

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 3 APRIL 2018

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 3 April 2018:

1. Legislation;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Board Appointments; and
4. Review of Monetary Penalties in the Laws of Jamaica.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Legislation

The Gun Court (Amendment) Act, 2018

Cabinet approved the Bill entitled “The Gun Court (Amendment) Act, 2018” for tabling in the Houses of Parliament.

The Bill seeks to provide for non-capital murder offences committed with a firearm to be tried in the Circuit Court Division of the Gun Court by a judge sitting without a jury.

2. Annual Reports

Cabinet noted the Annual Reports for the:

- (i) National Housing Trust for the Financial Year 2016/2017; and
- (ii) Registrar General’s Department for the Financial Years 2010/2011, 2011/2012, 2012/2013, 2013/2014, 2014/2015 and 2015/2016.

The Reports will be tabled in Parliament.

3. Board Appointments

(i) Bath Corporation

Cabinet approved the appointment of a new Board of Directors as under, for a period of two (2) years with effect from 3 March 2018 to 2 March 2020:

- 1) Mr. Michael McLeod – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Kadian Francis – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Mr. James Palmer;
- 4) Ms. Melvina Phidd;
- 5) Ms. Judy McKenzie Lawrence;
- 6) Mr. Denton Edwards; and
- 7) Mr. Julian Patrick.

(ii) Caribbean Maritime University

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Council for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 3 April 2018 and to 2 April 2020:

- 1) Mrs. Hyacinth Bennett – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Ishmael Leon;
- 3) Mrs. Hortense Ross-Innerarity;
- 4) Mrs. Denise Lynn-Fatt;
- 5) Mr. Roger Hinds;
- 6) Mrs. Corah-Ann Robertson-Sylvester;
- 7) Dr. Taneisha Ingleton;
- 8) Mr. Emerson Alleyne;
- 9) Mr. Ainsworth Darby;
- 10) Mr. David Powell;
- 11) Mrs. Evette Smith-Johnson;
- 12) Professor Noel Brown;
- 13) Mr. Laren Vidal;
- 14) Professor Fritz Pinnock – *ex officio*;
- 15) Professor Ibrahim Ajagunna – *ex officio*;
- 16) Mr. Devon Gardner – *ex officio*;
- 17) Ms. Marjorie Kennedy – *ex officio*;
- 18) Mr. Romaine Wallace – *ex officio*;
- 19) Representative, University of the West Indies; and
- 20) Representative, University of Technology, Jamaica.

(iii) Devon House Development Company

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board of Directors for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 3 April 2018 to 2 April 2020:

- 1) Mr. Geoffrey Messado – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Mignon Jean Wright – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Ms. Dorothy Carter-Bradford;
- 4) Mrs. Thalia Lyn;
- 5) Mrs. Diana Stewart;
- 6) Mrs. Jean Barnes;
- 7) Ms. Geneel Attala;
- 8) Ms. Sophia Williams;
- 9) Dr. Janice Lindsay;
- 10) Ms. Ann Hodges;
- 11) Mr. Martin Lyn;
- 12) Ms. Dawn Hyde;
- 13) Honourable Marigold Harding, CD; and
- 14) Ms. Samantha Chantrelle.

(iv) Jamaica Tourist Board

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. Donovan White to the Board of Directors with effect from 3 April 2018, and up to 31 March 2019 when the tenure of the Board will expire.

(v) Jamaica Vacations Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 3 April 2018 to 2 April 2020:

- 1) Mr. Bertram Wright – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. John Lynch;
- 3) Ms. Tricia Ann Bicarrie;
- 4) Ms. Angella Bennett;
- 5) Mr. Gary Sadler;
- 6) Mr. Rafael Echevarne;
- 7) Mr. Lloyd Barnett; and
- 8) Mr. Lionel Reid.

(vi) SCJ Holdings Limited

National Sugar Company Limited

Long Pond Sugar Company Limited

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Boards of Directors for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 3 April 2018 to 2 April 2020:

- 1) Mr. Joseph Shoucair – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Stephanie Muir;
- 3) Mr. John Plummer;
- 4) Mr. Dave Hylton;
- 5) Mr. Danville Walker;
- 6) Mr. Gary Coulton; and
- 7) Dr. Horace Charoo.

(vii) Tourism Enhancement Fund

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. Donovan White to the Board of Directors with effect from 3 April 2018, and up to 31 March 2019 when the tenure of the Board will expire.

(viii) Tourism Product Development Company

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board of Directors for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 3 April 2018 to 2 April 2020:

- 1) Mr. Ian Dear – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Laura Heron – **Vice Chairman**;
- 3) Mr. Chris Jarrett;
- 4) Mrs. Marilyn Burrowes;
- 5) Ms. Vana Taylor;
- 6) Mr. Johnny Gourzong;
- 7) Mr. Robin Delisser;

- 8) Mr. Tyrone Robinson;
- 9) Ms. Latoya Harris;
- 10) Mr. Christopher Whyms-Stone;
- 11) Mr. Michael Baugh;
- 12) Mr. Evatt Bloomfield; and
- 13) Mr. Oludiad Brown.

4. Review of Monetary Penalties in the Laws of Jamaica

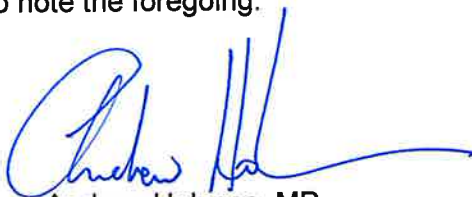
Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Justice in connection with the review of monetary penalties in the laws of Jamaica.

The report advised of the purpose of the review to identify legislation with monetary penalties that required updating, having become outdated and ineffective over time; the factors that culminated in the decision for the review to be conducted; the scope of the review; and the commencement of the project on 1 May 2017 and completion on 9 March 2018.

It further advised that penalty provisions in 244 of the 834 Acts reviewed required consideration for updating; and information thereon had been provided to the portfolio Ministries, including the steps required and timelines therefor.

The report informed that the Legal Reform Department would advise on omnibus classification systems for monetary penalties to enable simplified periodic updating, such as were in place in other jurisdictions.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Andrew Holness, MP
Prime Minister
May 2018