

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 11 SEPTEMBER 2017

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 11 September 2017:

1. Contract;
2. National Youth Policy;
3. Development of an Integrated Results-Based Management Policy for the Government of Jamaica; and
4. Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contract

Construction of an Office Facility at 4 Windsor Road, St. Ann's Bay, St. Ann

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the sum of \$513,263,479.49, by the National Insurance Fund to M&M Jamaica Limited, for the construction of a two-storey office building to accommodate the St. Ann Parish Office of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security at 4 Windsor Road, St. Ann's Bay, St. Ann.

The operations of the Ministry, particularly the National Insurance Scheme (NIS), have significantly outgrown the existing accommodation. In addition, this space shortage is compounded by the extensive physical deterioration of the building. Consequently, the National Insurance Fund (NIF) is seeking to redevelop the facility.

2. National Youth Policy 2017-2030

Cabinet approved the National Youth Policy 2017-2030 for tabling in the Houses of Parliament as a White Paper.

The Policy establishes a framework within which the youth can be supported to pursue their goals; and it outlines action areas that are transformational and achievable. The Policy has six priority areas:

- (i) Education and Training;
- (ii) Health and Well-Being;
- (iii) Employment and Entrepreneurship;
- (iv) Youth Participation;
- (v) Social Inclusion and Reintegration; and
- (vi) Institutional and Youth Sector Arrangements.

3. Development of an Integrated Results-Based Management Policy for the Government of Jamaica

Cabinet approved the development of a policy for the institutionalisation of an Integrated Results-Based Management (IRBM) system within the Government of Jamaica.

The IRBM policy will provide strategies, actions and processes to strengthen and fully integrate the existing systems for planning, budgeting, resource management, and monitoring and evaluation of performance at the individual, organizational and sectoral levels.

The Policy will also define the operating framework and general management guidelines and processes at all levels of the public sector, to support the integration of strategy, resources, measurement, assessment, evaluation, and reporting processes. It will also improve decision-making and transparency and accountability, and support the achievement of national outcomes.

4. Reports

(i) Total Systems Failure at the Kingston Air Traffic Control Centre

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Transport and Mining, about the total systems failure at the Kingston Air Traffic Control Centre (KATCC) at the headquarters of the Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority (JCAA) at 4 Winchester Road in Kingston on Friday, 8 September 2017, which resulted in a shutdown of the Jamaican airspace.

The report advised that a lightning-strike at 2:50 p.m. associated with Hurricane Irma caused significant damage to the equipment and systems at the KATCC and the JCAA access control systems, despite the JCAA's investment in enhanced lightning protection systems. The JCAA's maintenance service provider, Aeronautical Telecommunications Limited (AEROTEL) Services, was engaged to effect repairs, which required international sourcing of parts and consulting services on an emergency basis, and initial assessments showed damage in the order of US\$200,000.00.

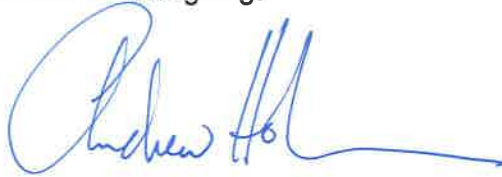
It further advised of the immediate action taken that had restored limited service levels; and the further action required and being pursued for a return to full operations, the timelines therefor, and progress toward a full restoration of air traffic services.

(ii) The Sixth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS VI), Kazan, Russia; and Consultations Held with Groups in London, United Kingdom on Jamaica House, London, and Initiatives for Sport Development

Cabinet considered a report from the Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport regarding her participation at the Sixth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS VI) held in Kazan, Russia from 13 to 15 July 2017; and consultations held in London, United Kingdom (UK) regarding Jamaica House, London, and initiatives for sport development.

The report outlined discussions at the Conference on the key themes of inclusive universal access to sport, physical education and physical activity, maximizing the contribution of sport to sustainable development and peace, and protecting the integrity of sport; bilateral meetings held, including discussions on cooperation in sport and sport development; and meetings in the UK with the Jamaican Diaspora and other key groups.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



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5 October 2017

