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ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE JAMAICA VETERINARY BOARD FOR THE YEARS ENDED MARCH 31, 2004, 2005 & 2006

The matter for tabling in the Houses of Parliament is the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Jamaica Veterinary Board for the three years ended March 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006. The reports are being tabled in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of the Public Bodies Management and Accountability Act.

2. STATUS OF ANNUAL REPORTS

It should be noted that the Jamaica Veterinary Board has one annual report outstanding. The outstanding report is for the year 2015/16. The reports for the years 2006/07 to 2014/15 have recently been received, are being processed and will be submitted by the Ministry shortly.

3. FUNCTIONS OF THE JAMAICA VETERINARY BOARD

The functions of the Board are:

- to register veterinary surgeons and enroll animal health assistants;
- to regulate the training of persons for enrolment as animal health assistants;
- to appoint examiners to conduct such examinations in respect of persons applying for registration as veterinary surgeons and persons applying for enrolment as animal health assistants as may from time to time be necessary under the provisions of the Veterinary Act;
- to ensure the maintenance of acceptable standards of professional conduct by persons registered as veterinary surgeons or enrolled as animal health assistants, as the case may be, under the Veterinary Act.

4. BOARD MEETINGS

Over the three year period under review, the Jamaica Veterinary Board held regular monthly Board meetings. In addition to the regular Board meetings, the Board met for at least one special meeting. The Special Board Meeting of July 30, 2004 was held to facilitate the interview of candidates who sat the July 2004 National Examination for the Registration of Veterinarians (NERV).

5. REGISTRATION OF VETERINARIANS

The Board registered a total of thirteen persons to practice veterinary medicine for the three year period under review. These registrations were as follows:

Year	No. of Veterinarians Registered in	Total Veterinarians Registered to		
	Year	Practice in Jamaica		
2003/04	7	73		
2004/05	4	70		
2005/06	2	72		

In 2003/04, seven persons were approved for registration and the total veterinary surgeons in practice as at May 2003 was 73. For the 2004/05 year, four persons were registered and the total registered veterinarians in Jamaica in this year was 70. In the following year, two persons were registered to practice veterinary medicine, one of which, however, was a temporary registration for a period of one year. The total number of veterinarians who were registered as at 2005/06 was seventy-two (72).

6. VETERINARY ACT

In 2004/05 discussions began to have the Veterinary Act amended. By the end of the following year, recommendations for amendments to the act and regulations were completed. The main recommendations dealt with the increase of fines for breaches of the law. In addition to the above recommendations, other suggested changes to the act included a proposal for the provision of an annual Licencing Certificate which is contingent on the requirements for Continuing Veterinary Medical Education. Another recommendation for amendment to the act was to include, stated minimum standards for veterinary practices and facilities.

7. SALARY AND EMOLUMENTS

The emoluments of the Directors and Registrar for the years 2004/05 and 2005/06 are included at appendices I and II respectively. The table of emoluments for the year 2003/04 is absent as the records of payment to individual Directors cannot be located. However, information on the monthly and annual totals paid to the Directors is provided in the audited Financial Statements. Note that there are no senior executives employed to the Jamaica Veterinary Board. The administrative functions are performed by the Registrar.

8. AUDITOR'S REPORT

The financial statements of the Jamaica Veterinary Board were audited by the Auditor General. Over the three-year review period, the auditors have stated that proper accounting records have been kept and that the Receipt and Payment Statements are a fair representation of the financing transactions of the Jamaica Veterinary Board.

9. The Annual Reports and Audited Financial Statements of the Jamaica Veterinary Board for the three years ended March 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006 are hereby submitted to be tabled in the Houses of Parliament in accordance with Section 3 of the Public Bodies Management and Accountability Act.

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February 9, 2017

JAMAICA VETERINARY BOARD DIRECTORS' COMPENSATION 2004/05

Position of Director	Directors Fees (\$)	Motor Vehicle Upkeep/Travelling or Value of Assigned Motor Vehicle (\$)	Honoraria (\$)	All Other Compensation including Non- Cash Benefits as applicable (\$)	Total (\$)
Chairman	60,000.00		N/A	N/A	60,000.00
Board member 1	24,500.00	-	N/A	N/A	24,500.00
Board member 2	24,410.00	8	N/A	N/A	24,410.00
Board member 3	31,500.00	:	N/A	N/A	31,500.00
Board member 4	35,000.00	.	N/A	N/A	35,000.00
Registrar		-	N/A	330,000.00	330,000.00
Total	175,410.00	-	-	330,000.00	505,410.00

Notes

N.B. The Jamaica Veterinary Board is made up of a Chairman, four (4) Board Members and a Registrar. There are no Senior Executives employed to the Board.

The "Other Compensation" applicable to the Registrar represents emoluments.

JAMAICA VETERINARY BOARD DIRECTORS' COMPENSATION 2005/06

Position of Director	Directors Fees (\$)	Motor Vehicle Upkeep/Travelling or Value of Assigned Motor Vehicle (\$)	Honoraria (\$)	All Other Compensation including Non- Cash Benefits as applicable (\$)	Total (\$)
Chairman	54,000.00		N/A	N/A	54,000.00
Board member 1	21,000.00		N/A	N/A	21,000.00
Board member 2	38,500.00	•	N/A	N/A	38,500.00
Board member 3	24,500.00	-	N/A	N/A	24,500.00
Board member 4	31,500.00	-	N/A	N/A	31,500.00
Registrar 1	_	2 ≈ 2	N/A	150,000.00	150,000.00
Registrar 2	-	(#	N/A	120,000.00	120,000.00
Total	169,500.00	~	Ç₩.	270,000.00	439,500.00

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The "Other Compensation" applicable to the Registrars represents their emoluments.