

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 23 NOVEMBER 2015

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 23 November 2015:

1. Contracts;
2. Legislation;
3. Annual Reports;
4. Board Appointments;
5. Land Acquisition; and
6. Report.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Maintenance of the Vehicle and Cargo Inspection Security (VACIS) Machines – Port Authority of Jamaica

Cabinet approved the award of a follow-on contract in the amount of US\$660,000.00, inclusive of General Consumption Tax, by Port Authority of Jamaica, for the period 23 October 2015 to 22 April 2016, to Leidos Inc. (formerly Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) of California, United States of America), for the provision of maintenance services for five (5) mobile and seven (7) pallet Vehicle and Cargo Inspection Security (VACIS) machines deployed at the Ports of Kingston and Montego Bay and bonded warehouses in Kingston.

The Port Authority of Jamaica is mandated to take measures to address the security concerns within the maritime industry. The procurement process for a new contract has been delayed due to an assessment which is underway to determine the necessity for new machines.

(ii) Currency Vault Management System – Bank of Jamaica

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$1,125,386.58, to Giesecke and Devrient de Mexico S.A. de C.V (G&D) for the supply and full implementation of a Currency Vault Management System to the Bank of Jamaica.

The existing Currency Management System at the Bank of Jamaica was developed and deployed in the early 1990's and is now technologically obsolete. Replacement of the existing system is critical as it can no longer efficiently support the Bank's currency operations. The new system is being acquired on a fixed-price, turnkey basis and will include all the necessary computer hardware, software and a full range of services in accordance with the Bank's requirements.

(iii) Janitorial and Related Services – Ministry of Finance and Planning

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$46,041,120.38, inclusive of General Consumption Tax, to Minott Janitorial Services Limited for the provision of janitorial and related services to the Ministry of Finance and Planning, for a period of three (3) years from 1 December 2015 to 30 November 2018.

The services being procured include cleaning and maintaining the offices of the Ministry of Finance and Planning, and the washing of all high-rise, external windows using the appropriate sky-lift system.

(iv) Immigration Border Management System and the Advance Passenger Information System – Passport, Immigration and Citizenship Agency (PICA)

Cabinet approved the award of a follow-on contract in the amount of US\$559,000.00 to 3M Interamerica Inc. for the maintenance and support of the Immigration Border Management System and the Advance Passenger Information System for the Passport, Immigration and Citizenship Agency (PICA). The contract will cover a two-year period from 1 June 2015 to 31 July 2017.

The Immigration Border Management System (EnTREX) is used by PICA to process arriving and departing passengers at the International Airports in Jamaica. Since 2004, 3M Interamerica Inc. has been the supplier and maintenance provider of this system for PICA.

(v) Catering Services – Bank of Jamaica

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$200,016,054.00 to Chung's Catering Services Limited, for a period of three years, for the daily provision of lunches for approximately 360 staff members of the Bank of Jamaica.

The Bank of Jamaica, by way of an agreement with the Bustamante Industrial Trade Union, has a contractual obligation to provide members of staff with daily subsidized lunches.

## 2. Legislation

Cabinet gave approval for the following Bills to be tabled in Parliament:

(i) The General Partnership Act, 2015

This Bill seeks to make provision for the formation of three distinct types of general partnerships and for the registration of partnerships with separate legal personality. The Bill also provides for the operation of partnerships, the formalisation of the process for foreign partnerships to transact business in Jamaica, and facilitates mergers and conversions of partnerships.

(ii) The Limited Partnership Act, 2015

This Bill seeks to provide a statutory framework for the formation, registration, operation and termination of limited partnerships in Jamaica. The Bill also provides for the formation

of limited liability limited partnerships, elections to be made by limited partnerships to have separate legal personality distinct from its partners and general partners, and for three distinct types of limited partnerships.

(iii) The Pensions (Public Service) Act, 2015

This Bill seeks to give effect to the proposal to reform the public sector pension arrangements by establishing a defined benefit contributory scheme. The Bill provides for the establishment of a segregated fund for contributions, at a time to be determined by the Minister, the gradual increase of the retirement age to sixty-five years, the harmonization of the legislation governing public sector pensions in a single statute, and the repeal of several enactments which previously dealt with pensions.

