

**CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 24 AUGUST 2015**

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 24 August 2015:

1. Contracts;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Board Appointments;
4. Establishment of a Regional Office for the Firearm Licensing Authority (FLA) in Mandeville, Manchester; and
5. Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Provision of Cleaning and Portering Services at the Cornwall Regional Hospital

Cabinet approved a follow-on contract in the amount of J\$63,870,893.40 to Milestone Environmental Limited, for the provision of cleaning and portering services at the Cornwall Regional Hospital for a period of six (6) months.

The original contract for the provision of these services expired in April 2015. Since then, the incumbent has been operating under an interim arrangement, until the new procurement process is completed.

(ii) Provision of Laundry Services to the South East Regional Health Authority

Cabinet gave approval for the award of a contract in the amount of J\$219,304,260.00 to Supreme Laundry Services Limited, for the provision of laundry services for a period of two (2) years at the following locations:

- (i) Bustamante Hospital for Children – \$29,358,000.00;
- (ii) National Chest Hospital – \$10,275,300.00;
- (iii) Spanish Town Hospital – \$95,413,500.00; and
- (iv) Kingston Public Hospital and Victoria Jubilee Hospital – \$84,257,460.00.

These services will assist the Region to provide optimal health care in a hygienic environment for patients, which is one of the key mechanisms for the control of infection.

(iii) Supply of Medical Gases to the South East Regional Health Authority

Cabinet gave approval for the award of a contract in the amount of J\$156,235,965.54 to Industrial Gases Limited, for the supply of medical gases to the South East Regional Health Authority for a period of one (1) year.

This contract includes the provision of medical gases to public health facilities within the South East Regional Health Authority, namely the Kingston Public and Victoria Jubilee Hospitals, the Bustamante Hospital for Children, the National Chest Hospital, the Spanish Town Hospital, the Linstead Hospital, the Princess Margaret Hospital, the Hope Institute, the Sir John Golding Rehabilitation Centre and the Kingston and St. Andrew Health Department.

(iv) Construction of a Police Station, Longville Park Housing Development, Clarendon

Cabinet gave approval for the award of a contract in the amount of J\$72,226,412.33 by the National Housing Trust to C&D Construction & Engineering Limited, to undertake the construction of a Police Station at Longville Park Housing Development, Clarendon.

The police station is necessary to facilitate the law enforcement activities of the Jamaica Constabulary Force in the area which is currently being effected from two upgraded scheme houses. The new purpose-built facility will enable the police to be proactive and responsive to security challenges and deliver community-based policing to the housing development and adjoining areas.

(v) Provision of Private Security Services for the HEART Trust/NTA

Cabinet gave approval for the award of five (5) contracts totalling J\$815,392,980.96, inclusive of General Consumption Tax (GCT) as follows:

Company	Zone	Contract Value (J\$)	Contract Value + GCT (J\$)
Vanguard Security Ltd.	1	157,089,708.24	183,009,510.10
Quest Security Services Ltd.	2	175,487,400.00	204,442,821.00
Allied Protection Ltd.	3	57,060,492.00	66,475,473.18
Allied Protection Ltd.	4	166,603,512.00	194,093,091.48
Vanguard Security Ltd.	5	143,667,025.92	167,372,085.20
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>699,908,138.16</b>	<b>815,392,980.96</b>

These contracts will enable security services to be provided for three (3) years at HEART Trust/NTA locations across the island.

2. Annual Reports

Cabinet considered the Annual Reports of the:

- (i) Anti-Dumping and Subsidies Commission for the Financial Year 2012/2013;
- (ii) Jamaica Bauxite Institute Limited for the Financial Year 2013/2014;
- (iii) Montego Bay Free Zone Company Limited for the Financial Year 2013/2014; and
- (iv) Transport Authority for the Financial Years 2010/2011, 2011/2012, 2012/2013 and 2013/2014;

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

### 3. Board Appointments

#### (i) National Export Import Bank of Jamaica

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of Miss Minna Israel to the Board of Directors of the National Export Import Bank of Jamaica, with effect from 24 August 2015 until 26 February 2018, when the tenure of the existing Board will expire.

#### (ii) Dental Council

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of Dr. Velmour Lyons-Morgan to the Dental Council, with effect from 1 June 2015 until 31 May 2018, when the tenure of the existing Council will expire.

### 4. Establishment of a Regional Office for the Firearm Licensing Authority (FLA) in Mandeville, Manchester

Cabinet gave approval for the establishment of another regional office for the Firearm Licensing Authority (FLA) in Mandeville, Manchester, to respond to the service needs of residents in southern Jamaica, primarily the parishes of Manchester, St. Elizabeth, Clarendon and Southern Trelawny. Cabinet further gave approval for the expansion of the current establishment of the FLA to facilitate the creation of twelve (12) new positions to support the operations of the regional office.

The establishment of a regional office in Mandeville will allow for the FLA to overcome current limitations relating to convenient service and accessibility to a significant number of clients/potential clients in southern Jamaica. The proposed facility will also relieve some of the pressures being experienced by the head office in Kingston, thus improving the quality of service generally.

### 5. Reports

#### (i) World Investment Report 2015: Reforming International Investment Governance

Cabinet noted highlights of the World Investment Report (WIR) 2015 and the relevance of its content to the development of Jamaica's investment promotion and protection policies.

The 2015 edition of the WIR, released on 24 June, is entitled "*Reforming International Investment Governance*" and provides a detailed analysis of the future of the international policy environment for cross-border investment. The policy discussion and analysis provided in the WIR 2015, will be useful in the crafting of a framework document for Jamaica's Investment Strategy.

#### (ii) Special Meeting of the Council of Ministers of the Caribbean Forum (CARIFORUM) of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) States and the Third Meeting of the Joint CARIFORUM-European Union (EU) Council, Georgetown, Guyana, 15-16 July 2015

Cabinet noted a report on the Special Meeting of the Council of Ministers of the Caribbean Forum (CARIFORUM) of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) States and the Third

Meeting of the Joint CARIFORUM-European Union (EU) Council which took place in Georgetown, Guyana over the period 15 to 16 July 2015.

This meeting represented the first opportunity for the CARIFORUM and the EU to review the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA). Coming out of the meeting, a Joint Communiqué was produced which underscored the agreement of both sides to the timely development and implementation of a joint monitoring system to inform future reviews of the EPA.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Portia Simpson Miller', is written above the typed name.

Portia Simpson Miller, MP  
Prime Minister  
16 September 2015