

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 19 MARCH 2018

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 19 March 2018:

1. Contracts;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Board Appointments;
4. Amendment to the Caymanas Special Economic Zone Enterprise Team;
5. Approval for Jamaica to Participate in the Mutual Education and Cultural Exchange Act (MECEA) of 1961 Programme of the United States of America (USA);
6. Naming of Phase 2A of Highway 2000 North South Link from Caymanas to Ocho Rios (Mammee Bay), Including the Mount Rosser Bypass “The Edward Phillip George Seaga Highway”; and
7. Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) The Provision of Ship Handling Services to Petrojam Limited

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$244,876,056.65 to A.E. Parnell & Company Limited, for the provision of ship handling services for Petrojam Limited for a period of 36 months.

Ship handling and launch services are critical to the operations of the Petrojam Limited oil refinery.

(ii) Procurement of an Online Passport Application System from the Canadian Bank Note Company Limited

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$1,200,000.00 to the Canadian Bank Note Company Limited for the provision of an online passport application system for the Passport, Immigration and Citizenship Agency (PICA).

This online passport application system is in keeping with PICA’s strategic objective and priority action to securely use technology to improve its service delivery.

(iii) Insurance Placement for the National Housing Trust for the 2018/2019 – 2020/2021 Contract Period

Cabinet approved:

- 1) the award of an insurance brokerage contract to Allied Insurance Brokers Limited for the management of the general insurance portfolio and the placement of insurance coverage for the risk portfolio of the National Housing Trust (NHT), for the three financial years 2018/2019, 2019/2020 and 2020/2021; and

- 2) the placement of the insurance contract for the first year as follows:
  - (a) Houseowners Comprehensive with British Caribbean Insurance Company Limited fronting overseas insurers led by Lloyd's Syndicate MSF Pritchard 318 et al, at a cost of US\$8,321,420.00, excluding General Consumption Tax (GCT);
  - (b) Excess Liability Layer (Public, Employers and Motor Third Party Liability) with Lloyd's Syndicate Axis Capital Holding 1686 at a cost of J\$225,000.00, excluding GCT;
  - (c) Combined Property and Business Interruption All Risks, Computers, Art Work, Loss of Money and Fidelity Guarantee, Employers and General Liability and Motor Risk with BCIC at a cost of J\$64,409,367.00, excluding GCT; and
  - (d) Crime and Internet Banking with Lloyd's Syndicate AUL 1274 and DUAL Corporate Risks for a premium of US\$49,500.00, excluding GCT.

The NHT's previous contract for the management of its General Insurance Portfolio was to come to an end on 31 March 2018, thus necessitating this procurement.

(iv) Infrastructure Works at the Villages of Colbeck Castle Housing Development (Phases 3 & 4), St. Catherine and Clarendon

Cabinet approved the award of a contract to Ashtrom Building Systems Limited in the amount of \$887,302,988.42., to carry out infrastructure works at the Villages of Colbeck Castle Housing Development (Phases 3 and 4) in St. Catherine and Clarendon.

The development will take place on lands 2.7 kilometres northwest of the Old Harbour Town Centre and straddles the boundary between the parishes of St Catherine and Clarendon.

(v) Civil Infrastructure Works for Windsor Housing Development, Trelawny

Cabinet approved the award of a contract to Trevor Dunkley and Company Limited in the amount of \$400,017,400.00 to carry out civil infrastructure works at the Windsor Housing Development in Trelawny.

The construction of this development falls under the National Housing Trust's Strategic Priority to increase housing completions by providing approximately two hundred and twelve (212) housing solutions.

2. Annual Reports

Cabinet noted the Annual Reports for the:

- (i) Consumer Affairs Commission for the Financial Year 2015/2016; and
- (ii) Sugar Industry Authority for the Crop Year 2014/2015.

The Reports will be tabled in Parliament.

3. Board Appointments

(i) College of Agriculture, Science and Education (CASE)

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. S. Arturo Stewart and Mr. Dwight Blackwood to the Board of Management with effect from 19 March 2018, and up to 24 April 2019 when the tenure of the Board will expire.

