

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 13 NOVEMBER 2017

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 13 November 2017:

1. Contract;
2. Legislation;
3. Annual Reports;
4. Board Appointments; and
5. Acquisition of Parcels of Land Required for the Ferris Cross to Mackfield Road Improvement Project.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contract

Provision of Security Guard Services at the Ministry of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$191,930,895.75 to Shalk Electronic Security Limited, for the provision of security guard services at the Ministry of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries facilities islandwide for a period of two years.

The contractor is expected to provide effective security for the Ministry's personnel, equipment, material and property at all its locations.

2. Legislation

The Protection of Geographical Indications (Amendment) Act, 2017

Cabinet gave approval for the Bill entitled "The Protection of Geographical Indications (Amendment) Act, 2017" to be tabled in the Houses of Parliament.

The Bill seeks to provide an absolute level of protection on geographical indications of goods, including wines and spirits, in keeping with Article 23.1 of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights Agreement, thereby preventing a designation of a product as being made other than in the true place of origin.

3. Annual Reports

Cabinet considered Annual Reports of the:

- (i) Coconut Industry Board for the Year ended 31 December 2016;
- (ii) eGov Jamaica Limited for the Financial Year 2016/2017;
- (iii) Micro Investment Development Agency for the Financial Year 2016/2017; and
- (iv) University Hospital of the West Indies for the Financial Years 2010/2011, 2011/2012, 2012/2013 and 2013/2014.

The Reports are to be tabled in Parliament.

4. Board Appointments

Boards of Visitors for the Adult and Juvenile Correctional and Remand Centres

Cabinet approved the following appointments:

- (i) Mr. Aldon Currie to the Horizon Adult Remand Centre Board of Visitors;
- (ii) Ms. Sashagay Edwards to the Richmond Farm Adult Correctional Centre;
- (iii) Dr. Carolyn Jackson to the Metcalfe Street Secure Juvenile Centre Board of Visitors; and
- (iv) Mr. Raymond Wright to the Tamarind Farm Adult Correctional Centre Board of Visitors.

5. Acquisition of Parcels of Land Required for the Ferris Cross to Mackfield Road Improvement Project

Cabinet approved the acquisition, through the National Land Agency (NLA) and utilising the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act, of 309 parcels of land, inclusive of 40 structures, with an estimated area of 60,000 square metres between the Ferris Gas Station (at the intersection of the White House to Savanna-La-Mar main road and the Ferris Cross to Mackfield main road) and Mackfield, just north of the Westmoreland and Hanover border, which are likely to be needed for the implementation of the Ferris Cross to Mackfield Road Improvement Project under the Major Infrastructure Development Programme (MIDP).

The Ferris Cross to Mackfield Road is 14km in length and is a major connector between the parishes of Westmoreland, Hanover and St. James. The road is being upgraded to accommodate existing traffic demand, reduce travel time, improve driver and pedestrian safety and in keeping with plans for future growth.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Andrew Holness, MP  
Prime Minister  
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