

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 2 MAY 2016

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 2 May 2016:

1. Contracts;
2. Legislation;
3. Annual Reports;
4. Board Appointments;
5. Jamaica Customs Agency Hosting the Caribbean Customs Law Enforcement Council Conference; and
6. Jamaica Hosting the Caribbean Development Bank Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

- (i) Variation of Contract with Champion Industrial Equipment and Supplies Limited for the Supply and Installation of Pumps and Pump Houses at the Ebony Park and Spring Plains Agro-Parks
Cabinet approved a variation in the amount of \$1,976,557.26, to the contract awarded to Champion Industrial Equipment and Supplies Limited, for the supply and installation of pumps and pump houses at the Ebony Park and Spring Plains Agro Parks under the Agricultural Competitiveness Programme. The original contract amount was \$72,906,132.93.

The variation was necessitated by the requirement to lower the turbine by an additional 10 feet, to maintain safe yields from the well due to the prolonged drought conditions, as recommended by the Water Resources Authority.

- (ii) Variation of Contract with TWD Technologies Limited for a T-2 De-Ethanizer Tower Replacement at Petrojam Limited

Cabinet approved the variation to a contract awarded in September 2012 for the T-2 De-Ethanizer Tower Replacement in the amount of US\$165,312.00 to a contract awarded to TWD Technologies Limited. The original contract amount was US\$539,853.00.

The variation was necessitated by delays which occurred primarily due to excursions in the levels of chlorides and sulphides which impacted the kind of materials used and the approach to the construction going forward.

- (iii) Contract for the Refurbishing and Renovation of the Donald Sangster Building, 116 East Street, Kingston, for Tax Administration Jamaica

Cabinet approved the award of a contract for the refurbishing and renovation of the Donald Sangster Building, 116 East Street, Kingston for Tax Administration Jamaica in the amount of \$498,585,093.58 to HDB Construction Limited.

The renovation/refurbishing falls under the Fiscal Administration Modernization Program (FAMP) project, which is financed by the Inter-American Development Bank, and aims to support the Government of Jamaica in achieving a sustainable fiscal position through strengthening institutional capacity to effectively improve tax collection. This particular activity will allow for numerous staff, presently housed in various locations, to be co-located to reduce costs and improve efficiency and productivity.

(iv) Hounslow Water Supply Rehabilitation and Upgrading Project (Phase 2) Hounslow Well to Newell Square Transmission Mains Replacement, National Water Commission

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount \$63,185,294.00 to Surrey Paving & Aggregate Company Limited for the replacement of transmission mains from the Hounslow Well to Newell Square.

This project represents part of the National Water Commission's efforts to extend its customer base by supplying potable water to more people. The project will benefit the communities of: Hounslow, Newell, Watchwell, Williamsfield, Hopewell, Short Hill, Great Bay, Calabash Bay; and prospective customers in Fort Charles and the surrounding environs in South West St. Elizabeth.

(v) Dornoch and Greater Dornoch Water Supply Rehabilitation and Upgrading Project, Baron Hill Reservoir to Samuel Prospect Transmission Main Replacement, National Water Commission

Cabinet approved the award of contract in the amount \$63,849,360.00 to Alcar Haulage and Construction Company Limited contract for the replacement of transmission mains from the Baron Hill Reservoir to Samuel Prospect.

Through this project, the National Water Commission will continue rehabilitation and upgrading works to the potable domestic water supply in Trelawny.

2. Legislation

The Jury (Amendment) Act, 2016

Cabinet gave approval for the Bill entitled "The Jury (Amendment) Act, 2016" to be tabled in the Houses of Parliament.

The objective of the Act is to provide for a verdict of not less than five jurors for non-capital murder, thereby correcting the existing anomaly that only unanimous verdicts would be acceptable in trials for non-capital murders; and that, where offences were being joined which arose out of the same facts but were subject to differing sentencing regimes, the number of peremptory challenges allowed would be four.

3. Annual Reports

Cabinet considered the Annual Reports of the:

- (i) Real Estate Board/Commission of Strata Corporations for the Financial Year 2014/2015; and
- (ii) Housing Agency of Jamaica Limited for the Financial Year 2014/2015.

The Reports will be tabled in Parliament at a later date

4. Board Appointments

4.1 Appeal Tribunal of the Financial Services Commission

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Tribunal for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 2 May 2016 to 1 May 2019:

- 1) Honourable Mr. Justice Ian Forte (Retired) – **Chairman**;
- 2) Honourable Mr. Justice Edward Zacca (Retired); and
- 3) Honourable Mr. Justice Clarence Walker (Retired).

