

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 3 JULY 2017

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 3 July 2017:

1. Contract;
2. Legislation;
3. Annual Report;
4. Board Appointment;
5. Rescission of Approval for the Sale of Lands at Success Estate, Rose Hall, St. James to Celebrate Jamaica Development Limited;
6. Renaming of The Bellevue Primary and Junior High School as The Perth Town Academy;
7. The Privatization and Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Programme; and
8. Report on Prequalified Bidders for the Norman Manley International Airport Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Transaction.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contract

Lathbury Barracks Redevelopment Project at Up Park Camp

Cabinet approved the award of a contract to M&M Jamaica Limited in the sum of \$1,531,604,615.80 for the construction of accommodation and administrative buildings for the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) at Up Park Camp.

The Lathbury Barracks Redevelopment Project began in 2006 with a Memorandum of Understanding among the National Land Agency, National Housing Trust, the Ministry Finance and the Public Service and the Jamaica Defence Force.

2. Legislation

The Processed Food (Amendment) Act, 2017

Cabinet approved the Bill entitled “The Processed Food (Amendment) Act, 2017” for tabling in the Houses of Parliament.

The Bill seeks to remove the requirement for export certificates in order to facilitate the implementation of the Automated System for Customs Data (ASYCUDA), a web-based system designed to transform the Jamaica Customs Agency into a paperless operation using electronic documents.

3. Annual Report

Cabinet considered the Annual Report of the Montego Bay Metro Company Limited for the Financial Year 2007/2008. The Report will be tabled in Parliament at a later date.

4. Board Appointment

Appeal Tribunal of the Financial Services Commission (FSC)

Cabinet approved the appointment of Honourable Mr. Justice (ret'd) Lloyd Hibbert to the Appeal Tribunal with effect from 3 July 2017 and up to 1 May 2019, when the tenure of the Tribunal will expire.

5. Rescission of Approval for the Sale of Lands at Success Estate, Rose Hall, St. James to Celebration Jamaica Development Limited

Cabinet approved the rescission of approvals previously granted for:

- (i) the Urban Development Corporation to divest to Celebration Jamaica Development Limited 96½ acres of land situated at Success Estate known as Northern Estate, St. James, for US\$40.1 million; and
- (ii) the extension of the period of payment from one to three years with a revised payment schedule.

By correspondence to the Urban Development Corporation, Celebration Jamaica Development Limited has indicated that the company is unable to meet the terms prescribed for the acquisition of the land.

6. Renaming of The Bellevue Primary and Junior High as The Perth Town Academy

Cabinet approved the renaming of The Bellevue Primary and Junior High School as The Perth Town Academy, which will be classified as a Grade 1 High School, with effect from 1 September 2017.

The proposal for the renaming of the school highlighted considerations including discrimination related to the name association with the Bellevue Hospital for the mentally challenged; that the name change will foster increased support from the community and greater visibility of the school; and that the institution will include students with special needs and incorporate the Career Advancement Programme (CAP).

7. The Privatisation and Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Programme

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation regarding the status of the implementation of recommendations of the Economic Growth Council (EGC) as included in the Memorandum of Economic and Financial Policies regarding the Privatisation and Public-Private Partnership Programme of the Government of Jamaica (GOJ).

The report provided information on the comprehensive economic growth programme of the Government of Jamaica; the focus of the economic reform programme; the recommendations by the EGC to stimulate the utilisation of dormant and underutilised assets of the Government of Jamaica through asset sales and privatisation; and issues identified in relation to existing mechanisms and processes for asset sales and privatisation transactions.

8. Prequalified Bidders for the Norman Manley International Airport Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Transaction

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation regarding the Norman Manley International Airport Public-Private Partnership (PPP) transaction and the

prequalified bidders therefor. Cabinet was reminded that the approval for the divestment of the Norman Manley International Airport was a strategic priority for the Government of Jamaica; an Enterprise Team had been established to manage the process; and the Development Bank of Jamaica had been engaged as Transaction Managers.

The report provided information on the Invitation for the Prequalification Process conducted, the submission and evaluation of proposals, the prequalified entities, and the indicative timelines for the transaction process.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



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