

## MINISTRY PAPER No. 13 - 2017

### CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 16 JANUARY 2017

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 16 January 2017:

1. Contracts;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Board Appointments;
4. Acquisition of Lands at Bottom Pen, St. James;
5. Centralization of Legal Services to the Government of Jamaica;
6. National Policy on International Migration and Development;
7. Hosting of the Caribbean Symposium on Mainstreaming the Sustainable Development Goals into National Development Planning;
8. Completion of the FINSAC Commission of Enquiry Report; and
9. Shortlisting of Candidates for the Post of Director General – World Health Organization.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

#### 1. Contracts

##### 1.1. Procurement of Pre-Owned Motor Vehicles for the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF)

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$426,930,400.00 to O'Briens International Car Sales and Rentals Limited for the supply of pre-owned vehicles for the Jamaica Constabulary Force, comprising eighty (80) 2012 Toyota Corolla Axio Patrol Cars and one hundred and twenty (120) 2012 Toyota Hilux Double Cab Pickups.

The procurement of these vehicles forms a part of the strategy to address the acute shortage of vehicles in the current JCF fleet.

##### 1.2. Award of Contract for Civil Infrastructure Works at Masemure Housing Development (Phase 2), Westmoreland

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$129,854,159.04 to Build-Rite Construction Company Limited, to undertake civil infrastructure works to facilitate a subdivision comprising 106 serviced lots at the Masemure Housing Development (Phase 2), Westmoreland.

The project is a part of the Sugar Transformation Programme which is being funded by the European Union, and is aimed at providing housing solutions for former Sugar Barracks communities.

#### 2. Annual Reports

Cabinet considered the Annual Reports of the:

- (i) eGov Jamaica Limited for the Financial Year 2015/2016; and
- (ii) Veterinary Board for the Financial Years 2003/2004, 2004/2005 & 2005/2006.

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

3. Board Appointments

3.1. Norman Manley International Airports Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. Leroy Lindsay and Mr. Kent P. Gammon to the Board of Directors with effect from 16 January 2017 to 1 May 2019, when the tenure of the Board will expire.

4. Acquisition of Lands at Bottom Pen, St. James

Cabinet gave approval for the compulsory acquisition of five parcels of land at Bottom Pen in the parish of St. James, at an estimated cost of \$35 million, for the purpose of providing security of tenure to the residents and improving the physical and social infrastructure.

The infrastructure upgrade required the acquisition of approximately 63 acres (9 parcels) occupied by 271 households. In 2011, four of the nine properties comprising 27 acres were acquired by way of private treaty. The acquisition of the remaining five properties (three of which are unregistered) comprising 36 acres will allow for all the roadways and other infrastructure to be upgraded as an Improvement Scheme under the Housing Act.

5. Centralization of Legal Services to the Government of Jamaica

Cabinet:

- (i) approved the restructuring of the Attorney General's Department;
- (ii) approved the recommendations contained in a Framework Proposal, with respect to the centralization under the Attorney General's Department of the legal services provided to the Government of Jamaica;
- (iii) approved a phased Implementation Plan; and
- (iv) stated the need to ensure that the new arrangements did not result in the diminution of services currently provided in Ministries.

The proposal for the centralization of legal services envisions the Attorney General's Department becoming a centralized hub which will include the managers, legal officers and some other employees of Ministries, who will all report to the Solicitor General. Legal Officers will remain located within their Ministries but with oversight provided within the structure of the Attorney General's Department. It is anticipated that this centralization will increase the efficiency and consistency of legal services provided throughout the Government of Jamaica.

6. National Policy on International Migration and Development

Cabinet approved the National Policy on International Migration and Development for tabling in Parliament as a White Paper; and decided that the Minister without Portfolio in the Office of the Prime Minister would have oversight responsibility for implementation of the Policy.

The objective of the National Policy on International Migration and Development is to contribute to socio-economic development by integrating international migration into development strategies and forging a common understanding of the nexus between migration and development.

7. Hosting of the Caribbean Symposium on Mainstreaming the Sustainable Development Goals into National Development Planning

Cabinet approved Jamaica hosting the Caribbean Symposium on Mainstreaming the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into National Development Planning over the period 13 to 16 February 2017 in Kingston.

The four-day event is being convened by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) Sub-regional Headquarters. The objective of the Symposium is to set the stage for a coordinated approach to planning, implementation and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The meeting is also expected to unearth best practices in mainstreaming the SDGs and the programme for the holistic development of small island developing states (SIDS), known as the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (S.A.M.O.A.) Pathway, into national development planning.

8. Completion of the FINSAC Commission of Enquiry Report

Cabinet:

- (i) approved an adjustment of the hours and hourly rates for persons engaged in the work of the Commission;
- (ii) confirmed that the duration of the exercise was to be no longer than seven months;
- (iii) agreed that there would be no extension beyond the seven-month period; and
- (iv) gave approval for the administration and monitoring of the Commission of Enquiry to be carried out by the Ministry of Justice.

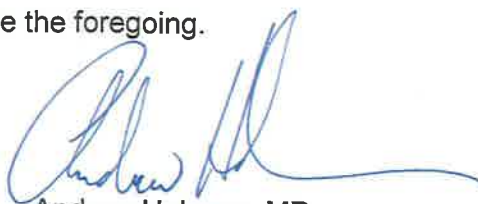
9. Shortlisting of Candidates for the Post of Director General – World Health Organization

Cabinet noted the recommendations for the shortlisting of candidates for the post of Director General of the World Health Organization (WHO) to be made at the Executive Board Meeting in January 2017, and agreed that recommendations for the following three candidates were to be made to the Meeting:

- (a) Professor Philippe Douste-Blazy, nominee of the Government of France;
- (b) Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, nominee of the Government of Ethiopia; and
- (c) Dr. David Nabarro, nominee of the Government of the United Kingdom.

Hon. Christopher Tufton, Minister of Health, is the Caribbean member state representative on the Executive Board of the WHO. The process of shortlisting these candidates involved consultations between Minister Tufton and other CARICOM Member States.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



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