

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 11 JUNE 2018

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 11 June 2018:

1. Contract;
2. Annual Report;
3. Board Appointments;
4. Integration of the Functions of the Management Authority Established under and by virtue of the Protection of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture Act into the Ministry of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries;
5. Jamaica's Membership in the Open Government Partnership; and
6. Annual Report on Land Divestment for 2016/2017.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contract

Procurement of DVOR/DME (Doppler VHF Omni-Range Distance Measuring Equipment) for the Sangster and Norman Manley International Airports

Cabinet approved the award of a contract by the Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority in the amount of US\$1,654,267.40 to Intelcam Technosystems for the supply and installation of the Doppler VHF Omni-Range Distance Measuring Equipment at the Sangster and Norman Manley International Airports.

This procurement is a part of the Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority's upgrading and modernisation initiative which is aimed at ensuring compliance with the global "One Sky" programme embarked on by the International Civil Aviation Organisation.

2. Annual Report

Cabinet considered the Annual Report for the Ports Management Security Limited for the Financial Year 2016/2017.

The Report will be tabled in Parliament.

3. Board Appointments

(i) Hazardous Substances Regulatory Authority

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Authority for a period of three (3) years with effect from 11 June 2018 to 10 June 2021:

- 1) Professor Ishenkumba Kahwa – **Chairman**;
- 2) Dr. Deon Dick;
- 3) Dr. Beverley Wright;
- 4) Dr. Anthony Greenaway;

- 5) Dr. Leary Myers;
- 6) Mrs. Yvette Sutherland-Reid;
- 7) Mr. Peter Knight;
- 8) Dr. Jacqueline Bisasor McKenzie (*ex officio*); and
- 9) Director General, Hazardous Substances Regulatory Authority (*ex officio*).

(ii) Jamaica Tourist Board Tribunal

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Tribunal for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 11 June 2018 and up to 10 June 2020:

- 1) Honourable Mr. Justice Ian Forte (retired), OJ, CD, QC, JP – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Winston Dear; and
- 3) Ms. Sue McManus.

(iii) Milk River Hotel and Spa

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. Ray Sinclair to the Board of Directors, with effect from 11 June 2018 and up to 12 June 2019, when the tenure of the Board will expire.

(iv) National Insurance Fund

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Advisory Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 11 June 2018 and up to 10 June 2020:

- 1) Mr. Lennox Elvy – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Jason Morris – **Vice Chairman**;
- 3) Mr. Barry Chisholm;
- 4) Mr. Joseph Issa;
- 5) Mrs. Nesta Claire Smith-Hunter;
- 6) Mrs. Marjorie Cole-Smith;
- 7) Senator Kavan Gayle;
- 8) Ms. Gianna Neil;
- 9) Mrs. Nicole Foster-Pusey, QC;
- 10) Mr. Karl Williams;
- 11) Ms. Tova Hamilton;
- 12) Mr. Phillip Bernard;
- 13) Mr. Andre Hutchinson;
- 14) Senator Matthew Samuda;
- 15) Mr. Dunstan Bryan;
- 16) Mrs. Cheryl Sylvester James; and
- 17) Mrs. Camille Bennett-Campbell (*ex officio*).

(v) River Rafting Authority

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Authority for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 11 June 2018 to 10 June 2020:

- 1) Mr. Fred Smith – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Derron Wood;
- 3) Mr. Michael Baugh;

- 4) Mr. Dennis Meadows;
- 5) Ms. Kerry Chambers;
- 6) Dr. Andrew Spencer;

**ex officio**

- 7) Mr. John Lynch;
- 8) Mr. Donovan White;
- 9) Mrs. Nicola Madden-Greig;
- 10) Mr. Paul Simpson;
- 11) Mr. Bertram Wright;
- 12) Mr. Josef Forstmayr;
- 13) Mr. Godfrey Dyer;
- 14) Mr. Wayne Cummings;
- 15) Mr. Phillip Hofer;
- 16) Mr. Lionel Reid; and
- 17) Ms. Hyacinth Lightbourne.

(vi) Rural Agricultural Development Authority

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to Authority for a period of three (3) years with effect from 11 June 2018 and up to 10 June 2021:

- 1) Mr. Michael Stern – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Nigel Myrie – **Vice Chairman**;
- 3) Mr. Lennox Powell;
- 4) Mr. Warren Newby;
- 5) Mr. Anthony Scott;
- 6) Mr. Novell Quest;
- 7) Mr. Donald McDonald;
- 8) Mr. Wayne Hays;
- 9) Mr. Toney Ward;
- 10) Mr. Christopher Gentles;
- 11) Mrs. Olive Downer-Walsh;
- 12) Mrs. Lola Marshall Williams;
- 13) Ms. Annette Henry;
- 14) Ms. Winsome Crodale; and
- 15) Ms. Shanique Smith.

4. Integration of the Functions of the Management Authority Established under and by virtue of the Protection of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture Act into the Ministry of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries

Cabinet approved:

- (i) the integration of certain functions of the Management Authority that was established under and by virtue of the Protection of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture Act into the Ministry of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries, and the establishment of a Plant Genetic Resource Advisory Task Force in order to carry out the advisory functions; and

- (ii) Cabinet also approved the issuing of drafting instructions to the Chief Parliamentary Counsel to implement this proposal.

The rationalisation exercise aims to increase the overall effectiveness of public service delivery, reduce the cost of Government, and contribute to economic growth.

5. Jamaica's Membership in the Open Government Partnership

Cabinet gave approval for:

- (i) the preparation of a National Action Plan in keeping with the Open Government Partnership "Participation and Co-Creation Standards", for the approval of the Cabinet and submission to the Open Government Partnership (OGP);
- (ii) the participation of appropriate Government departments and agencies, along with local civil society organisations and other stakeholders, through a multi-stakeholder forum, in the development of the National Action Plan;
- (iii) the appointment of the Minister without Portfolio in the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service, as the OGP Ministerial Focal Point with responsibility for coordinating all OGP activities, and reporting through the Minister of Finance and the Public Service to the Cabinet;
- (iv) the designation of the Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ) as the Government of Jamaica OGP Lead Agency, reporting to the Cabinet through the Minister of Finance and the Public Service; and
- (v) the establishment of an OGP Unit in the PIOJ with support staff to coordinate all OGP administrative activities and provide secretariat support to stakeholders who would collaborate in the development of the National Action Plan.

As a member of the OGP, Jamaica is required to undertake certain prescribed activities as a demonstration of the country's commitment to the principles of open government. These include identifying a lead Ministry/Agency and points of contacts, developing a National Action Plan (NAP) and establishing a multi-stakeholder forum.

6. Annual Report on Land Divestment for 2016/2017

Cabinet noted the Annual Report on land divestment for the fiscal year 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017, and noted that it would be tabled in the Houses of Parliament.

The Report provided information on parcels of land divested, successful applicants, the intended use of the land and the price of the land.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.

  
Andrew Holness, MP  
Prime Minister  
31 July 2018