

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 31 AUGUST 2015

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 31 August 2015:

1. Legislation;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Board Appointments;
4. Amendment to the Conditional Waiver of Visa Requirements for Nationals of Eastern European and Latin American Countries who Travel to Jamaica for Tourism Purposes;
5. The Fidel Castro Campus of the Anchovy High School; and
6. Report on the Korea Research Institute for Human Settlements/Inter-American Development Bank Urban Development Academy Programme.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Legislation

The Administrator-General's (Fees Collection) (Validation and Indemnity) Act, 2015

Cabinet gave approval for a Bill entitled "Administrator-General's (Fees Collection) (Validation and Indemnity) Act, 2015 to be tabled in the Houses of Parliament.

The Bill seeks to validate and confirm as lawful, the acts of the Administrator-General's Department for the period 30 March 2004 to 23 December 2014, in relation to the charging and collecting of the investment fee at a rate contrary to the Administrator-General's (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations, 2004. The Bill further seeks to indemnify the Administrator-General, her officers, employees and agents against any liability arising from collecting an investment fee at a rate not prescribed.

2. Annual Report

Cabinet considered the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Jamaica Dairy Development Board for the 2009/2010 financial year.

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

3. Board Appointments

(i) Betting Gaming and Lotteries Commission

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of Dr. Michael Coore to the Betting Gaming and Lotteries Commission, with effect from 31 August 2015 to 31 May 2018, when the tenure of the Commission would expire.

(ii) Jamaica Racing Commission

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of Dr. Michael Coore to the Jamaica Racing Commission, with effect from 31 August 2015 to 31 May 2018, when the tenure of the Commission would expire.

(iii) National Council on Technical Vocational Education and Training

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the National Council on Technical Vocational Education and Training (NCTVET), with effect from 1 September 2015 to 31 August 2018:

- 1) Mr. Quince Francis – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mrs. Maxine Henry Wilson;
- 3) Miss Michele Small-Bartley;
- 4) Ms. Diane Spence;
- 5) Ms. Sherrie Johnson;
- 6) Mr. Michael Terrelonge;
- 7) Mr. Clinton Thompson;
- 8) Mr. Oshane Hall;
- 9) Mr. Telroy Morgan;
- 10) Mrs. Althea Laing;
- 11) Mr. Kavian Cooke;
- 12) Mr. Simon Duquesnay;
- 13) Mrs. Jacqueline Coke-Lloyd;
- 14) Dr. Wayne Wesley;
- 15) Mr. Denworth Finnikin;
- 16) Mr. Rickert Allen;
- 17) Dr. Halden Morris;
- 18) Dr. Leonie Clarke;
- 19) Dr. Carol Granston;
- 20) Mr. Dwight Campbell;
- 21) Dr. Patricia Green; and
- 22) Mr. John Gayle.

4. Amendment to the Conditional Waiver of Visa Requirements for Nationals of Eastern European and Latin American Countries who Travel to Jamaica for Tourism Purposes

Cabinet gave approval for an amendment to the conditional waiver of visa requirements for nationals of El Salvador, Paraguay, Bolivia, Guatemala and Peru to exempt them from the requirement of being in possession of a United States of America, Canadian or United Kingdom/Schengen visa to visit Jamaica, for a maximum of thirty (30) days.

Cabinet had granted approval previously for the conditional waiver of visa requirements for nationals of several eastern European and Latin American countries, including El Salvador, Paraguay, Bolivia, Guatemala and Peru, who travel to Jamaica for tourism purposes for periods of thirty days or less. The conditions included being in possession of a valid visa from either the United States of America, Canada or United Kingdom/Schengen region.

5. The Fidel Castro Campus of the Anchovy High School

Cabinet gave approval for the renaming of the second campus of the Anchovy High School located in Montpelier, St. James, as the Fidel Castro Campus of the Anchovy High School.

The second campus of the Anchovy High School was built by the Cuban authorities as a gift from the former President Fidel Castro and the people of Cuba. The building, which was intended to be an institution of learning, is to be renamed effective 1 September 2015 and will allow for the placement of approximately nine hundred (900) Grades 7 and 8 students of Anchovy High, thereby removing that school from the shift system. The Ministry of Education held consultations on the matter.

6. Report on the Korea Research Institute for Human Settlements/Inter-American Development Bank Urban Development Academy Programme

Cabinet noted a report on the participation of the Minister without Portfolio in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Housing in the Korea Research Institute for Human Settlements (KRIHS)/Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Urban Development Academy Programme (KIUDA) held in Seoul, Korea over the period 6 to 13 July 2015.

The objective of the Urban Development Academy Programme (KIUDA) was to promote better policies in the region of Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) which was facilitated through the exchange of knowledge with Korea. The programme enabled the sharing of Korea's experiences on its land and new town development, social housing policies and smart green cities. Approximately 14 countries from the LAC region participated in the exchange, which covered several areas, including land development and housing policies, affordable housing and housing finance, urbanization and social issues, and geographic information systems.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



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Prime Minister
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