

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 11 APRIL 2016

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 11 April 2016:

1. Board Appointments;
2. Implementing a Further Fifteen Percent (15%) Increase in the Monthly Subsidy for Early Childhood Practitioners;
3. Establishment of Diplomatic Relations with the Kingdom of Bahrain; and
4. Jamaica's Tenure as the Caribbean Forum of ACP States (CARIFORUM) High Representative for the CARIFORUM-European Union (EU) Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) and Chair of CARIFORUM, 2016-2017; and

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Board Appointments

(i) Anti-Doping Appeal Tribunal

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Tribunal for a period of three (3) years, with effect 11 April 2016 to 10 April 2019:

- 1) Hon. Justice Karl Harrison – **Chairman**;
- 2) Hon. Justice Marva McIntosh - **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Dr. Audley Betton;
- 4) Dr. Kurdel Espinosa;
- 5) Dr. Maria Smith;
- 6) Mr. Steve Bucknor; and
- 7) Director of Public Prosecutions or Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions.

(ii) Caymanas Track Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect 11 April 2016 to 10 April 2019:

- 1) Mr. Danville Walker – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Keith Blake;
- 3) Mr. Alvin Beckford;
- 4) Mr. Ozane Bell;
- 5) Mr. Andre Sean Marriot-Blake;
- 6) Mr. Shane Dalling;
- 7) Mr. Ed Barnes; and
- 8) Representative, Ministry of Finance and the Public Service.

(iii) e-Gov Jamaica Company Limited

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of Mrs. Maria Myers Hamilton to the Board of Directors with effect from 11 April 2016 to 3 April 2018, when the tenure of the Board would expire.

(iv) Jamaica Anti-Doping Commission

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect 11 April 2016 to 10 April 2019:

- 1) Mr. Alexander Williams – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Aldrick McNab;
- 3) Mr. Peter Chin;
- 4) Mr. Gary Peart;
- 5) Mr. Paul Campbell;
- 6) Mr. Orville Byfield;
- 7) Dr. Peter Charles;
- 8) Mr. Zachary Harding;
- 9) Ms. Shernett Robinson;
- 10) Ms. Debby Ann Brown Salmon;
- 11) Mrs. Florette Blackwood – *ex officio*; and
- 12) Mr. Carey Brown – *ex officio*.

(v) Spectrum Management Authority Limited

Cabinet approved the addition of the following persons to the Authority with effect from 11 April 2016 to 3 April 2018, when the tenure of the Board would expire:

- 1) Ms. Yolande Ramharrack – **Deputy Chairman**; and
- 2) Mr. David McBean.

(vi) Toll Authority

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Authority for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 11 April 2016 to 10 April 2019:

- 1) Mr. Hugh Faulkner – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Fitzbert Mattis;
- 3) Mr. Matthew Samuda ;
- 4) Mr. David Lazarus;
- 5) Miss Daphne Taylor;
- 6) Mr. Stephen Edwards;
- 7) Ms. Shernette Guthrie;
- 8) Representative, National Road Safety Council;
- 9) Representative, Jamaica Constabulary Force Traffic Division;
- 10) Representative, National Works Agency – *ex officio*; and
- 11) Representative, Ministry of Transport and Mining – *ex officio*.

2. Implementing a Further Fifteen Percent (15%) Increase in the Monthly Subsidy for Early Childhood Practitioners

Cabinet approved the implementation of a further 15% percent increase in the subsidy for Early Childhood Practitioners with effect from 1 January 2016.

Early Childhood Practitioners make an invaluable contribution to the education sector and the development of students, and a monthly subsidy is provided in support of their wages. A 15% increase was given in September 2015 and at that time a further increase was projected for

the 2015/2016 academic year. Prior to the subsidy granted in September 2015, an increase had not been granted for over eight years.

3. Establishment of Diplomatic Relations with the Kingdom of Bahrain

Cabinet gave approval for the establishment of diplomatic relations between Jamaica and the Kingdom of Bahrain.

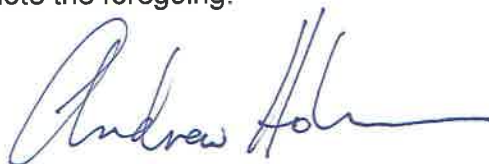
The establishment of diplomatic relations with Bahrain was in accordance with Jamaica's thrust to establish a greater presence in, and intensify relations with, countries of the Middle East; which would provide opportunities for diversification of Jamaica's bilateral cooperation portfolio and facilitate the forging of alliances in that region.

4. Jamaica's Tenure as the Caribbean Forum of ACP States (CARIFORUM) High Representative for the CARIFORUM-European Union (EU) Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) and Chair of CARIFORUM, 2016-2017

Cabinet noted Jamaica's assumption of the role of the Caribbean Forum of African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) States (CARIFORUM) High Representative for the CARIFORUM-European Union (EU) Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) for the period 1 January 2016 to 30 June 2017, and the assumption of the Chair of CARIFORUM by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017.

Ordinarily, Jamaica would have assumed the role of CARIFORUM EPA High Representative on 1 July 2016. However due to Haiti's inability to assume the role due to non-application or ratification of the EPA, a decision was made to divide the period evenly between Guyana, the immediate past High Representative, and Jamaica, the incoming High Representative. The role of the CARIFORUM EPA High Representative is linked to the chairmanship of CARIFORUM.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



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