

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 14 SEPTEMBER 2015

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 14 September 2015:

1. Contracts;
2. Legislation;
3. Land Matters;
4. Annual Reports; and
5. Board Appointments.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Motor Vehicles for the Jamaica Constabulary Force

Cabinet approved the award of two contracts totalling \$335,147,246.14, for the procurement of motor vehicles for the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) to:

1) Toyota Jamaica Limited in the sum of J\$273,247,246.14 for the purchase of:

- Forty-seven Toyota Corolla patrol cars;
- Twenty-seven Toyota Hilux pickups;
- Four Toyota Rav4 sport utility vehicles;
- One Toyota coaster bus; and
- Two Toyota Hiace 15-seater buses.

2) Vehicles and Supplies Limited in the sum of J\$61,900,000.00 for the purchase of:

- Five Isuzu 5-ton troop-carrying trucks; and
- Four Isuzu 11-ton prisoner-carrying trucks.

The responsiveness of the JCF is severely restricted owing to the deterioration of its motor vehicle fleet, of which 32.6% is out of use and 28.7% are over eleven years old. The acquisition of the vehicles is necessary to enhance the operational and service delivery activities of the JCF and to assist in the fight against crime.

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

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of J\$429,791,949.12 to Milestone Environmental Limited for the provision of cleaning and portering services at the Cornwall Regional Hospital for a period of three (3) years.

The cleaning and portering services will help to create a clean and healthy environment at the Cornwall Regional Hospital. The contractor will be expected to provide effective 24-hour cleaning and portering services and will be required to supply all labour, material and supplies, equipment, tools and other items needed.

2. Legislation

The Casino Gaming (Amendment) Act

Cabinet gave approval for a Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Casino Gaming Act" to be tabled in the Houses of Parliament.

The Bill seeks to amend the Casino Gaming Act to remove errors and omissions which are inconsistent with the principal objectives of the Act. The amendments include increasing the power of the Commission, granting a Casino Gaming Operator an option to discharge its liability with respect to disciplinary actions proposed to be taken against it, and widening the scope of persons deemed to be connected to the applicant for the purposes of determining if a person is fit and proper to be concerned in the operation of a casino.

3. Land Matters

(i) Acquisition of part of Palmetto Cottage and the Pinnacle now called De La Vega Heights, St. Catherine

Cabinet gave approval for the acquisition of lots, at a total cost of \$27.5 million, by the Government of Jamaica for the purpose of developing the property as a Rastafarian heritage site and cultural centre.

The lots being acquired form part of what is now known as De La Vega Heights, St. Catherine which is regarded as the birthplace of the Rastafarian faith and is of great significance to Jamaicans, Rastafarians and Pan-Africans. On 12 September 2013, the Jamaica National Heritage Trust (JNHT) declared Lot 199 as a National Monument to preserve and maintain the integrity of the site. The Trust also recommended that the declared lot and lots in the periphery be acquired for the purpose of accessibility to the heritage site.

(ii) Sale of Lands Located at Phoenix Park Dunbeholden, St. Catherine

Cabinet gave approval for the sale of 142.16 hectares (351.28 acres) of lands by SCJ Holdings Limited to Gore Developments Limited, at a sale price at \$579.612 million. The lands are located at Phoenix Park, Dunbeholden in the parish of St. Catherine.

4. Annual Reports

Cabinet considered the Annual Reports of the:

- (i) Bath Corporation (Bath Fountain Hotel and Spa) for the financial years 2010/2011 and 2011/2012;
- (ii) Casino Gaming Commission for the financial year 2014/2015;
- (iii) Caymanas Track Limited for the financial year 2014/2015; and
- (iv) Rural Agricultural Development Authority for the financial year 2013/2014.

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

5. Board Appointments

(i) Central Health Committee

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Central Health Committee for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 15 September 2015 to 14 September 2018:

- 1) Dr. Marion Bullock-DuCasse (ex-officio) – **Chair**;
- 2) The Most Honourable Professor Denise Eldermire Shearer;
- 3) Dr. Linnette Peters;
- 4) Mr. Everton Baker;
- 5) Mr. Desmond Munroe;
- 6) Mayor Levan Freeman;
- 7) Mr. Peter Knight;
- 8) Professor Winston Davidson;
- 9) Professor Homero Silva;
- 10) Ms. Bevon Morrison; and
- 11) Director, Veterinary Services, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (ex-officio).

(ii) Dental Appeal Tribunal

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Dental Appeal Tribunal for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 15 September 2015 to 14 September 2018:

- 1) Mr. William Anthony Pearson – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Andrea Manning; and
- 3) Dr. Richard Lindo.

