

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 24 APRIL 2017

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 24 April 2017:

1. Contracts;
2. Legislation;
3. Annual Reports;
4. Board Appointment; and
5. Report.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Automation of the Government Electrical Inspection Processes Utilizing the Application Management and Data Automation (AMANDA) Software

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$533,995.00 to CSDC Systems Incorporated, for the automation of the processes of licensing electricians and electrical inspectors, electrical inspections and petroleum safety inspections for the Government Electrical Regulator (GER). The automation will be executed through the implementation of the Application Management and Data Automation (AMANDA) Software.

The GER will replace the Government Electrical Inspectorate (GEI) which had the responsibility for safety inspections of electrical installations, certifying all electrical installations, petroleum facilities and ensuring that they met the legislative and regulatory requirements. On average, the GEI processes 35,000 applications annually, using a highly manual system. The project will modernise and transform the system into an automated one which facilitates better workflow integration and timely output of deliverables.

(ii) Variation to the Montego Bay Free Zone Business Process Outsourcing – Foundation Works Contract to Include the Foundation Works for Three (3) Business Process Outsourcing Buildings at the Portmore Informatics Park

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$3,792,630.13 to China Harbour Engineering Company Limited, for the Montego Bay Free Zone Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) Project foundation works, to include the foundation works for Buildings 2, 3, and 4 at the Portmore Informatics Park, St. Catherine. The original contract sum was US\$4,930,986.79.

The construction of BPO facilities at this location is being expedited by dividing the work into specialised areas.

(iii) Award of Contract for the Construction of an Entry Lobby for the 63,000 Sq. Ft. Business Process Outsourcing Building at the Montego Bay Free Zone, Montego Bay, St. James.

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$929,358.75 to ZDA Construction Limited for the construction of an entry lobby for the Business Process Outsourcing Building at the Montego Bay Free Zone, Montego Bay.

The tremendous growth in the BPO industry in this location has led to a need for modern facilities, which include canopy, curtain wall, staircase, elevator shaft and elevator installation to meet safety and security requirements.

(iv) Award of Contract: Procurement of Works for the Early Childhood Plus – Early Childhood Development Centre, Kingston

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$68,894,905.00 to SM Quality Construction for the construction of the Early Stimulation Plus, Early Childhood Development Centre at 1A Ostend Close, Kingston 2.

The centre will support children, from birth to six years of age, who have challenges, such as cerebral palsy, autism, and other forms of mental and physical disability. The centre will be the second such facility in Kingston.

(v) Award of Contract to Jamaica Drip Irrigation Limited for the Hounslow Agro-Park Irrigation Works, St. Elizabeth, Under the Agriculture Competitiveness Programme

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$65,705,839.96 to Jamaica Drip Irrigation Limited for the Hounslow Agro-Park irrigation works.

The Hounslow Agro-Park is one of five being developed by the Agricultural Competitiveness Programme and is aimed at propelling the growth of the agriculture sector within the parish of St. Elizabeth.

(vi) Proposed Award of Contract to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) to Implement an Electronic Single Window (ESW) for International Trade Regulatory Processes for the Government of Jamaica

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$2,800,000.00 to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) for the implementation of a national Electronic Single Window (ESW) for regulatory processes concerned with international trade in goods.

The system is designed to automate the process of applying for permits, licences and other authorisations issued by the various MDAs involved in the regulation and facilitation of international trade in goods, and provide a single, on-line point for customers application and response routine, among other things.

(vii) Approval of Follow-on Procurement of Motor Vehicle Licence Plates

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$649,288,900.00 to Musson Jamaica Limited for the follow-on procurement of motor vehicle licence plates for Tax Administration Jamaica (TAJ) for a period of two years.

The TAJ is moving to a system of distance/camera readable licence plates employing Radio Frequency Identification Technology (RFID). However, as this transition has not yet been completed, the TAJ needed to renew the contract for one year to ensure a continued supply of licence plates, pending the implementation of the revised Road Traffic Act.

(viii) Placement of Insurances for the Airports Authority of Jamaica and the NMIA Airports Limited for Financial Years 2017/2018 to 2019/2020

Cabinet approved the award of a contract to CGM Gallagher Insurance Brokers Jamaica Limited to act as Brokers for the placement of the general insurances of the Airports Authority of Jamaica/NMIA Airports Limited, for the period 1 May 2017 to 30 April 2020, with the quoted premiums for the first year (1 May 2017 to 30 April 2018) as set out below:

- Placement of US\$ Designated Policies – US\$1,186,260.00; and
- Placement of J\$ Designated Policies – J\$1,084,310.00.

(ix) Award of Contract for Housing and Infrastructure Works at Longville Park Housing Development, Phase 2A, Clarendon

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$288,369,785.65 to Surrey Paving & Aggregate Company Limited for housing and infrastructure works to facilitate the Longville Park Housing Development (Phase 2A), Clarendon.

The infrastructure works will consist of roadways, potable water distribution, sewage network, storm water drainage system and housing units.

(x) Award of Contract for Civil Infrastructure Works at Sevens Housing Development, Bird's Hill, Clarendon

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$788,117,622.47 to Build-Rite Construction Company Limited to undertake civil infrastructure works at the Sevens Housing Development, Bird's Hill, Clarendon.

The National Housing Trust intends to develop the 120 hectares of land located at Sevens, to comprise residential and commercial lots. The infrastructure works will include the provision of roadways, potable water distribution and sewage network.

(xi) Award of Contract for the Maintenance Dredging of the PETROJAM Main Dock and EKT Dock  
Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$1,750,000.00 to Ocean Dredging DS Inc. for the dredging of the PETROJAM Main Dock and EKT Dock.

The dredging activities would improve the capability of the PETROJAM docks to accommodate larger ships.

## 2. Legislation

### The Property Tax (Validation and Amendment) Act 2017

Cabinet gave approval for the Bill entitled "The Property Tax (Validation and Amendment) Act, 2017" to be tabled in the Houses of Parliament.

The Bill seeks to amend the Property Tax Act to validate collections, pursuant to the 2013 property tax rate increases, to indemnify the Government and every person acting on its behalf from suit, to give permanent effect to the revised rates agreed by the Cabinet, and to provide for the new rates to be retroactive to 1 April 2017.

3. Annual Reports

Cabinet considered the Annual Reports of the:

- (i) Jamaica Dairy Development Board for the Financial Year 2014/2015;
- (ii) Early Childhood Commission for the Financial Year 2015/2016; and
- (iii) e-Learning Jamaica Company Limited for the Financial Year 2013/2014, 2014/2015, and 2015/2016.

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

4. Board Appointment

Airports Authority of Jamaica

Cabinet noted the appointment of Ms. Tanya Bedward to the Authority with effect from 1 May 2017 to 5 April 2019, when the tenure of the Board will expire.

5. Report

Impact of Weather System on the Island, 22 to 23 April 2017

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development in connection with heavy rains over the period 22 to 23 April 2017 and the consequent flooding in several parishes.

The report advised of extensive flooding, mainly in the parishes of St. Thomas, Clarendon, Portland, St. Catherine and St. Elizabeth; the opening of shelters and the distribution of relief supplies.

The report further informed of major damage to public infrastructure, private homes and properties; and that significant expenditure would be required for remedial works. The Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM), the Municipal Corporations, and the National Works Agency (NWA) were conducting assessments to enable the preparation of a detailed report; and the Minister would meet with personnel from those entities who would provide him with a comprehensive update on the situation.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.

  
Andrew Holness, MP  
Prime Minister  
30 May 2017