

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 5 FEBRUARY 2018

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 5 February 2018:

1. Contracts;
2. Annual Report;
3. Board Appointment;
4. Proposal for Increased Benefits to Government Pensioners;
5. Submission of the Nomination Dossier for Port Royal to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage List; and
6. E-Policing Initiative: A Comprehensive Plan of Activities to Improve the Technology Capability of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF).

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

Jamaica National Service Corps Multi-Purpose Training Facility and the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) Western Bases.

Cabinet approved the award of:

- (i) a contract in the sum of \$517,988,912.00 to M&M Jamaica Limited for the construction of a multi-purpose training facility for the Jamaica National Service Corps (JNSC) at the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) Headquarters, Up Park Camp; and
- (ii) a contract in the sum of \$605,382,456.42 to West Indies Home Contractors Limited for the construction of accommodation facilities in western Jamaica.

The JNSC programme is aimed at engaging at risk and unattached youth, as well as allowing for general admission of eligible applicants to the JDF, after the initial one-year enrolment and training period, provided that the training criteria and other standards are met. The establishment of this programme has led to the need for additional facilities at Up Park Camp and expansion of JDF facilities in western Jamaica.

2. Annual Report

Cabinet noted the Annual Report for the Cocoa Industry Board for the year ended 30 September 2015. The Report will be tabled in Parliament.

3. Board Appointment

Caribbean Airlines Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. Zachary Harding, JP as the Government of Jamaica Director on the Board of Caribbean Airlines Limited, with effect from 15 February 2018 to 15 February 2021, in accordance with the Shareholders' Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago/Caribbean Airlines Limited and the Government of Jamaica/Air Jamaica Limited.

4. Proposal for Increased Benefits to Government Pensioners

Cabinet gave approval for increases to Government pensioners, including widows/widowers and dependants, with effect from 1 July 2017.

The sum of \$600 million has been allocated for the Financial Year 2017/18 for the provision of increases to Government pensioners, spouses and dependents. The model for the provision sees increases, ranging from \$1,280.00 per month for pensioners receiving \$60,001.00 and over per month to \$2,850.00 per month for retirees receiving a pension of up to \$34,000.00 per month.

5. Submission of the Nomination Dossier for Port Royal to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage List

Cabinet approved Jamaica's submission of the Port Royal nomination dossier for possible inscription on the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization World Heritage List.

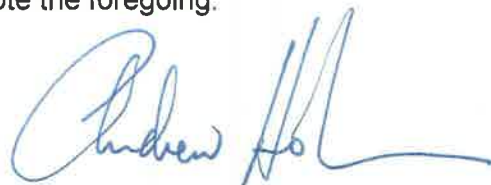
The nomination dossier emphasised Port Royal's rich history of piracy, economic growth and development before the 1692 earthquake, as well as the underwater archaeological site. If the site is accepted to the World Heritage list, this could result in improved access to funding arising from an increase in international visibility for Port Royal.

6. E-Policing Initiative: A Comprehensive Plan of Activities to Improve the Technology Capability of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF)

Cabinet approved the various activities outlined in a plan entitled "*E-Policing Initiative: A Comprehensive Plan of Activities to Improve the Technology Capability of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF)*".

The plan is centred on the implementation of a comprehensive raft of activities aimed at improving the technological capability of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) and the ability of the JCF to combat crime and violence.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



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Prime Minister

29 March 2018