(iii) Dental Auxiliaries Advisory Committee

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Dental Auxiliaries Advisory Committee for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 15 September 2015 to 14 September 2018:

- 1) Dr. Doryck Boyd – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Juliet Powell;
- 3) Mrs. Vivette Smith-Parchment;
- 4) Dr. Margaret Larmond;
- 5) Mr. Cedric Binns;
- 6) Mrs. Vinnette Mitchell-Forrester;
- 7) Director, Dental Health Services, Ministry at Health (ex-officio); and
- 8) Representative, Dental Auxiliaries School, University of Technology, Jamaica (ex-officio).

(iv) Medical Council of Jamaica

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Medical Council for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 15 September 2015 to 14 September 2018:

- 1) Dr. John Hall – **Chairman**;
- 2) Dr. Winston Davidson;

- 3) Mrs. Jean Lowrie Chin;
- 4) Ms. Althea Anderson;
- 5) Reverend Carlton Ferguson;
- 6) Dr. Winston Dawes;
- 7) Dr. Edwin Tulloch-Reid;
- 8) Dr. Ray Fraser;
- 9) Professor Trevor McCartney;
- 10) Dr. William Aiken;
- 11) Dr. Dainia Baugh;
- 12) Dr. Kenneth Vaughan;
- 13) Dr. Seni Ononuju;
- 14) Dr. Marion Bullock-DuCasse (ex-officio); and
- 15) Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, University of the West Indies (ex-officio).

(v) National Council on Drug Abuse

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board of Management of the National Council on Drug Abuse for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 15 September 2015 to 14 September 2018:

- 1) Dr. Wendel Abel – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Cordinal Beckford;
- 3) Mr. Halvorn Julye;
- 4) Representative, Jamaica Council of Churches;
- 5) Representative, Medical Association of Jamaica;
- 6) Representative, Jamaica Bar Association;
- 7) Representative, Private Sector Organization of Jamaica;
- 8) Representative, University and Allied Workers Union;
- 9) Nominee, Prime Minister;
- 10) Nominee, Leader of the Opposition;
- 11) Representative, Association of General Practitioners;
- 12) Representative, Council of Voluntary Social Services;
- 13) Nominee, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health (ex-officio);
- 14) Nominee, Financial Secretary (ex-officio);
- 15) Nominee, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education (ex-officio); and
- 16) Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Social Security (ex-officio).

(vi) National Family Planning Board

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the National Family Planning Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 15 September 2015 to 14 September 2018:

- 1) Dr. Sandra Knight – **Chair**;
- 2) Ms. Lavern George – **Vice Chair**;
- 3) Pastor Merrick Walker;
- 4) Mr. Joel Scott;
- 5) Mr. Ivan Cruikshank;
- 6) Dr. Grace McLean;

- 7) Ms. Carmelita Harison;
- 8) Mr. Donovan Brown;
- 9) Dr. Simone Spence;
- 10) Dr. Rudolph Stephens;
- 11) Mr. Alston Reid; and
- 12) Chief Executive Officer, National Planning Board (ex-officio).

(vii) Nursing Council

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Nursing Council for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 15 September 2015 to 14 September 2018:

- 1) Mrs. Pearline Cooper-Sharpe – **Chair**;
- 2) Mr. Bertram Anderson;
- 3) Ms. Coleen Scott;
- 4) Mrs. Zaida Mulraine;
- 5) Mrs. Patricia Ingram-Martin;
- 6) Ms. Angella Thomas;
- 7) Mrs. Joan Walker Nicholson;
- 8) Dr. Joy Lyttle;
- 9) Ms. Cynthia Pitter;
- 10) Mrs. Carmelita Wheeler;
- 11) Mrs. Violet McCalla-Lewis;
- 12) Ms. Graceline Satchell;
- 13) Mrs. Carol Baker-Burke;
- 14) Mrs. Beverly Bryan-Maragh; and
- 15) Mr. Allan Jeffrey.

(viii) Pesticides Control Authority

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Pesticides Control Authority for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 15 September to 14 September 2018:

- 1) Mr. Victor Cummings – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Maurice Kildare;
- 3) Ms. Andrea Manning;
- 4) Dr. Michelle Hamilton;
- 5) Mr. Don McGlashan;
- 6) Mr. Everton Baker;
- 7) Ms. Paulette Kolbusch;
- 8) Mr. Bradshaw Isaacs;
- 9) Mrs. Valerie Germain;
- 10) Mrs. Heather Dawn Brown;
- 11) Mr. Dennis Gordon;
- 12) Dr. Osbil Watson;
- 13) Dr. Linnette Peters; and
- 14) Mr. Dennis Maragh.