(ii) Commission of Strata Corporations

Cabinet approved the appointment of current member Mr. Kevin Richards as Chairman of the Commission and the appointment of Mr. Richard Ferdinand to the Commission, both with effect from 19 March 2018 and up to 24 April 2018 when the tenure of the Board will expire.

(iii) Firearm Licensing Authority

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Authority, with effect from 19 March 2018 to 31 March 2021:

- 1) Mrs. Ena Rose – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mrs. Fay Ann Hutchinson;
- 3) Mr. Albert Edwards;
- 4) Justice Marva McIntosh; and
- 5) Mrs. Aneacia Neita.

(iv) Real Estate Board

Cabinet approved the appointment of current member Mr. Kevin Richards as Chairman of the Board and the appointment of Mr. Richard Ferdinand to the Board, both with effect from 19 March 2018 and up to 1 May 2018 when the tenure of the Board will expire.

4. Amendment to the Caymanas Special Economic Zone Enterprise Team

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of Mr. William Tavares-Finson to the Caymanas Special Economic Zone Enterprise Team with effect from 19 March 2018.

5. Approval for Jamaica to Participate in the Mutual Education and Cultural Exchange Act (MECEA) of 1961 Programme of the United States of America (USA)

Cabinet approved Jamaica's participation in the Mutual Education and Cultural Exchange Act Programme, and for the Embassy of Jamaica in Washington, DC to submit the necessary commitment to the United States Department of State.

The Mutual Education and Cultural Exchange Act (MECEA) authorizes the US Department of State to approve cultural programmes operated jointly by the USA and other countries. The Programme allows visits to participating countries by members of Congress to engage with their international political counterparts.

6. Naming of Phase 2A of Highway 2000 North South Link from Caymanas to Ocho Rios (Mammee Bay), Including the Mount Rosser Bypass “The Edward Phillip George Seaga Highway”

Cabinet approved the naming of Phase 2A of the Highway 2000 North South link from Caymanas to Ocho Rios (Mammee Bay), including the Mount Rosser Bypass, as “The Edward Phillip George Seaga Highway”, in honour of the former Prime Minister.

The re-naming is intended to show recognition for the contribution of The Most Hon. Edward Seaga to Jamaica’s development.

7. Reports

(i) Report on Meeting with the Diaspora Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Advisory Committee

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information, to which was attached a report on discussions in Jamaica over the period 8 to 19 January 2018 on the development of a robust Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Programme in Jamaica, which discussions were initiated by the Minister and Ministry of Education, Youth and Information with Atlanta-based representatives of the Diaspora STEM Advisory Committee.

The report outlined the objectives of the discussions to explore strategies to develop a STEM-based education system to promote applied science and technology-based businesses and industries for the socio-economic development of Jamaica. It further outlined proposals from the discussions on the engagement of students at the early childhood, primary, secondary, and post-secondary levels to encourage a culture of innovation, entrepreneurship, change, and enthusiasm about science and technology, and strategies to generate employment and other opportunities for the youth population.

(ii) Report on Trip to Cuba by the Minister of Education, Youth and Information

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information which provided a report on overseas travel to Cuba from 12 to 16 February 2018 by a delegation led by the Minister of Education, Youth and Information.

The report advised of the purpose of the visit to have dialogue, exchange best practices, and establish new networks for cooperation between universities; and outlined bilateral initiatives developed and others to be pursued.

(iii) Report of the Commission on the Strategic Review of the Mandate of the National Housing Trust

Cabinet considered a report from the Office of the Prime Minister regarding the Report of the Commission on the Strategic Review of the mandate of the National Housing Trust (NHT).

The report advised of the establishment of the Commission in October 2016 to examine the operations of the NHT, the structure of the Jamaican housing finance sector, and structural and non-structural measures required to reform the public segment of the housing finance sector.

The report advised of the membership of the Commission; the deliberations and main recommendations of the Commission; the methodology and approach utilized; and the intention of the Prime Minister to table the Report in Parliament.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Andrew Holness, MP  
Prime Minister  
24 April 2018

