

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 16 NOVEMBER 2015

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 16 November 2015:

1. Contracts;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Board Appointments;
4. The Protected Areas System Master Plan for Jamaica;
5. Revision of Decision to Remove Government Subsidy for Mount Hope Programmes; and
6. Workshop on National Voluntary Presentations.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Discovery Bay All Age School Expansion

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$47,741,711.00 by the Jamaica Social Investment Fund, on behalf of the Ministry of Education, to Ashtrom Building Systems Limited for the provision of design and build services for the Discovery Bay All Age School Expansion Project in the parish of St. Ann.

The Discovery Bay All Age School, which has a population of 505 students, is currently operated on a triple-shift system due to the lack of classroom space. In order to eliminate the use of the shift system, the number of classrooms has to be increased to meet the Ministry of Education standard of 35 students per classroom. The scope of works includes the construction of an eight-classroom block with a staff room; and a sanitation block.

(ii) Mandeville Primary and Junior High School Expansion

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$64,349,304.00 by the Jamaica Social Investment Fund, on behalf of the Ministry of Education, to Ashtrom Building Systems Limited for the provision of design and build services for the Mandeville Primary and Junior High School Expansion Project in the parish of Manchester.

The Mandeville Primary and Junior High School, which has a population of 2,215 students, is currently operated on a shift system due to the lack of classroom space. The scope of works includes the construction of a twelve-classroom block and the construction of male and female bathroom facilities, each with a dedicated stall for the physically challenged.

(iii) Christiana Moravian Primary School Expansion

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$47,304,409.00 by the Jamaica Social Investment Fund, on behalf of the Ministry of Education, to Ashtrom

Building Systems Limited for the provision of design and build services for the Christiana Moravian Primary School Expansion Project in the parish of Manchester.

The Christiana Moravian Primary School has a population of 1,112 students, including students in the Infant Department. The classrooms at the school are very small and are separated by partial walls, which creates a noise distraction for the students. The scope of works includes the construction of a ten-classroom block, a Sick Bay, a Guidance Counselling Room, and play equipment for the student population.

2. Annual Reports

Cabinet considered the Annual Reports of the:

- (i) Agro-Investment Corporation for the financial year 2014/2015;
- (ii) eGov Jamaica Limited (formerly Fiscal Services Limited) for the financial year 2014/2015;
- (iii) Jamaica Promotions (JAMPRO) for the financial year 2014/2015;
- (iv) Jamaica Reservation Service Limited for the financial year 2007/2008; and
- (v) Jamaica Vacations Limited for the financial year 2014/2015.

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

3. Board Appointments

(i) Mico University College

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board of Directors of the Mico University College for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 16 November 2015 to 15 November 2018:

- 1) Professor Neville G. Ying, CD – **Chairman**;
- 2) Dr. Ryland T. Campbell, CD – **Vice Chairman**;
- 3) Dr. Asburn Pinnock;
- 4) Mr. Peter Thomas;
- 5) Ms. Barbara Allen;
- 6) Dr. Donna Powell-Wilson;
- 7) Mr. Gary O. Walters;
- 8) Mr. Delano Franklyn;
- 9) Mr. N. Christian Stokes;
- 10) Mrs. Janet Ismay-Kerr;
- 11) Mrs. Deon Johnson-McIntosh;
- 12) Mrs. Lilieth Lynch Myers;
- 13) Mr. Daniel Gordon;
- 14) Ms. Naresha Jackson;
- 15) Dr. the Honourable Glen Christian, OJ, JP;
- 16) Reverend Professor Veront Satchell;
- 17) Reverend D. Phillip G. Robinson, OD;
- 18) Dr. Pansy Hamilton; and
- 19) Mr. Edward George Anthony Falloon.

(ii) University Hospital of the West Indies

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 17 November 2015 to 16 November 2018:

- 1) Mr. James Moss-Solomon – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Sterling Soares;
- 3) Mr. Jack Shirley;
- 4) Mr. Walter Scott, QC;
- 5) Mr. Ian Moore;
- 6) Mrs. Janet Coore Farr;
- 7) Nominee, Medical Association of Jamaica;
- 8) Vice-Chancellor, University of the West Indies – ex-officio;
- 9) Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of the West Indies – ex-officio;
- 10) Chief Medical Officer – ex-officio;
- 11) Financial Secretary – ex-officio;
- 12) Bursar, University of the West Indies – ex-officio; and
- 13) Chairman, Medical Committee of the University Hospital of the West Indies – ex-officio.

(iii) Western Regional Health Authority

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board of Management of the Western Regional Health Authority for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 17 November 2015 to 16 November 2018:

- 1) Mr. Tony Hart – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Merrick Fray;
- 3) Mr. Desmond Leaky;
- 4) Dr. Roy McGregor;
- 5) Bishop Burchell McPherson;
- 6) Mrs. Marva Lawson-Byfield;
- 7) Reverend Devere Nugent;
- 8) Mr. Norman Wayne Vacciana;
- 9) Mayor Berthel Moore;
- 10) Mayor Glendon Harris;
- 11) Regional Director, ex-officio;
- 12) Senior Medical Officer, Regional Hospital – ex-officio;
- 13) Chief Executive Officer, Regional Hospital – ex-officio;
- 14) Regional Technical Officer – ex-officio; and
- 15) Nominee, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health – ex-officio.

4. The Protected Areas System Master Plan for Jamaica

Cabinet gave approval for the draft Protected Areas System Master Plan (PASMP) which outlines the creation of a management system for protected areas; development of supporting legislation; and establishment of a coordinating body to oversee the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the PASMP.

The Protected Areas System Master Plan (PASMP) fulfils an obligation of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas under the Convention on Biological Diversity, to which Jamaica is a party. The PASMP provides a framework for the effective management of Jamaica's protected areas which are the responsibility of various government entities, through the creation of a protected areas system network. The PASMP is part of the Government's efforts to ensure that the country's ecosystems can continue to support the Jamaican way of life and cultural heritage.

5. Workshop on National Voluntary Presentations

Cabinet gave approval for Jamaica's hosting of an Inter-Regional workshop on National Voluntary Presentations during the period 2 to 4 December 2015. The workshop will be hosted in collaboration with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Office of Support and Coordination of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), and the Sub-Regional Headquarters of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

The National Voluntary Presentations (NVPs) serve as the primary means through which member states of the United Nations provide the international community with updates on their progress towards the attainment of internationally agreed development goals such as the Millennium Development Goals. The workshop will take place in the context of the transition to the new 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and will inform the ECOSOC's efforts to determine how best to support countries in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Portia Simpson Miller, MP
Prime Minister
5 January 2016