(ix) Pharmacy Council

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Pharmacy Council for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 15 September 2015 to 14 September 2018:

- 1) Dr. Thelma Nelson – **Chair**;
- 2) Mrs. Valerie Germain;
- 3) Ms. Merlene Bignall-Josephs;
- 4) Mr. Marlon Lowe;
- 5) Dr. Lisa Bromfield;
- 6) Mr. Ainsley Jones;
- 7) Mrs. Shereen Dawkins-Cox;
- 8) Dr. Ernestine Watson;
- 9) Dr. Eugenie Brown-Myrie; and
- 10) Mr. Andre Dennis.

(x) Princess Margaret Hospital Management Committee

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Princess Margaret Hospital Management Committee for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 15 September 2015 to 14 September 2018:

- 1) Mr. Cordinal Beckford – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Lovena Simmonds;
- 3) Mr. Maurice Afflick;
- 4) Ms. Kiady Brown;
- 5) Reverend Errol Scott;
- 6) Ms. Coleen Scott;
- 7) Mrs. Merlene Bignall-Josephs;
- 8) Regional Director (ex-officio);
- 9) Chief Executive Officer, Princess Margaret Hospital (ex-officio);
- 10) Senior Medical Officer, Princess Margaret Hospital (ex-officio);
- 11) Regional Technical Director (ex-officio);
- 12) Matron, Princess Margaret Hospital (ex-officio);
- 13) Parish Manager (ex-officio);
- 14) Nominee of Chairman, South East Regional Health Authority (ex-officio); and
- 15) Representative of the employees of the Princess Margaret Hospital (ex-officio).

(xi) Quarantine Authority

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Quarantine Authority for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 15 September 2015 to 14 September 2018:

- 1) Dr. Marion Bullock-DuCasse – **Chair**;
- 2) Ms. Cheyanne McClarthy;
- 3) Captain Hopeton Delisser;
- 4) Mr. Rohan Campbell; and
- 5) Mr. Michael Bernard.

(xii) Registrar General's Department

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Advisory Board of the Registrar General's Department for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 15 September 2015 to 14 September 2018:

- 1) Mrs. Toni-Shae Freckleton – **Chair**;
- 2) Ms. Carol Coy;
- 3) Dr. Karen Webster;
- 4) Professor Veront Satchell;
- 5) Mr. Hurley Taylor;
- 6) Mr. Rudyard Ellis; and
- 7) Mr. Hank Williams.

(xiii) St. Thomas Parish Committee

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the St. Thomas Parish Committee for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 15 September 2015 to 14 September 2018:

- 1) Mrs. Merlene Bignall-Josephs– **Chairperson**;
- 2) Mr. Cordinal Beckford;
- 3) Mr. Ludlow Mathison;
- 4) Mr. Ryan Williams;
- 5) Ms. Hulla Cooper;
- 6) Ms. Kiady Brown;
- 7) Mrs. Laura Bloomfield Levy;
- 8) Reverend Pauline Ellington;
- 9) Regional Director or Regional Technical Director (ex-officio);
- 10) Parish Manager, St. Thomas (ex-officio);
- 11) Chief Executive Officer, Princess Margaret Hospital (ex-officio);
- 12) Medical Officer of Health, St. Thomas (ex-officio);
- 13) Nominee of Chairman, South East Regional Health Authority (ex-officio);
- 14) Representatives of the health workers, Princess Margaret Hospital (ex-officio);
and
- 15) Representative of health workers (who work within the parish of S. Thomas, but are not employed to any hospital in the parish of St. Thomas) (ex-officio).

(xiv) University Hospital of the West Indies Board of Management

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board of Management of the University Hospital of the West Indies for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 15 September 2015 to 14 September 2018:

- 1) Mr. Sterling Soares – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Dennis Gordon;
- 3) Ms. Maureen Webber;
- 4) Dr. Carl Bruce;
- 5) Dr. Andrei Cooke;
- 6) Mr. Desmond Munroe;
- 7) Mrs. Janet Coore-Farr;

- 8) Dr. Winston De La Haye;
- 9) Professor John Lindo;
- 10) Professor Abdullahi Abdulkadri;
- 11) Dr. Blossom Anglin-Brown;
- 12) Dr. Winston Butler;
- 13) Vice Chancellor, University of the West Indies (ex-officio);
- 14) Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of the West Indies (ex-officio);
- 15) Chief Medical Officer (ex-officio);
- 16) Financial Secretary (ex-officio);
- 17) Bursar, University of the West Indies (ex-officio); and
- 18) Chairman, Medical Committee of the University Hospital of the West Indies (ex-officio).

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Portia Simpson Miller, MP
Prime Minister
16 October 2015