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CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 23 JANUARY 2017

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 23 January 2017:

1. Contracts;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Board Appointments;
4. Competency Profile Instrument for Boards of Public Bodies;
5. Agreement for the Petrojam Refinery Expansion Project;
6. Merger of the Land Administration and Management Programme and the National Land Agency; and
7. A People's History of Jamaica: The Jamaica 50 Time Capsule.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

1.1. Procurement of Garbage Compactors for the National Solid Waste Management Authority

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$1,810,286.22 to Kingston Industrial Agencies, for the supply of eleven (11) International/McNeilus garbage compactor trucks for the National Solid Waste Management Authority.

The NSWMA's fleet currently consists of approximately fifty-two (52) functional company-owned trucks. In order to operate optimally, approximately one hundred and seventy two (172) trucks are required island-wide.

1.2. Procurement of Fire Boats for the Jamaica Fire Brigade

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the sum of US\$1,300,000.00 to Brunswick Commercial and Government Products Inc., for the procurement of two (2) fire boats for the Jamaica Fire Brigade.

Currently the Jamaica Fire Brigade is operating with only one (1) fire boat in its fleet which impairs the provision of effective coastal protection.

2. Annual Reports

Cabinet considered the Annual Reports of the:

- (i) Milk River Bath for the Financial Years 2010/2011, 2011/2012, 2012/2013, 2013/2014 and 2014/2015;
- (ii) Spectrum Management Authority for the Financial Year 2015/2016; and
- (iii) Water Resources Authority for the Financial Year 2013/2014 and 2014/2015.

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

3. Board Appointments

3.1. Management Institute for National Development

Cabinet approved the appointment of the Advisory Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 23 January 2017 to 22 January 2019, as under:

- 1) Professor Neville Ying – **Chairman**;
- 2) Dr. Lois Parkes;
- 3) Mr. Michael McAnuff Jones;
- 4) Mr. Wayne Jones, OD;
- 5) Mr. O'Neil Grant;
- 6) Mr. Steven Kerr; and
- 7) Miss Jodi Ann Paulwell.

4. Competency Profile Instrument for Boards of Public Bodies

Cabinet approved the implementation of a Competency Profile Instrument for the Boards of Public Bodies.

The Competency Profile Instrument for Boards of Public Bodies was developed based on a recommendation contained in the Corporate Governance Framework, previously adopted by the Government, which addresses the need for the Boards of Public Bodies to have the appropriate sets of skills and competencies, in order to enhance Board effectiveness and performance.

The purpose of the Instrument is to identify the core competencies required for Boards of Public Bodies; provide the required template for developing competency profiles for each Board; and provide portfolio Ministers and the Cabinet with a transparent and objective basis for the selection of Board members.

5. Agreement for the Petrojam Refinery Expansion Project

Cabinet authorized the Minister of Science, Energy and Technology and the Petroleum Corporation of Jamaica to execute an Agreement with the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Petróleos De Venezuela (PDVSA) for SINOHYDRO Corporation Limited to undertake the Petrojam Refinery Expansion Project (PREP).

Cabinet previously authorized the conversion of PDVSA's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to a binding agreement which would stipulate, *inter alia*, that SINOHYDRO would be the company to undertake the PREP, as recommended pursuant to the analysis concluded by PDVSA.

6. Merger of the Land Administration and Management Programme and the National Land Agency

Cabinet approved:

- (1) the merger of the Land Administration and Management Programme and the National Land Agency; and

(2) the extension of the tenure of the Land Administration and Management Programme beyond April 2017 for a period necessary to effect the merger of the Land Administration and Management Programme and the National Land Agency.

The merger forms a part of the proposal for land-related activities and entities within the Ministry with responsibility for land to be rationalized and streamlined, to separate responsibility for policy development from that for policy implementation. The consolidation is intended to achieve greater efficiency and effectiveness, as well as economies of scale and overall cost-savings in areas including staffing, physical facilities and equipment/machinery.

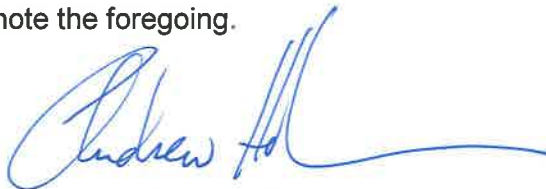
7. A People's History of Jamaica: The Jamaica 50 Time Capsule

Cabinet considered a report from the Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport, in connection with the launch of a Jamaica 50 Time Capsule in February 2017.

The report informed that a Time Capsule is a historic container of artefacts or materials, goods or information representative of a period; and is intended to be a method of communication with future generations to assist in an understanding of a past way of life.

The report advised of discussions between the Ministry responsible for Culture and the Department of History and Archaeology, University of the West Indies, Mona, on the creation of a Time Capsule to mark Jamaica's 50 years of Independence and years of research and collection. The Time Capsule is entitled; "A People's History of Jamaica 50"; and comprises two composite cylinders, which include a narrative of words, images and recordings and material items representative of life in Jamaica's first 50 years of independence. The cylinders are symbolically shaped as shipping barrels, a quintessentially Jamaican item, long known for use for sending goods from abroad to Jamaicans at home.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



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