

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 10 JULY 2017

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 10 July 2017:

1. Contracts;
2. Legislation;
3. Annual Reports;
4. Board Appointments;
5. Acquisition of Lands by the National Irrigation Commission Limited (NIC) and the Agro-Investment Corporation (AIC) for the Essex Valley Agricultural Development Project (EVADP);
6. The Proposed Development of a Board Performance Evaluation Instrument for Boards of Public Bodies;
7. The Transfer of the Assets of the Rapid Response Programme (RRP) to the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development; and
8. National Water Commission Negril Water Supply Improvement Project.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Civil Infrastructure Works at Hellshire Housing Development (Phase 2), St. Catherine

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$202,684,450.00 to Surrey Paving and Aggregate Company Limited for infrastructure works at Hellshire Housing Development, Phase 2 located in St. Catherine.

The works under this contract will comprise 92 serviced lots, located approximately 10 km from the Portmore Town Centre.

(ii) Housing and Infrastructure Works for Hellshire Housing Development (Phase 3), St. Catherine

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$1,140,243,220.23 to West Indies Home Contractors Limited for housing and infrastructure works at Hellshire Housing Development, Phase 3 located in St. Catherine.

The contract will entail the development of the complete housing scheme, comprising 91 2-bedroom housing units, civil infrastructure and 23 serviced lots.

2. Legislation

The Road Traffic (Temporary Ticket Amnesty) Act, 2017

Cabinet approved the Bill entitled "The Road Traffic (Temporary Ticket Amnesty) Act, 2017" for tabling in the Houses of Parliament.

The Bill seeks to provide for the implementation of an amnesty for unpaid traffic tickets, for a period of approximately three months, from 2 August 2017 to 31 October 2017.

3. Annual Reports

Cabinet considered the Annual Reports of the:

- (i) Financial Services Commission for the Financial Year 2015/2016;
- (ii) National Social Protection Committee for the Year 2016; and
- (iii) Montego Bay Metro Company Limited for the Financial Year 2008/2009.

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

4. Board Appointments

(i) Cornwall Regional Hospital Management Committee

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. Dwight Crawford and Mr. Colin Murray to the Management Committee with effect from 11 July 2017 to 24 April 2019 when the tenure of the Committee will expire.

(ii) Land Administration and Management Programme (LAMP) Fund

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. Mark Croskery to the Board with effect from 10 July 2017, and up to 24 April 2019 when the tenure of the Board will expire.

(iii) Western Regional Health Authority

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. David Lowe as a member and Chairman of the Board of Management, with effect from 11 July 2017, to 31 March 2019 when the tenure of the Board will expire.

5. Acquisition of Lands by the National Irrigation Commission Limited (NIC) and the Agro-Investment Corporation (AIC) for the Essex Valley Agricultural Development Project (EVADP)

Cabinet approved the acquisition by the National Irrigation Commission Limited and the Agro-Investment Corporation, inclusive of compulsory acquisition where necessary, of 20.25 acres of land in the parishes of Manchester and St. Elizabeth. Cabinet also directed that there should be collaboration with the Ministry of Commerce, Industry, Agriculture and Fisheries for a determination of the assistance to be provided to the existing Agro-parks, accordingly.

The objective of the EVADP is to generate comprehensive and cohesive agricultural development in St. Elizabeth. The project is being financed by way of grant funding in the sum of £35,515,000.00.

6. The Proposed Development of a Board Performance Evaluation Instrument for Boards of Public Bodies

Cabinet approved the implementation of a Board Performance Evaluation Instrument for Boards of Public Bodies, commencing with a pilot in April 2018 among identified Public Bodies, followed by a full roll-out in April 2019, and agreed that data and other information from the pilot exercise should be incorporated into the Instrument and adjustments made accordingly for the full roll-out in April 2019, subject to final approval by the Cabinet.

The objective of a Board Performance Evaluation Instrument for the Boards of Public Bodies is improved transparency, efficiency and effectiveness, with respect to the performance of Public Bodies and Boards thereof, with the outcome of creating greater value in governance.

7. The Transfer of the Assets of the Rapid Response Programme to the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development

Cabinet approved the transfer of serviceable assets of the Rapid Response Programme from the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation to the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development.

The effective date for the transfer of assets of the Rapid Response Programme to the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development was 1 July 2017.

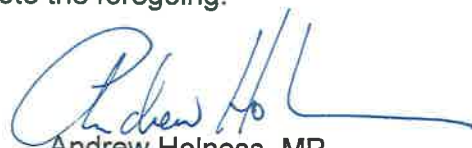
8. National Water Commission Negril Water Supply Improvement Project

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation in connection with measures being undertaken by the National Water Commission (NWC) to mitigate the water shortage in the north-western parishes corridor, defined as Negril to Runaway Bay.

The report advised of an increasing demand for water along the corridor over the past ten years, due to population growth and urban and economic developments, including the construction of new hotels; the consequent threat to the tourism industry and the economy of the general area; and the consequent establishment by the NWC of a system of regulation as a means of ensuring a more equitable distribution of the limited supply.

The report outlined initiatives and projects being undertaken to mitigate the water supply issues, including pipe replacement along the corridor and the rehabilitation of the Roaring River Water Treatment Plant; the scope and schedule of the projects and the expected benefits; the estimated costs; and the contracting and financing methodologies.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



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