

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 8 & 15 MAY 2017

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meetings held on 8 & 15 May 2017:

1. Contract;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Board Appointments;
4. National Council on Reparations;
5. Notification of Jamaica's Category B and C Commitments to the World Trade Organisation (WTO); and
6. Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contract

Provision of Security Services to the Jamaica Urban Transit Company Limited (JUTC)

Cabinet approved the award of a two-year contract to Shalk Electronic Security Company Limited for the provision of security services to the Jamaica Urban Transit Company Limited (JUTC), valued at \$93,948,528.00 per year for two years (2017-2019).

The JUTC requires both armed and unarmed security guard services at its various locations to ensure the safety of its staff members, customers and the fleet.

2. Annual Reports

Cabinet considered the Annual Reports of the:

- (i) Banana Board for the year ended 31 December 2015; and
- (ii) Rural Electrification Programme Limited for the Financial Year 2012/2013.

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

3. Board Appointments

(i) Board of Management of the African Caribbean Institute of Jamaica/Jamaica Memory Bank/ Liberty Hall

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three years, with effect from 8 May 2017 to 7 May 2020:

- 1) Mr. Steven Golding – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Delroy Morgan – **Co-Chairman**;
- 3) Ms. Kenisha Allen;
- 4) Dr. Clinton Hutton;
- 5) Mr. Delroy Thompson;
- 6) Mr. Bernard Jankee;

- 7) Ms. Donna McFarlane;
- 8) Mr. Dorrick Gray;
- 9) Ms. Hazel Ramsay;
- 10) Dr. Kathleen Monteith; and
- 11) Mr. Vivian Crawford, *ex officio*.

(ii) Council of the University of Technology, Jamaica (UTech)

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Council with effect from 8 May 2017 and up to 8 May 2019, when the tenure of the Council will expire:

- 1) Mr. Granville Knight; and
- 2) Dr. Rickert Allen.

(iii) Institute of Sports Limited (INSPORTS)

Cabinet approved the appointment of Ms. Rhona Morgan to the Board, with effect from 15 May 2017 to 12 June 2018, when the tenure of the Board will expire.

(iv) Legal Aid Council

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Council for a period of two years, with effect from 8 May 2017 to 7 May 2019:

- 1) Ms. Jacqueline Cummings – **Chairman**;
- 2) Honourable Mr. Justice Evan Brown;
- 3) Miss Claudette Thompson;
- 4) Mrs. Susan Reid-Jones;
- 5) Mrs. Anya Jones;
- 6) Miss Nardia Andrews;
- 7) Miss Tamekia Harris;
- 8) Mr. Hugh Wilson;
- 9) Ms. Michelle Champagnie;
- 10) Ms. Nancy Anderson;
- 11) Mr. Richard Stewart; and
- 12) Dr. Anna Perkin.

4. National Council on Reparations

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Council with effect from 8 May 2017, and up to 19 June 2019, when the tenure of the Council will expire:

- 1) Mr. Vivian Crawford;
- 2) Dr. Janice Lindsay; and
- 3) Mr. Garth Whyte.

5. Notification of Jamaica's Category B and C Commitments to the World Trade Organization

Cabinet endorsed the inclusion of two omitted measures on the list of Category B commitments to be notified by Jamaica to the World Trade Organization (WTO), at the entry into force of the Organization's Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA). Cabinet also approved the submission of Jamaica's Category B and Category C commitments to the World Trade Organization.

The TFA is a multilateral agreement that requires Member States of the WTO to implement a variety of reforms to remove certain procedural obstacles and barriers to international trade. It entered into force on 22 February 2017 and was ratified by a two-thirds majority of the WTO membership.

## 6. Reports

(i) CARIFORUM Ministerial Consultations on the Caribbean in the European Union/CELAC Partnership, the Future of the ACP, and the Future of ACP-EU Relations Post-Cotonou

Cabinet received a report on the CARIFORUM Ministerial Consultations on the Caribbean in the European Union/CELAC Partnership, the future of the ACP, and the future of ACP-EU relations Post-Cotonou which took place in Kingston, Jamaica over the period 29 to 30 March 2017

Information was provided on CARIFORUM's strategy on the future of the ACP Group and the future of ACP-EU Relations post-2020 when the Cotonou Partnership Agreement (CPA) would expire, the status of the EU/CELAC Partnership, and the options for CARIFORUM in respect of trade with the United Kingdom (UK) post-Brexit.

(ii) Open Government Partnership – Promoting Transparency, Empowering Citizens, Fighting Corruption, and Harnessing New Technologies to Strengthen Governance

Cabinet considered a report on the Open Government Partnership (OGP) Paris Summit 2016, held in Paris, France over the period 7 to 9 December 2016.

The OGP is a global effort to make governments more transparent, effective and accountable to its citizens, through institutions that empower people and are responsive to their aspirations.

(iii) The 140<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva, and Mission to the United Kingdom (UK)

Cabinet received a report on the participation by a delegation led by the Minister of Health in the 140<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization (WHO) held in Geneva, Switzerland and a Mission to the United Kingdom (UK).

The Note highlighted issues discussed at the Executive Board of the WHO, which included antimicrobial resistance, human resources for health, vector control, non-communicable diseases, and the world drug problem. The Report also provided information on discussions relating to bilateral cooperation between Jamaica and the UK on the matter of specialist nurses.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



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