

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 12 JUNE 2017

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 12 June 2017:

1. Contracts;
2. Legislation;
3. Annual Reports;
4. Request for Proposals and Draft Concession Agreement for Norman Manley International Airport (NMIA); and
5. Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Construction of a Proposed Fifth Form Block at Mount St. Joseph Catholic High School, Manchester

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$99,426,475.00 to Surrey Paving and Aggregate Company Limited for the construction of a Fifth Form block at the Mount St. Joseph Catholic High School in Mandeville, Manchester.

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Information, in a Memorandum of Understanding with the Roman Catholic Bishop of Mandeville, agreed to create additional spaces at the Mount St. Joseph Catholic High School in Mandeville, Manchester.

(ii) Procurement and Distribution of Textbooks under the Primary Textbook Programme for 2017/2018

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$1,687,667.72 to Carlong Publishers (Caribbean) Limited for the supply and distribution of primary textbooks for students of Grades 1 to 3 across the island, under the Primary Textbook Programme 2017/2018.

Carlong Publishers were determined to have the textbooks most aligned with the current curriculum for Grades 1 to 3.

(iii) Procurement of an Aeronautical Information Management System for the Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$2,754,849.00 to IDS North America Limited for the supply, delivery, installation, testing and commissioning of an Aeronautical Information Management (AIM) System for the Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority.

The implementation of an AIM System is a priority and strategic objective that is integral to the harmonization, capacity, efficiency and safety of the regional airspace which will enhance the flow of information necessary for the safety, regularity and efficiency of air navigation in the region.

2. Legislation

- (i) The Civil Aviation (Amendment) Act, 2017;
- (ii) The Tourism Enhancement (Amendment) Act, 2017; and
- (iii) The Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Act, 2017

Cabinet approved the Bills entitled “The Civil Aviation (Amendment) Act, 2017”; “The Tourism Enhancement (Amendment) Act, 2017”; and “The Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Act, 2017” for tabling in the Houses of Parliament.

The Bills seek to effect the de-earmarking and redirecting of funds from the Tourism Enhancement Fund, the Culture, Health, Arts, Sports and Education (CHASE) Fund and the Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority to the Consolidated Fund.

3. Annual Reports

Cabinet considered the Annual Reports of the:

- (i) Clarendon Alumina Production (CAP) Limited for the Financial Year 2015/2016;
- (ii) Jamaica Business Development Corporation (JBDC) for the Financial Years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016; and
- (iii) Jamaica International Free Zone Development Limited for the Financial Year 2015/2016.

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

4. Request for Proposals and Draft Concession Agreement for Norman Manley International Airport (NMIA)

Cabinet:

- (i) approved the issuance of the Request for Proposals and the Concession Agreement to prequalified bidders for the Norman Manley International Airport (NMIA) Public Private Partnership; and
- (ii) authorized the Enterprise Team, supported by the International Finance Corporation and the Development Bank of Jamaica, to negotiate the terms of the final Concession Agreement to facilitate the submission of bid proposals for a thirty-year concession to complete the planned modernization and expansion of the Norman Manley International Airport and to improve the efficiency of the operations.

The Government of Jamaica is seeking to attract private sector investment in the NMIA, in order to enhance the competitiveness of the airport, improve service standards and operational efficiency in line with international best practice, leverage private sector investment to improve facilities and operations, and monetize the optimal value of the asset.

5. Reports

(i) The Essex Valley Agricultural Development Project (EVADP)

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation in connection with the Essex Valley Agricultural Development Project (EVADP) in St. Elizabeth.

The report advised that the objective of the EVADP was to attract private investments to boost agricultural production and productivity in South St. Elizabeth in order to alleviate poverty, increase food security, and contribute to economic growth. The expected outcome would be the enhanced production and productivity of farmers in Essex Valley in a socially inclusive, gender-equitable, and climate-sensitive manner.

The report further advised that funding was secured for the Project through a grant from the United Kingdom Caribbean Infrastructure Partnership Fund (UK-CIF), administered by the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB).

The project would be implemented through the National Irrigation Commission (NIC) and was expected to be fully implemented by 31 August 2022.

(ii) Update on Inter-Ministerial Consultations in the Enforcement of the Public Health (Tobacco Control) Regulations, 2013

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Health which provided an update on inter-ministerial consultations regarding the enforcement of the Public Health (Tobacco Control) Regulations, 2013.

The report provided information on Jamaica's obligations under the World Health Organization (WHO); Jamaica's compliance with treaty obligations, including the Government's plans and other initiatives, pursuant to the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) obligations; inter-ministerial implementation of Jamaica's treaty obligations; the enforcement activities; and the disclosure requirements in accordance with Section 11 of the Tobacco Control Regulations.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.

  
Andrew Holness, MP  
Prime Minister  
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