

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 29 AUGUST 2017

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 29 August 2017:

1. Contracts;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Board Appointments;
4. Sale of Land – Section of Parochial Road Number 48, Beverley, St. Ann;
5. Ninth Replenishment of the Special Development Fund of the Caribbean Development Bank;
6. Candidature to the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) 2017-2021;
7. Agreement between the Government of Jamaica and the Government of the Republic of Chile on Bilateral Cooperation in the Field of Sports;
8. Hosting of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Regional Workshop on Security of Radioactive Material in Transport, 4-8 December 2017;
9. NFE South Power Holdings Limited: Issuance of Generation Licence;
10. Withdrawal and Demonetization of \$0.01, \$0.10 and \$0.25 Coins; and
11. Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Follow-on Procurement of Motor Vehicle Consumables

Cabinet approved the award of a follow-on contract in the amount of £542,567.48 (approximately J\$92,236,471.60) for the provision of motor vehicle consumables to De La Rue International Limited by Tax Administration Jamaica.

De La Rue is a major global provider of motor vehicle consumables such as licence decals or stickers, vehicle registration certificates, motor vehicle certificates of title, teslins and laminates, as well as the software used in the production of driver's licence cards.

(ii) Establishment of the Information Communication Technology Authority for the Government of Jamaica

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$1,164,993.00 to PricewaterhouseCoopers Tax and Advisory Services Limited, for the provision of organizational assessment, business process reengineering, job analysis and design, and change management services for e-GOV Jamaica and for the establishment of the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Authority for the Government of Jamaica.

The establishment of an ICT Authority under the mandate of the Ministry of Science, Energy and Technology is a key component of the Road Map and Action Plan for the transformation of the entire ICT services for the Government of Jamaica.

(iii) Renewal of Licences for Check Point Firewall Subscription Agreement for e-GOV Jamaica Limited

Cabinet's approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$473,708.06, inclusive of General Consumption Tax, to Fujitsu Caribbean (Jamaica) Limited, for the renewal of licences for Check Point Firewall Subscription Agreement for e-GOV Jamaica Limited for the period 2017-2019.

e-GOV Jamaica Limited maintains a centrally managed Check Point firewall infrastructure to facilitate connectivity between itself and various clients in an effort to secure the data infrastructure of the Government of Jamaica.

(iv) Provision of General Insurance Coverage and Brokerage Services for the Period 2017-2020 – National Water Commission

Cabinet's approved the award of a brokerage contract for one year only, to Marathon Insurance Brokers Limited for the provision of general insurance coverage and brokerage services for the National Water Commission, in the amount of US\$825,000.00 for United States Dollar Denominated Risks and J\$12,978,425.00 for Jamaican Dollar Denominated Risks, exclusive of General Consumption Tax.

The National Water Commission has a diverse and spatially separated set of assets which it protects through a risk management programme. The purchase of commercial insurance represents a key component of this programme.

2. Annual Reports

Cabinet considered the Annual Reports of the:

- (i) National Family Planning Board for the Financial Year 2014/2015; and
- (ii) National Health Fund for the Financial Year 2015/2016;

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

3. Board Appointments

Falmouth Hospital Management Committee

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. Jonathan Bartley and Mr. Obrien Miller to the Falmouth Hospital Management Committee, with effect from 29 August 2017 and up to 8 May 2019, when the tenure of the Board will expire.

4. Sale of Land – Section of Parochial Road Number 48, Beverley, St. Ann

Cabinet approved the sale of a section of Parochial Road Number 48 to Karisma Jamaica Development Corporation, at a cost of \$5 million, to form part of a resort development in

Beverley, St. Ann; and directed that Karisma be required to commence construction within one year after the finalisation of the sales agreement;

Karisma Jamaica Development Corporation had previously acquired lands in Beverly for development purposes. The referenced section of the Parochial Road, which had been deemed to be abandoned for over ten years, traverses lands owned by Karisma and is inaccessible to motorists and pedestrians.

5. Ninth Replenishment of the Special Development Fund of the Caribbean Development Bank
Cabinet gave approval for the Government of Jamaica to contribute US\$11,079,000.00 toward the Ninth Replenishment of the resources of the Special Development Fund (SDF) of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) over the four-year contribution cycle, commencing 1 January 2017. Jamaica will contribute US\$2,769,750.00 annually over the four-year cycle by way of instalments of annual cash payments of US\$692,437.50 and an annual issue of Promissory Notes valued at US\$2,077,312.50 each.