4.2 Island Traffic Authority

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Authority for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 2 May 2016 to 1 May 2019:

- 1) Mr. Victor Green;
- 2) Chief Technical Director – *ex officio*; and
- 3) Commissioner of Police – *ex officio*.

4.3 Jamaica Business Development Corporation, Micro Investment Development Agency, and Self Start Fund

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the combined Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 2 May 2016 to 1 May 2018:

- 1) Mr. Cleveland Stewart – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Andrene Collings;
- 3) Mr. Omar Azan;
- 4) Ms. Adonia Chin;
- 5) Ms. Yvonne Davis;
- 6) Mr. Matthew DeLeon;
- 7) Mr. Douglas Archibald;
- 8) Mr. Raymond Villiers;
- 9) Mr. William Lawrence;
- 10) Mr. Lanville Henry;
- 11) Ms. Valerie Viera;
- 12) Representative – Small Business Association of Jamaica; and
- 13) Representative – Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Alliance.

4.4 Jamaica Customs Agency

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Advisory Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 2 May 2016 to 1 May 2019:

- 1) Mr. Danville Walker – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mrs. Marcia Bent-Ferguson;
- 3) Miss Shauna Trowers;
- 4) Mr. Charles Johnston;
- 5) Mr. Paul East;
- 6) Mr. Junior Waugh; and
- 7) Mr. Kim Clarke.

4.5 Montego Bay Freezone Company Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 2 May 2016 to 1 May 2018:

- 1) Mr. Mark Hart – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Colin Murray;
- 3) Mr. Nigel Thomas;
- 4) Mr. Martin Thomas;
- 5) Mrs. Suzanne Leslie-Bailey;
- 6) Mr. Dale Delapenha;
- 7) Mr. Neil Baugh;
- 8) Mr. Yoni Epstein; and
- 9) Mrs. Melissa Chang-Ferdinand.

4.6 NMIA Airports Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 2 May 2016 to 1 May 2019:

- 1) Mr. Neil Seaton – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Mark Hart;
- 3) Honourable William Shagoury;
- 4) Captain Ludlow Johnson;
- 5) Colonel Torrance Lewis;
- 6) Chief Executive Officer, NMIA Airports Limited; and
- 7) Representative, Ministry of Transport and Mining.

4.7 Passport, Immigration and Citizenship Agency

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Advisory Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 2 May 2016 to 1 May 2019:

- 1) Mr. Joseph Issa – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Andrew Warwar;
- 3) Ms. Doreen Hutchinson;
- 4) Ms. Lilymae Silvera;
- 5) Mr. Anton Young;
- 6) Ms. Lorraine Patterson; and
- 7) Ms. Angella Nelson.

4.8 Pesticides Control Authority

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Authority for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 2 May 2016 to 1 May 2019:

- 1) Mr. André Pryce – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Roger Turner;
- 3) Mr. Hyman Smith;
- 4) Mr. Paul Seaton;
- 5) Mr. Keith McCook;
- 6) Mr. Carl Andrew McDowell;
- 7) Mrs. Heather Dawn Brown;

- 8) Dr. Linnette Peters;
- 9) Dr. Osbil Watson;
- 10) Mr. Everton Baker;
- 11) Ms. Paulette Kolbusch;
- 12) Mr. Don McGlashan;
- 13) Mrs. Valrie Germaine; and
- 14) Mr. Brian Stephenson.

4.9 PetroCaribe Development Fund

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board, for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 2 May 2016 to 1 May 2019:

- 1) Financial Secretary – **Chairman**, *ex officio*;
- 2) Senator Aubyn Hill;
- 3) Mrs. Natalie Haynes;
- 4) Mr. Gregory Mair;
- 5) Secretary to the Cabinet or Nominee – *ex officio*;
- 6) Permanent Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister or Nominee – *ex officio*;
- 7) Permanent Secretary, Ministry responsible for energy or Nominee – *ex officio*;
- 8) Director General, Planning Institute of Jamaica – *ex officio*; and
- 9) Chief Executive Officer, Petroleum Corporation of Jamaica – *ex officio*.

