

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 26 MARCH 2018

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 26 March 2018:

1. Contracts;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Board Appointments;
4. National Policy on Environmental Management Systems for Jamaica;
5. Jamaica's Hosting of the 27<sup>th</sup> Caribbean Water and Wastewater Association (CWWA) Conference and Exhibition During 8-12 October 2018; and
6. Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Civil Infrastructure Works at Jacksonville Housing Development, Clarendon

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$141,679,405.00 to N.F. Barnes Construction & Equipment Company Limited to undertake civil infrastructure works at Jacksonville Housing Development, Clarendon.

These housing solutions are targeting low and middle-income contributors, as well as sugar workers who have been relocated from divested land. The project is being undertaken as a joint venture with SCJ Holdings Limited and the lands form a part of the Monymusk Sugar Estate.

(ii) The Supply and Installation of Air-Conditioning and Ventilation Works at the Cornwall Regional Hospital

Cabinet approved the award of a contract for a duration of eight months in the amount of \$512,779,981.70 to Arel Limited for the supply and installation of air-conditioning and ventilation works at the Cornwall Regional Hospital.

The works will entail the supply and installation of a Ventilation & Air Conditioning (VAC) System with all the equipment and systems necessary for full air conditioning of all areas of the Cornwall Regional Hospital as prescribed by the designs and specifications.

(iii) Renewal of Insurance Coverage for the Port Authority of Jamaica for the Period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019

Cabinet approved the third renewal of the Port Authority of Jamaica's insurance portfolio in the amount of US\$1,404,293.00 for United States Dollar denominated risks and J\$19,612,199.00 for Jamaican Dollar denominated risks, through Marathon Insurance Brokers Limited.

The various insurance policies cover risk for the following entities: Port Authority of Jamaica, Jamaica International Freezone Development Limited, Ports Management and Security Limited and Port Authority Management Services Limited.

2. Annual Reports

Cabinet noted the Annual Reports for the:

- (i) Financial Sector Adjustment Company Limited for the Financial Year 2016/2017; and
- (ii) General Legal Council for the Financial Year 2016/2017.

The Reports will be tabled in Parliament.

3. Board Appointments

(i) University Council of Jamaica (UCJ)

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. Howard Isaacs to the University Council of Jamaica with effect from 26 March 2018, and up to 31 March 2019 when the tenure of the Council will expire.

(ii) Petrojam Limited

Cabinet:

- a) gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board of Directors:
  - 1) Mr. Percival Bahado-Singh – **Chairman**;
  - 2) Mr. Richard Creary;
  - 3) Mr. Harold Malcolm;
  - 4) Mr. William Martinez – PDVSA Representative;
  - 5) Mr. Jesús Sánchez – PDVSA Representative; and
  - 6) Mr. Carlo Rauseo – PDVSA Representative;
- b) noted that the appointment of Mr. Percival Bahado-Singh as Chairman was until 22 November 2018, as per the Joint Venture Agreement; and
- c) agreed that the appointment of the Board would be for a period of two years, with effect from 4 April 2018 to 3 April 2020.

4. National Policy on Environmental Management Systems for Jamaica

Cabinet approved the National Policy on Environmental Management Systems for Jamaica as a Green Paper, and its tabling in Parliament accordingly.

The intent of the Policy is to stimulate businesses, the public sector and municipalities to improve environmental performance by controlling, reducing and mitigating any negative impact of their activities on the environment, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

5. Hosting of the 27<sup>th</sup> Caribbean Water and Wastewater Association (CWWA) Conference and Exhibition During 8-12 October 2018

Cabinet gave approval for Jamaica to host the 27<sup>th</sup> Caribbean Water and Wastewater Association (CWWA) Conference and Exhibition from 8 to 12 October 2018 in Montego Bay, St. James.

The Conference is anticipated to generate discussions on sustainable climate resilient solutions to mitigate the challenges that plague the water, wastewater and solid waste sectors in the Caribbean.

6. Report

Jamaica's Preparation for its Voluntary National Review at the United Nations (UN) High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development: July 2018

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation in connection with the intention to present Jamaica's Voluntary National Review (VNR) Report to the United Nations (UN) High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development.

The report advised that the purpose of VNRs was to track the progress in all countries in implementing the SDGs; Jamaica was scheduled to deliver its first VNR Report to the HLPF of the UN; and the HLPF was set for 9 to 18 July 2018 at the UN Headquarters and was part of the follow-up and review process for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

It further advised of efforts by the Government in 2017 to strengthen national coordination and monitoring mechanisms for implementation of the SDGs and improve awareness of the SDGs; the structure and content of the VNR Report, and the processes, stakeholder engagement and consultations that informed the preparation thereof; and the procedures for presentation of the Report.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.

  
Andrew Holness, MP  
Prime Minister  
24 April 2018

