

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 28 SEPTEMBER 2015

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 28 September 2015:

1. Contract;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Board Appointment;
4. Caymanas Track Limited Enterprise Team;
5. Improvement of the Exhibition and Audiovisual Equipment of the Institute of Jamaica through a Japan International Cooperation Agency Cultural Grant; and
6. Vital Statistics Commission Update on Activities to Improve the Civil Registration and Vital Statistics System.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contract

Perimeter Fence at the National Heroes Park

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$151,985,110.00 to Black Brothers Incorporated Limited for the erection of a perimeter fence at the National Heroes Park in Kingston.

The perimeter fence is being erected under the National Heroes Park Redevelopment Project and represents Part 1A of a phased programme aimed at upgrading the Park in its entirety. The perimeter fencing is expected to improve the visual appeal and security of the Park.

2. Annual Reports

Cabinet considered the Annual Reports of the:

- (i) Environmental Foundation of Jamaica for the financial years 2009/2010; 2010/2011; 2011/2012; and
- (ii) National Library of Jamaica for the financial year 2012/2013.

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

3. Board Appointment

Bath Corporation

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board of Directors of Bath Corporation for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 1 October 2015 to 30 September 2017:

- 1) Mr. Don Wint – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Leonard Green – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Ms. Andrea McKenzie;

- 4) Ms. Devaroe Robotham;
- 5) Mr. Vinay Walia;
- 6) Mr. Philbert Singh; and
- 7) Mr. George Harris.

4. Caymanas Track Enterprise Team

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the Chief Executive Officer of the Casino Gaming Commission and the Executive Director of the Betting Gaming and Lotteries Commission to the Caymanas Track Enterprise Team, with effect from 14 September 2015.

5. Improvement of the Exhibition and Audiovisual Equipment of the Institute of Jamaica through a Japan International Cooperation Agency Cultural Grant

Cabinet gave approval for the signing of a Grant Agreement with the Government of Japan for the improvement of the exhibition and audiovisual equipment of the Institute of Jamaica (IOJ).

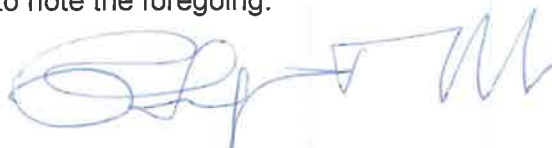
The IOJ was selected to receive a Cultural Grant Aid (in kind and technical expertise) from Japan, through that country's Official Development Assistance (ODA) programme, to commemorate 50 years of diplomatic relations with Jamaica. Japan's ODA is aimed at contributing to the promotion of cultural and higher educational activities and preservation of cultural heritage in developing countries. The Grant will be used to improve the technological equipment for several of the IOJ spaces and also to acquire a mobile exhibition.

6. Vital Statistics Commission Update on Activities to Improve the Civil Registration and Vital Statistics System

Cabinet noted an update from the Vital Statistics Commission on activities being implemented since 2011 to improve the civil registration and vital statistics system.

The Vital Statistics Commission was established in December 2003 with a mandate to address concerns relating to the quality of vital statistics and vital registration processes in Jamaica. Information was provided on activities undertaken between January 2011 and July 2015 which included the securing of financial support for the programme from the Inter-American Development Bank; signing and implementation of a memoranda governing data sharing with primary stakeholders; and training.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Portia Simpson Miller, MP
Prime Minister
16 October 2015