Approval was also given for Jamaica to sign the Instrument of Contribution, and submit a copy of the relevant Extract from the House of Representatives to the Caribbean Development Bank, along with the Instrument, to affirm that all the procedures had been put in place for Jamaica to make the Ninth Replenishment contribution.

The SDF has been an integral part of the operations of the CDB since its establishment in 1970. The Ninth Replenishment of the SDF will finance the concessionary lending programme for the four-year period starting 1 January 2017 and represents a key instrument in enabling the SDF to address poverty, human development and the diverse elements of vulnerability in Borrowing Member Countries of the CDB.

6. Candidature to the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) 2017-2021

Cabinet approved Jamaica's candidature for the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for the period 2017 to 2021.

The Executive Board, in representing the 195 Member States and 10 Associate Members of the UNESCO, ensures the overall management of the UNESCO.

7. Agreement between the Government of Jamaica and the Government of the Republic of Chile on Bilateral Cooperation in the Field of Sports

Cabinet approved the signing of the Agreement between the Government of Jamaica and the Government of the Republic of Chile on Bilateral Cooperation in the Field of Sports, and for the signing to be done during the official visit by the Prime Minister to the Republic of Chile on 30 August 2017.

The Agreement provides a framework for cooperation in sports and recreation, incorporating education and training, and is built on the existing Framework of Technical and Scientific

Cooperation that was signed in April 1992. This is intended to strengthen bilateral relations and be mutually beneficial.

8. Hosting of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Regional Workshop on Security of Radioactive Material in Transport, 4–8 December 2017

Cabinet approved Jamaica's hosting of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Regional Workshop on Security of Radioactive Material in Transport, over the period 4 to 8 December 2017, at the University of the West Indies, Mona.

The purpose of the workshop is to provide training and information regarding the security of nuclear and radioactive materials during transport. The workshop will also provide a forum for the establishment of a regional network dedicated to strengthening the safety of transport of radioactive material.

9. NFE South Power Holdings Limited: Issuance of Generation Licence

Cabinet gave authorization for the Minister of Science, Energy and Technology to execute the licence in favour of NFE South Power Holdings Limited to generate up to 94 Megawatts of electricity to the national grid.

The replacement of 290 Megawatts of obsolete electricity generation capacity has been completed through retooling and the addition of renewable energy generation, in accordance with targets set therefor.

10. Withdrawal and Demonetization of \$0.01, \$0.10 and \$0.25 Coins

Cabinet approved the demonetization of the \$0.01, \$0.10 and \$0.25 coins, pursuant to subsections 16(1) and 16(3) of the Bank of Jamaica Act, thereby resulting in the \$1.00 becoming the lowest coin denomination.

An assessment of the denominational structure of Jamaica's circulation coins has indicated a decline in the use of the three lower coin denominations since 2005 and decreasing redemption rates to the Bank of Jamaica. In addition, a cost-efficiency assessment has shown that the manufacturing costs consistently exceed the face value of the coins.

11. Reports

(i) Outcome of the Twentieth Meeting of the Council on Community and Foreign Relations (COFCOR), Bridgetown, Barbados

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade which provided information on the Twentieth Meeting of the Council on Community and Foreign Relations (COFCOR) held in Bridgetown, Barbados over the period 18 and 19 May 2017.

The report provided summary information on the discussions, which included key international events and their impact on international cooperation and the sustainable development of the region; the situation in Venezuela; improved policy cooperation and implementation of agreed initiatives within COFCOR; the African, Caribbean and Pacific

Group of States-European Union (ACP-EU) relationship; a successor arrangement to the Cotonou Agreement; and BREXIT.

(ii) Bilateral Meeting Between CARIFORUM Ministers and the European Union (EU) Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development, Cancun, Mexico

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade which provided information on the bilateral meeting between CARIFORUM Ministers and the European Union (EU) Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development held in Cancun, Mexico on 22 June 2017.

The report provided summary information on the discussions, which included the ACP-EU relationship and a successor arrangement to the Cotonou Agreement, BREXIT, sustainable development challenges, the CARIFORUM-EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA), correspondent banking and de-risking, and EU-Caribbean cooperation.

Information was also provided on bilateral discussions between the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade and the EU Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development on, inter alia, development cooperation between Jamaica and the EU, the environment, gender, national security, and matters related to the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



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