. Everton Hannam;
- 13) Mr. Paul Burgess;
- 14) Mr. Demoye Whitely;
- 15) Mr. Ruel Reid;
- 16) Mr. Radley Reid;
- 17) Dr. Beverley Bryan;
- 18) Mrs. Marcia Reid Grant;
- 19) Mrs. Elaine Foster-Allen – ex officio;
- 20) Representative, Parliamentary Opposition;
- 21) Representative, Professional Body;
- 22) Nominee, Business Sector;
- 23) Nominee, Trade Union; and
- 24) Nominee, Press Association of Jamaica.



(xv) Overseas Examinations Commission

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Commission, for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 1 June 2015 to 31 May 2018:

- 1) Professor Neville Ying – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Mrs. Daisy Coke – **Deputy Chairperson**;
- 3) Mrs. Julie Thompson-James;
- 4) Ms. Sonia Campbell;
- 5) Dr. Maurice McNaughton;
- 6) Dr. Carol Granston;
- 7) Pastor Wesley Boynes;
- 8) Mrs. Heather Murray;
- 9) Mrs. Grace Baston;
- 10) Mrs. Audrey Williams;
- 11) Mr. Everton Rattray;
- 12) Dr. Grace McLean – ex officio;
- 13) Representative, University of Technology Jamaica;
- 14) Representative, Northern Caribbean University;
- 15) Representative, Teachers' Colleges; and
- 16) Representative, Community Colleges.

(xvi) University Council of Jamaica

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Council, for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 1 June 2015 to 31 May 2018:

- 1) Mrs. Audrey Anderson - **Interim Chairperson**;
- 2) Dr. Trevor Smith;
- 3) Dr. Lou Anne Barclay;
- 4) Dr. Claire Sutherland;
- 5) Mrs. Yvonne Clarke;
- 6) Dr. Phylicia Marshall;
- 7) Dr. Wayne Wesley;
- 8) Ms. Lorna Parkins;
- 9) Mr. Joseph Taffe;
- 10) Mr. Ward Mills;
- 11) Representative, Mico University;
- 12) Dr. Yvonne Marshall – ex-officio;
- 13) Professor Archibald McDonald – Ex-Officio;
- 14) Dr. Trevor Gardner – Ex-Officio;
- 15) Ambassador the Honourable Burchell Whiteman, OJ – ex-officio;
- 16) Dr. Carol Clarke – ex-officio; and
- 17) Rev. Dr. Gordon Cowans – ex-officio.

Cabinet also approved the appointment of Ambassador the Honourable Burchell Whiteman, OJ as Chairperson of the Board, with effect from 1 July 2015 to 31 May 2018.

4. National Child Diversion Policy

Cabinet approved the tabling of the National Child Diversion Policy as a White Paper in the Houses of Parliament.

The Policy establishes a framework for dealing with children in conflict with the law throughout the criminal justice system, and seeks to ensure that detention of a child as punishment becomes a measure of last resort. This approach is in keeping with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Policy aims to, among other things, provide alternative means to address issues relating to children between the ages of 12-17 who, by their actions, have to appear before the formal criminal justice system, as well as to increase the use of diversionary mechanisms that protect the rights of children consistent with international legal instruments and protocols for the treatment, rehabilitation and reintegration of child offenders. The Policy also aims to prevent reoffending by these children.

5. Revision of the National Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Policy

Cabinet approved the revision of the National Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Policy.

The National HIV Policy Jamaica (2005) was developed at a time when the epidemic was generalised. However, epidemiological data indicate that the country has a mixed epidemic, in that, whilst it affects the general population, there are pockets of concentration amongst certain groups – men who have sex with men (MSM), female sex workers and the homeless. Additionally, there is new evidence to indicate that it is necessary to develop a Policy that will guide the implementation of targeted HIV interventions, particularly amongst the key population groups most affected.

The revised policy will provide the framework, direction, and general principles to guide interventions in HIV prevention, treatment, care and support, and the mitigation of the impact of HIV on those most affected, by strengthening the multi-sectoral institutional framework for the coordination and implementation of HIV and AIDS interventions in the country. Specifically, the policy will seek to improve the provision and delivery of treatment, care and support to all persons infected and affected by HIV and AIDS, mitigate the social and economic effects and impacts of the epidemic, create an enabling regulatory and legislative environment around HIV and AIDS related issues, and promote results-based management in the national HIV and AIDS response.

6. Reports

- (i) Ministerial Participation in the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (HABITAT III) held in Nairobi, Kenya from 14-16 April 2015

Cabinet noted a report on participation in the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee (Prep Com II) of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (HABITAT III), which was held in Nairobi, Kenya over the period 14 to 16 April 2015.

The report informed that HABITAT III is the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development scheduled for October 2016 in Quito, Ecuador. The report further highlighted that a decision was taken to convene the HABITAT III Conference to reinvigorate the global commitment to sustainable urbanisation to focus on the implementation of a “New Urban Agenda”, building on the Habitat Agenda of Istanbul in 1996.

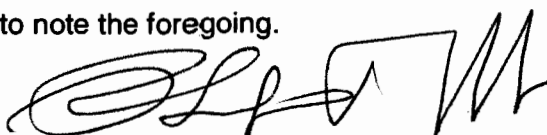
The report advised that the Prep Com II provided the opportunity to discuss the challenges associated with the planning and management of cities, towns and villages, to ensure sustainable development and to help shape the implementation of new global development and climate change goals. The report also advised that the session commenced with the election of a co-chair from Ecuador to work along with the second co-chair from France. The meeting session was also used to further negotiations around a final document for HABITAT II, in a broad, inclusive and participatory manner. The report further informed that a number of issue papers were presented at the session by the HABITAT III Policy Unit. Papers were presented on issues such as: Social Cohesion and Equity, Spatial Development, Urban Ecology and Environment, and Urban Housing and Basic Services.

(ii) High Level General Assembly Thematic Debate held on 7 May 2015 in Support of the Process Towards the 2016 United Nations General Assembly Special Session on the World Drug Problem

Cabinet noted a report on participation at the High-level General Assembly Thematic Debate, in support of the process towards the 2016 Special Session of the General Assembly on the World Drug Problem, held at the United Nations Headquarters, in New York, United States of America (USA) on 7 May 2015.

The report highlighted that the high-level debate was designed to contribute to advancing implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, including an assessment of the achievements and challenges in countering the world drug problem, within the framework of the three international drug control conventions and other relevant United Nations (UN) instruments. The high-level debate addressed measures to strike an effective balance between supply and demand reduction measures and the multiple consequences of the world drug problem, including in the health, social, human rights, economic, justice and security fields. The event served as an opportunity to discuss and highlight concrete measures that could strengthen international cooperation and promote the effective implementation of the underlying principle of ‘common and shared responsibility’ in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action when addressing the world’s drug problem.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Portia Simpson Miller, MP  
Prime Minister  
23 June 2015

