

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 15 JUNE 2015

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 15 June 2015:

1. Contracts;
2. Legislation;
3. Annual Report;
4. Appointments;
5. Accession to the Protocol on Land-Based Sources and Activities that Pollute the Marine Environment (LBS) Protocol; and
6. Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Renovation of the Permanent Corporate Office of the Culture, Health, Arts, Sports and Education (CHASE) Fund

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$94,532,779.62, inclusive of General Consumption Tax, to MLO Services Limited to undertake renovation of the permanent corporate office of the Culture, Health, Arts, Sports and Education (CHASE) Fund at 8 Belmont Road, Kingston 8.

The premises acquired by CHASE Fund is over twenty years old and requires upgrade works. In addition, the building needs to be retrofitted to accommodate members of staff and customers as well as enable CHASE Fund to provide safe and secure parking, storage and research facilities.

(ii) Variation to Contract for the Provision of Project Management and Client Advisor Services in Connection with the Design, Construction and Equipping of Air Traffic Control Towers at the Norman Manley International Airport (NMIA) and the Sangster International Airport (SIA)

Cabinet approved variation in the amount of CAD\$353,515.33 of a contract to EQS Jamaica Limited, for the provision of project management and advisory services for the design and construction of Air Traffic Control (ATC) Towers at the Norman Manley International Airport in Kingston and the Sangster International Airport in Montego Bay.

The contract to complete the ATC Towers at the national airports was signed in 2010 with a completion date set for early 2012. The project has experienced significant delays due to, but not limited to, site reclamation issues, piling issues, complexity of shaft works and poor weather conditions. The variation is being sought to bring the project to completion.

(iii) Procurement of Technical Audit/Quantity Surveying Consultancy Services for the Major Infrastructure Development Programme (MIDP)

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$77,728,897.20 to W&L Associates Group Limited for Technical Audit/Quantity Surveying services to be provided under a contractual period of two (2) years.

The planned works are part of the Major Infrastructure Development Programme (MIDP) which seeks to improve the island's road network, in order to stimulate economic development and enhance the welfare of Jamaica's citizens.

(iv) Construction of a 304 Bed House Block at Tamarind Farm Adult Correctional Centre

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$164,175,686.53 to M&M Construction Limited for the construction of a three hundred and four (304) bed dormitory at the Tamarind Farm Adult Correctional Centre. Cabinet gave authorisation for the Jamaica Defence Force to provide project management and security services at a cost of 10% of the contract sum, to be paid upon completion of the project.

The New Hall Block at St. Catherine Adult Correctional Centre, which housed three hundred and eighty four (384) inmates, was ordered closed by the National Works Agency, as the block was deemed to be both a safety and health hazard for staff and inmates. This necessitated a transfer of inmates to already over-crowded cells in other sections of the facility as well as to the Tamarind Farm Adult Correctional Centre. This has placed greater urgency on the need for additional space.

(v) Construction of Wastewater Conveyance System and Pumping Stations

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$3,716,311.17 to Surrey Paving and Aggregates Company Limited, by the National Water Commission (NWC), to design and build three (3) wastewater conveyance systems and pumping stations at Acadia, Bay Farm Villas and Hughenden Wastewater Treatment Plants.

NWC operates over sixty (60) wastewater treatment facilities. Inadequate funding for the operation and maintenance of these facilities over the years has resulted in malfunctioning plants that discharge low-quality effluent into the environment. The NWC is seeking to execute sewerage improvement works that would put the company in a position to guarantee that discharges from these plants meet the standards stipulated by the environmental regulator.

2. Legislation

Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection Act, 2015

Cabinet gave approval for the Bill entitled the "Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection Act, 2015" to be tabled in the Houses of Parliament.

The Bill seeks to regulate activities, practices, apparatuses and facilities involving ionizing radiation and nuclear technology for the protection of people, property and the environment.

3. Annual Report

Cabinet considered the Annual Report of the Tourism Development Company Limited for the year ended 31 March 2014.

This Report will be tabled in Parliament at a later date.

4. Appointments

(i) Council of the Institute of Jamaica

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. Peter Reid as a member of the Council of the Institute of Jamaica, with effect from 15 June 2015 to 26 April 2018, when the tenure of the Board would expire.

(ii) Milk River Hotel and Spa and Bath Fountain Hotel and Spa

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of Mrs. Donna Scott-Mottley as Chairperson of the Enterprise Team of the Milk River Hotel and Spa and Bath Fountain Hotel and Spa, with effect from 15 June 2015.

(iii) Commission of Strata Corporations

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Commission of Strata Corporations for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 15 June 2015:

- 1) Mrs. Elise Wright-Goffe – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Mr. Eric Allen;
- 3) Mr. Lever Smith;
- 4) Mr. David Thwaites;
- 5) Reverend Neville Wright;
- 6) Miss Andrea Rattray;
- 7) Representative, Jamaica Developers Association; and
- 8) Representative, Realtors Association.

(iv) National Library of Jamaica

Cabinet gave approval for the following persons to be appointed to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 15 June 2015:

- 1) Dr. the Honourable Carlton Davis, OJ, CD – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Kellie Magnus – **Deputy Chairperson**;
- 3) Ms. Joan Jonas;
- 4) Dr. Paulette McGregor;
- 5) Professor Fay Durrant;
- 6) Father Michael Allen;
- 7) Mr. Ricardo Hutton;
- 8) Ms. Leicia-Gaye Taylor;
- 9) Mrs. Winsome Hudson – Ex-officio;
- 10) Mrs. Anne-Marie Bonner – Ex-officio;
- 11) Staff nominee, National Library of Jamaica; and
- 12) Representative, Library and Information Association of Jamaica.

5. Accession to the Protocol on Land-Based Sources and Activities that Pollute the Marine Environment (LBS) Protocol

Cabinet approved Jamaica's accession to the Protocol on Land-Based Sources and Activities that Pollute the Marine Environment (LBS Protocol) and its Annexes I-IV to the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region (commonly referred to as the Cartagena Convention).

The main objective of the LBS Protocol is to develop systems in order to prevent, reduce and control marine pollution from land-based sources and activities in the Convention area. The Convention area is defined as *"the marine environment of the Gulf of Mexico, the Caribbean Sea and the areas of the Atlantic Ocean adjacent thereto, south 30 degrees north latitude and within 20 nautical miles of the States referred to in Article 25 of the Convention."* The LBS Protocol provides best practices and approaches to address marine pollution, that is, the protection of the marine environment from hazardous activities that are carried out on land.

6. Report

(i) 40th Meeting of the CARICOM Council for Trade and Economic Development (COTED) Georgetown, Guyana

Cabinet noted a report on the 40th Meeting of the CARICOM Council for Trade and Economic Development (COTED) Georgetown, Guyana, over the period 20 to 24 April 2015.

The report provided details of the discussions on the CARICOM Single Market, Trade in Goods, Trade in Agriculture, External Economic and Trade Relations, Intellectual Property, the CARICOM Development Fund and the Public-Private Sector Dialogue.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



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