

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 12 MARCH 2018

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 12 March 2018:

1. Contracts;
2. Legislation;
3. Annual Report;
4. Board Appointments;
5. The Establishment of the National Compliance and Regulatory Authority (NCRA);
6. Further Technical Assistance to the Ministry of Health from the United Nations Office of Project Services (UNOPS) at the Cornwall Regional Hospital;
7. Approval of the Bernard Lodge Land Use Master Plan;
8. Candidature to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage;
9. Approval for Jamaica to Host the LatinFinance 2018 Caribbean Investment Forum; and
10. Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Supply of Pharmaceuticals for the Jamaica Drugs for the Elderly Programme (JADEP)

Cabinet approved:

- a. the award of a contract in the amount of \$67,605,432.00 to Cari-Med Limited/Apotex Inc. for the supply of pharmaceuticals through the National Health Fund for a period of 24 months; and
- b. the award of contract in the amount of US\$1,527,101.00 to Massy Distributors (Jamaica) Limited for the supply of pharmaceuticals for the Jamaica Drugs for the Elderly Programme (JADEP) for a period of 24 months.

JADEP is managed by the National Health Fund with the objective of enabling Jamaican residents 60 years and older to have improved access to essential pharmaceuticals for the management and control of 10 non-communicable diseases.

(ii) Infrastructure Works at the Maxfield Park Housing Development, St. Andrew

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$100,887,175.00 to Surrey Paving & Aggregate Company Limited for infrastructure works at the Maxfield Park Housing Development, Kingston.

The Maxfield Park Housing Development is in keeping with the National Housing Trust's strategic objective of improving its contribution to national development through

housing with focus being given to the implementation of the project in support of the Community Improvement Programme.

2. Legislation

The Trusts Act, 2018

Cabinet approved the Bill entitled "The Trusts Act, 2018" for tabling in the Houses of Parliament.

The Bill seeks to modernize the statutory framework for the creation, administration and maintenance of Jamaican and foreign trusts in Jamaica.

3. Annual Report

Cabinet noted the Annual Report for the Land Administration and Management Programme (LAMP) Fund for the Financial Year 2011/2012. The Report will be tabled in Parliament.

4. Board Appointments

(i) Jamaica National Heritage Trust (JNHT)

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. Christopher Whyms-Stone to the Board of Trustees with effect from 12 March 2018, and up to 17 April 2019 when the tenure of the Board will expire.

(ii) Jamaica Productivity Centre Advisory Board

Cabinet approved the appointment of Ms. Beatrice Rhoden and Mr. Lyndon Ford to the Advisory Board with effect from 12 March 2018, and up to 17 October 2019 when the tenure of the Board will expire.

(iii) University of Technology, Jamaica (UTech)

Cabinet approved the appointment of Professor Nilza Aples to the Council with effect from 12 March 2018, and up to 8 May 2019 when the tenure of the Board will expire.

5. The Establishment of the National Compliance and Regulatory Authority (NCRA)

Cabinet gave approval for the establishment of a National Compliance and Regulatory Authority (NCRA) as a statutory body with regulatory functions, previously discharged by the Bureau of Standards Jamaica (BSJ), to replace the current interim National Compliance and Regulatory Authority.

The separation of the regulatory functions from the BSJ is being implemented due to conflict of interest considerations and incompatibility with World Trade Organization (WTO) requirements.

6. Further Technical Assistance to the Ministry of Health from the United Nations Office of Project Services at the Cornwall Regional Hospital

Cabinet approved the request by the Ministry of Health for an extension, for a further period of 10 months, of the Memorandum of Agreement for technical assistance from the United Nations Office of Project Services (UNOPS) with respect to the Cornwall Regional Hospital (CRH).

It has become necessary to extend and vary the technical assistance being provided by the UNOPS for the CRH, in the light of technical assessments conducted on the infrastructure of the hospital and issues that have arisen during the rehabilitation process.

7. Approval of the Bernard Lodge Land Use Master Plan

Cabinet approved:

- (i) the Bernard Lodge Land Use Master Plan for a site comprising 1,893 hectares (4,677 acres) of lands; and
- (ii) the appointment of an Enterprise Team.

The Bernard Lodge Master Plan is a comprehensive integrated spatial plan that has been prepared by the National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA) to guide the orderly and sustainable development of the Bernard Lodge lands.

8. Candidature to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage

Cabinet approved Jamaica's candidature to the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage for the period 2018 to 2022.

The core functions of the Intergovernmental Committee are to promote the objectives of the Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage; to provide guidance on best practices; and to make recommendations on measures for the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage.

9. Approval for Jamaica to Host the LatinFinance 2018 Caribbean Investment Forum

Cabinet approved Jamaica's hosting of the LatinFinance 2018 Caribbean Investment Forum on 12 April 2018 in Montego Bay, St. James.

LatinFinance is the leading source of intelligence on the financial markets and economies of Latin America and the Caribbean.

10. Reports

- (i) 106<sup>th</sup> Session of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) Council of Ministers Brussels, Belgium

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade in connection with the 106<sup>th</sup> Session of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of

States (ACP) Council of Ministers, held 5 to 6 December 2017 in Brussels, Belgium, which was attended by a Jamaican delegation led by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade.

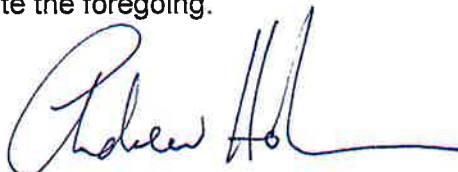
The report provided an overview of the discussions of the 106<sup>th</sup> Session of the ACP Council of Ministers, and details of the 9<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Consultations on Commodities and the Meeting of the Development Finance Committee (DFC) that preceded the ACP Council meeting. The main issues were in relation to trade in agriculture, notably sugar and bananas; the future of the ACP Group; ACP-European Union (EU) relations post-2020; the United Kingdom's exit from the EU (BREXIT); human development; human rights; humanitarian aid to Haiti; and trade negotiations.

(ii) Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) of the University of the West Indies (UWI)

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information in connection with the annual meeting of the Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) of the University of West Indies (UWI), held from 5 to 7 March 2018 at the Mona Campus, UWI.

The Note advised of the Terms of Reference and composition of the Committees, which are convened annually as part of the budget process of the UWI for the purpose of reviewing the budgets of the UWI campuses and the University Hospital of the West Indies (UHWI).

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



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Prime Minister

24 April 2018