

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 7 NOVEMBER 2016

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 7 November 2016:

1. Contracts;
2. Legislation;
3. Annual Reports;
4. Board Appointments;
5. Amendment to the Enterprise Team for Vernamfield Development Project;
6. Establishment of the Multi-Agency Joint Technical Team in relation to the Development Applications Review Process;
7. Execution of a Declaration of Intent Between the Government of Jamaica and the Economic Growth Council;
8. Amendment to the Agreement for the Sale of Lands at Success Estate, Rose Hall, St. James, to Celebration Jamaica Development Limited;
9. Approval for the Use of Office Space at Port Royal Street, Kingston, as the United Nations (UN) House in Jamaica;
10. Hosting of the Secretariat of the Women in Maritime Association, Caribbean (WiMAC); and
11. Meeting Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Contract Award for Events Planning Firm for the 2017 Annual International Organisation of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) Conference

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$699,880.00 to Cafundo Eventos Corporativos, for the planning and execution of the 2017 Annual IOSCO Conference in Jamaica.

IOSCO is widely recognised as setting the official global standards for the securities sector and is responsible for the development, implementation and promotion of adherence to internationally recognised standards for securities regulation. Each year IOSCO selects a member regulator to host its annual conference, and Jamaica was chosen due to its visible position in the global financial world and IOSCO's recognition of the jurisdiction.

(ii) Award of Contract for the Construction of the Falmouth Tax Office at the Corner of Pitt and Cornwall Streets, Falmouth, Trelawny

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$136,332,273.41, including General Consumption Tax, to M&M Jamaica Limited for the construction of the Falmouth Tax Office over a six-month period.

A two-storey building is to be constructed, along with guard and power houses, paved drive way and parking bays, at the corner of Pitt and Cornwall Streets, Falmouth, Trelawny.

2. Legislation

(i) The Proceeds of Crime (Amendment) Act, 2016

Cabinet gave approval for the tabling of the Bill entitled “An Act to Amend the Proceeds of Crime Act, 2016” in the Houses of Parliament.

The Bill seeks to amend the Proceeds of Crime Act by correcting a referencing error.

(ii) The Local Governance (Amendment) Act, 2016

Cabinet gave approval for the tabling of the Bill entitled “The Local Governance (Amendment) Act, 2016” in the Houses of Parliament.

The Bill seeks to make clearer the procedures for the alteration of boundaries of existing Municipalities and provide, consequentially, for the revocation of the Municipalities (Portmore) Order, 2015. The Bill also seeks to provide that Councillors entitled to sit on the Council of a Municipal Corporation shall not include Councillors entitled to sit on the Council of a City Municipality or Town Municipality of the parish.

3. Annual Reports

Cabinet considered the Annual Reports of the:

- (i) Jamaica Dairy Development Board for the Financial Year 2011/2012;
- (ii) Micro Investment Development Agency for the Financial Years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016;
- (iii) Nutrition Products Limited for the Financial Year 2015/2016; and
- (iv) Office of Utilities Regulation for the Financial Year 2015/2016.

The Reports will be tabled in Parliament.

4. Board Appointments

4.1. Creative Production and Training Centre (CPTC)

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. Ryan Foster and Ms. Shirley McLean to the Board of Directors, with effect from 7 November 2016 to 15 May 2019, when the tenure of the Board will expire.

4.2. Dental Council

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Council for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 7 November 2016 to 6 November 2019:

- 1) Dr. Eugenia Hines;
- 2) Dr. Noel Brown;
- 3) Dr. Shawnette Finegan Bailey;
- 4) Dr. Denise Moore Ebhohimen;
- 5) Dr. Susan Lawrence-Beckford;
- 6) Dr. Nigel Knight;
- 7) Dr. Pierre-John Holmes;
- 8) Two Lay Members (to be named from three nominees of Members);
- 9) Director, Dental Auxiliaries School, University of Technology, Jamaica – *ex officio*;
and
- 10) Director, Oral Health Services, Ministry of Health – *ex officio*.

4.3. Women's Centre of Jamaica Foundation

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 7 November 2016 to 6 November 2019:

- 1) Mrs. Donna Duncan Scott – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Novelette Howell;
- 3) Dr. Alma Blair;
- 4) Mrs. Jennifer Owens;
- 5) Mrs. Janice Levy;
- 6) Ms. Rosalee Strudwick;
- 7) Mr. Paul Napair;
- 8) Mrs. Alison McLean – *ex officio*;
- 9) Dr. Zoe Simpson – *ex officio*; and
- 10) Representative, Bureau of Gender Affairs – *ex officio*.

5. Amendment to the Enterprise Team for Vernamfield Development Project

Cabinet agreed to the addition of the President of JAMPRO or nominee to the membership of the Enterprise Team for the Vernamfield Development Project.

6. Establishment of the Multi-Agency Joint Technical Team in relation to the Development Applications Review Process

Cabinet gave approval for the establishment of a Multi-Agency Joint Technical Team to review, assess and make recommendations on defined categories of applications in the development applications review process.

