

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 22 SEPTEMBER 2015

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 22 September 2015:

1. Contracts;
2. Legislation;
3. Annual Reports;
4. Board Appointments;
5. Vision 2030 Jamaica National Development Plan Medium Term Socio-Economic Policy Framework (MTF) 2015-2018;
6. Hosting of the Visit of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and Related Meetings ;
7. Visit of Jamaica's Technical Team to the Island of Dominica following the Passage of Tropical Storm Erika on August 27, 2015.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Construction of the Douglas Castle to Shooters Pipeline

Cabinet approved the award, by the National Water Commission, of a contract in the amount of J\$69,823,993.80 to Champion Industrial Equipment and Supplies Limited for the provision of upgrading works for the water supply system at Kellits, in the parish of Clarendon.

The upgrading of the Kellits water supply system falls under the Mason River/Kellits/Sandy River Water Supply Upgrading Project and will provide customers in Clarendon with a more reliable supply of potable water.

(ii) Procurement of Equipment for the Expansion of the Jamaica Constabulary Force's Motorola Mobile Radio System

Cabinet approved the award to a contract in the amount of US\$1,248,360.26 to Motorola Solutions Limited for the expansion of the Jamaica Constabulary Force's (JCF) Mobile Radio System.

The Mobile Radio System will interlink with the existing framework to create a more effective and reliable information system, thereby enabling the JCF to be improve in areas such as asset deployment, response time capabilities and tracking of assets.

2. Legislation

The Local Governance Act, 2015

Cabinet gave approval for a Bill entitled "The Local Governance Act, 2015" to be tabled in the Houses of Parliament.

The Bill seeks to provide the framework for the comprehensive reform of Jamaica's Local Government System, through which local authorities would be granted greater scope and autonomy in the management of local affairs. The Bill will also provide for the safeguarding of accountability and transparency on the part of local authorities in the conduct of local affairs.

3. Annual Report

Cabinet considered the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Real Estate Board and Commission of Strata Corporations for the financial year 2013/2014.

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

4. Board Appointments

(i) Advisory Board of the National Council for Senior Citizens

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Advisory Board of the National Council for Senior Citizens for the period of two (2) years, with effect from 1 October 2015 to 30 September 2017:

- 1) Mrs. Claudette Rickards – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Mrs. Merle Hanson;
- 3) Mrs. Julian McKoy;
- 4) Lt. Colonel Desmond Clarke;
- 5) Mr. Barrington Parsons;
- 6) Ms. Daphne Clayton;
- 7) Mrs. Collette Robinson;
- 8) Mrs. Dione Jennings;
- 9) Mrs. Beverley Hall-Taylor;
- 10) Dr. Beverley Shirley;
- 11) Reverend Dr. Roy Henry;
- 12) Mrs. Hermoine McKenzie;
- 13) Mr. Anthony Myers;
- 14) Mrs. Grace-Ann Scarlett Duncan;
- 15) Mrs. Ena Stewart, JP; and
- 16) Representative, Ministry of Health.

(ii) Teachers' Appeal Tribunal

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Teachers' Appeal Tribunal for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 22 September 2015 to 21 September 2017:

- 1) Dr. Ethley London – Chair;
- 2) Mrs. Avris Pamela Whittingham; and
- 3) Mr. Cyril Lebert.

(iii) Early Childhood Commission

Cabinet noted the naming of Mr. Omar Frith to the Commission by the Opposition, as provided for by the governing legislation, for the period ending 31 May 2018, when the tenure of the Commission would expire.

(iv) National Council on Education

Cabinet noted the naming of Mr. Alphansus Davis to the Council by the Opposition, as provided for by the governing legislation, for the period ending 31 May 2018, when the tenure of the Council would expire.

5. Vision 2030 Jamaica National Development Plan Medium Term Socio-Economic Policy Framework (MTF) 2015-2018

Cabinet gave approval for the Medium Term Socio-Economic Policy Framework (MTF) 2015-2018 as the prioritized strategic framework for the medium-term within which the achievement of the goals and outcomes of the ***Vision 2030 Jamaica – National Development Plan*** would be accelerated.

The MTF 2015-2018 is the third consecutive medium-term plan under the ***Vision 2030 Jamaica – National Development Plan***. The MTF presents the priority programmes and projects over the medium term to move Jamaica forward towards achieving inclusive growth and sustainable development under the Vision 2030 Jamaica. The new MTF will consolidate the gains made under the two previous MTFs (2009-2012 and 2012-2015) and strengthen the foundations for achieving the country's long term results.

6. Hosting of the Visit of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and Related Meetings

Cabinet gave approval for Jamaica to host the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization for the following events at the Iberostar Rose Hall Hotel, Montego Bay, St. James from 12 to 15 October 2015:

- (1) A strategic visit of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to include talks with Government officials and aviation industry stakeholders; and
- (2) Meetings of the Directors General of Civil Aviation of the North American, Central American and Caribbean Region.

The hosting of the meetings is of strategic importance to Jamaica, as the country seeks to pursue a seat on the Council of the ICAO, so as to have consequential representation of the country's interests on the global market. The hosting of the Council visit will demonstrate Jamaica's active facilitation of, and participation in the ICAO activities, and strengthen the country's chances for election to the Council.

7. Visit of Jamaica's Technical Team to the Island of Dominica following the Passage of Tropical Storm Erika on August 27, 2015

Cabinet noted a report by the technical team on its visit to Dominica during the period 8 to 10 September 2015.

The island of Dominica was impacted by the passage of Tropical Storm Erika on 27 August 2015. The storm resulted in severe flooding, landslides, loss of lives and widespread damage across the island. Information was included in the Report on the visits and technical assessments by the team, and the recommendations to the Dominican Government.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



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Prime Minister
16 October 2015