4.10 Port Maria Hospital Management Committee

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Committee for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 2 May 2016 to 1 May 2019:

- 1) Ms. Murdel McKenzie – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Josele Laing;
- 3) Mr. Noel Farquharson;
- 4) Mr. Aston Latchman;
- 5) Mr. Gifford Edwards;
- 6) Ms. Ena Rose;
- 7) Ms. Mitzie Hudson;
- 8) Regional Director, North East Regional Health Authority – *ex officio*;
- 9) Chief Executive Officer, Port Maria Hospital – *ex officio*;
- 10) Regional Technical Director, North East Regional Health Authority – *ex officio*;
- 11) Senior Medical Officer, Port Maria Hospital – *ex officio*;
- 12) Matron, Port Maria Hospital – *ex officio*;
- 13) Parish Manager – *ex officio*;
- 14) Nominee, Chairman of the North East Regional Health Authority – *ex officio*; and
- 15) Employee Representative, Port Maria Hospital – *ex officio*.

4.11 Public Accountancy Board

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 2 May 2016 to 1 May 2019:

- 1) Mr. Eric Crawford – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Clive Nicholas;

- 3) Ms. Elizabeth Jones Kerr;
- 4) Dr. Wayne Henry;
- 5) Mr. Garth Kiddoe;
- 6) Mrs. Patricia Hayle;
- 7) Mrs. Veronica Warmington;
- 8) Mr. Raphael Gordon;
- 9) Mr. Eric Scott; and
- 10) Mr. Linval Freeman.

4.12 Quarries Advisory Committee

Cabinet approved for the appointment of the following persons to the Committee for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 2 May 2016 to 1 May 2018:

- 1) Mr. Kevin Ingram – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Filbert Trenchfield;
- 3) Mr. Kent Gammon;
- 4) Mr. Hugh Gentles;
- 5) Mr. Damion Williams;
- 6) Managing Director, Jamaica Bauxite Mining Limited;
- 7) Representative, National Works Agency;
- 8) Representative, Water Resources Authority;
- 9) Representative, Ministry of Transport and Mining;
- 10) Representative, National Environment and Planning Agency; and
- 11) Mr. Clinton Thompson – *ex officio*.

4.13 Real Estate Board

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 2 May 2016 to 1 May 2018:

- 1) Mr. Gladstone Whitelocke – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Carolyn Chuck;
- 3) Mrs. Rose Bennett-Cooper;
- 4) Mr. Andrew James;
- 5) Mrs. Marvalyn Campbell;
- 6) Mr. Kevin Richards;
- 7) Mr. Edwin Wint;
- 8) Mr. Dale Sinclair;
- 9) Mr. Karl Vendryes;
- 10) Mrs. Authurine Scarlet; and
- 11) Representative, Ministry of Tourism.

4.14 Standards Council

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Council for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 2 May 2016 to 1 May 2018:

- 1) Mr. James Rawle – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Stephen Wedderburn – **Vice Chairman**;
- 3) Mr. Gregory Christian;

- 4) Mr. Kevin DeMercado;
- 5) Ms. Alicia Bagues;
- 6) Mr. Paul East;
- 7) Ms. Adonia Chin;
- 8) Ms. Tanike McClarthy;
- 9) Mr. Lascelles Chin;
- 10) Senator Matthew Samuda;
- 11) Ms. Yvonne Hall;
- 12) Mr. Matthew DeLeon;
- 13) Dr. Parris Lyew-Ayee Jr.; and
- 14) Mr. Omar Azan.

5. Jamaica Customs Agency Hosting the Caribbean Customs Law Enforcement Council Conference
Cabinet approved the hosting by the Jamaica Customs Agency of the 38th Annual Caribbean Customs Law Enforcement Council Conference in Kingston over the period 16 to 20 May 2016.

The Caribbean Customs Law Enforcement Council is a multilateral regional organization dedicated to improving the overall professionalism of its members. The Conference will be held at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel and it is estimated that just over 100 persons, mainly heads of customs and other law enforcement agencies, will participate in the Conference.

6. Jamaica Hosting the Caribbean Development Bank Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors
Cabinet gave approval for Jamaica to host the 46th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Caribbean Development Bank in Montego Bay, St. James over the period 16 to 20 May 2016.

Based on the country rotation cycle for member countries to host, Jamaica accepted the invitation to host the 46th CDB Annual Meeting. The responsibility of Chairmanship of the CDB Board of Governors for each Annual meeting is vested in the Minister of Finance of the host country for that year. Accordingly, the Hon. Audley Shaw will take on this role at the 2016 meeting.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.


Andrew Holness, MP
Prime Minister
18 May 2016