The Multi-Agency Joint Technical Team (MJTT) has been established as a means of addressing some of the perennial issues with respect to doing business in Jamaica, particularly in relation to the construction industry and the development application process. The MJTT is conceptualised as an inter-agency body operationalised to simultaneously review and make recommendations to the planning authorities on certain categories of applications, including:

- (i) all planning and building applications of 21 units or more that do not conform with permitted development;
- (ii) all applications falling within sensitive (protected or conservation) areas that do not conform to permitted development; and
- (iii) all planning applications for power plants, factories, institutions, offices and commercial spaces 10,000 square metres or more.

7. Execution of a Declaration of Intent Between the Government of Jamaica and the Economic Growth Council

Cabinet approved the signing of the Declaration of Intent, between the Government of Jamaica and the Economic Growth Council, which would also be signed by the Private Sector Organization of Jamaica, the Jamaica Manufacturers Association, the Jamaica Chambers of Commerce, and the Jamaica Confederation of Trade Unions.

Cabinet also approved the following eight (8) Growth Initiatives:

- 1) Maintain Macro-Economic Stability and Pursue Debt Reduction;
- 2) Improve Citizen Security and Public Safety;
- 3) Improve Access to Finance;
- 4) Pursue Bureaucratic Reform to Improve the Business Environment;
- 5) Stimulate Greater Asset Utilization;
- 6) Build Human Capital;
- 7) Harness the Power of the Diaspora; and
- 8) Catalyse the Implementation of Strategic Projects;

The partnership between the Economic Growth Council and the Government seeks to promote inclusiveness and collaboration under the clear tenet that growth must be created and led by the private sector. Government is responsible for creating an environment that facilitates and enables growth.

8. Amendment to the Agreement for the Sale of Lands at Success Estate, Rose Hall, St. James, to Celebration Jamaica Development Limited

Cabinet gave approval for the extension of the period of payment by Celebration Jamaica Development Limited to the Urban Development Corporation of the purchase price of US\$40.1 million for the acquisition of 96½ acres of land situated at Success Estate known as Northern Estate, St. James, from one to three years, with a revised payment plan.

The revision of the payment schedule has been necessitated by Celebration Jamaica Development Limited facing delays in meeting the initial schedule due to unforeseen cash flow challenges.

9. Approval for the Use of Office Space at Port Royal Street, Kingston, as the United Nations (UN) House in Jamaica

Cabinet gave approval for the use of premises at Block 11, 14-16 Port Royal Street, Kingston, as the United Nations House in Jamaica, and authorized the preparation of the Block 11 Building by the National Land Agency for use as the United Nations House.

The objective of the proposal for UN agencies to be housed at the Block 11 Building is to promote closer ties between UN staff, and improve efficiency and coherence in the delivery of development assistance.

10. Hosting of the Secretariat of the Women in Maritime Association, Caribbean (WiMAC)

Cabinet approved Jamaica's hosting of the Secretariat of the Women in Maritime Association, Caribbean (WiMAC), through the Maritime Authority of Jamaica, effective October 2016.

In 2014, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) established the Women in Maritime Association in the Caribbean, further to representation from Jamaica with respect to the need for the establishment of national/regional associations for female maritime professionals. WiMAC was launched with the mission to foster the development and participation of women in the maritime sector and contribute to the growth of the industry within the region.

11. Meeting Reports

11.1 Report on the Twelfth Conference of Defence Ministers of the Americas (XII CDMA) in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

Cabinet considered a report from the Minister of National Security in connection with the Twelfth Conference of Defence Ministers of the Americas (XII CDMA), held in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, over the period 10 to 12 October 2016.

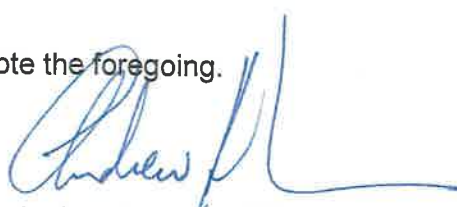
The deliberations of the XII CDMA focused on three thematic areas: Security and Defence of the Americas in a Changing Environment; Environmental Protection and Resilience; and Hemispheric Security and Defence Cooperation Policy. The report also provided information on bilateral meetings in which the Jamaican delegation participated, as well as highlighted that the Minister of National security participated in a town hall meeting with Jamaicans in Trinidad and Tobago which was organised by the Jamaican High Commission in Trinidad and Tobago.

11.2 Report on the Sixth Caribbean-United States Security Cooperation Dialogue and US-Jamaica Bilateral Meetings

Cabinet considered a report from the Minister of National Security in connection with the Sixth Caribbean-United States Security Cooperation Dialogue and US-Jamaica Bilateral Meetings, held over the period 17 to 20 October 2016 in Washington, DC, United States of America.

The report provided information on the activities of the Caribbean-United States Security Cooperation Dialogue which proceeded under the theme "Towards a More Effective Partnership", and focused on the objectives of building support for sustainability, maintaining momentum on critical projects, and establishing stronger partnerships. The dialogue included three plenary sessions as follows: Regional Collaborations for Citizen Security; Crime Prevention and Social Justice; and Enhancing of Partnerships to deal with emerging issues of terrorism, extremism and cyber security.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



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Prime Minister
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