(iv) The Constitution (Amendment)(Establishment Fund)(Payment of Pensions) Act, 2015

This Bill seeks to amend section 133 of the Constitution to allow for contributions under a contributory pension scheme established by law, to be paid into a dedicated pension fund.

3. Annual Reports

Cabinet considered the Annual Reports of the:

- (i) Financial Institutions Services Limited for the financial year 2014/2015;
- (ii) Financial Sector Adjustment Company Limited (FINSAC) for the financial year 2014/2015;
- (iii) HEART Trust/National Training Agency (HEART Trust/NTA) for the financial year 2014/2015;
- (iv) Land Administration and Management Programme (LAMP) Fund for the financial years 2002/2003, 2003/2004, 2004/2005 and 2005/2006; and
- (v) Urban Development Corporation (UDC) for the financial years 2011/2012 and 2012/2013.

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

4. Board Appointments

(i) Administrator General's Department

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Advisory Board of the Administrator General's Department for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 15 January 2016 to 14 January 2019:

- 1) Reverend Renard White, JP – **Chair**;
- 2) Mrs. Rose Phillips;
- 3) Mrs. Marie Wint-McKenzie;
- 4) Ms. Nadine Wilkins;
- 5) Mrs. Marlene Aldred; and
- 6) Mr. Henry Pratt.

(ii) Generation Procurement Entity (GPE)

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the Generation Procurement Entity (GPE) under the Electricity Act for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 23 November 2015 to 22 November 2017, as under:

- 1) Dr. the Honourable Vincent Lawrence, OJ – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Winston Hay;
- 3) Professor Alvin Wint;
- 4) Mrs. Helene Davis-Whyte, CD;
- 5) Mr. Joseph M. Matalon; and
- 6) Mr. Christopher Zacca.

(iii) Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board of Management of the Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority:

- 1) Honourable Shirley Tyndall, OJ., CD (with effect from 23 November 2015 to 22 February 2018);
- 2) Lieutenant Colonel Jamie Ogilvie (with effect from 23 November 2015 to 22 February 2018); and
- 3) Rear Admiral (Retired) Hardley Lewin (with effect from 17 December 2015 to 22 February 2018).

(iv) Statistical Institute of Jamaica

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of Mr. Richard Lumsden to the Board of Directors for the Statistical Institute of Jamaica, with effect from 23 November 2015 to 31 March 2018, when the tenure of the Board will expire.

(v) Petrojam Limited

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of Mr. Williams Martinez as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Petrojam Limited for a period of one year, with effect from 23 November 2015 to 22 November 2016.

5. Land Acquisition

Cabinet gave approval for the compulsory acquisition, through the National Land Agency, of thirteen parcels of land and four structures located along Marcus Garvey Drive (between East Avenue and Water Lane) and Harbour Street (between Pechon Street and West Street) in Kingston. The land is needed for the implementation of the Marcus Garvey Drive Improvement Project under the Major Infrastructure Development Programme.

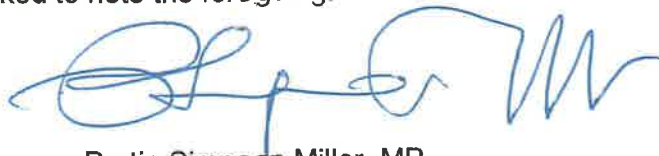
The improvement project will allow for the upgrading of Marcus Garvey Drive from four to six through lanes between East Avenue and Water Lane, with an additional spot improvement at the end of Water Lane between Pechon Street and West Street in order to accommodate existing traffic demand.

6. Report

Cabinet noted a report on the result of Jamaica's participation in a High-Level Dialogue on Slum Upgrading and Prevention during the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit at the United Nations Headquarters in New York over the period 25 to 27 September 2015.

The event was held to formally adopt a new sustainable development agenda that will serve as the catalyst for action by the international community and national governments to promote shared prosperity and well-being for all, over the next 15 years. The High-Level Dialogue focused on improving the standard of living of people living in slums in African, Caribbean and Pacific countries. Summary information was presented on the discussions, including Jamaica's presentation.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



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