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CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 18 JUNE 2018

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 18 June 2018:

1. Contracts;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Board Appointments;
4. Ratification of the Amendment to the Air Services Agreement between the Government of Jamaica and the Government of the United States of America (USA);
5. Policy Development;
6. Voluntary National Review Report on the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; and
7. Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Acquisition of Patrol Vehicles for the Jamaica Defence Force

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$7,436,430.00 to Toyota Jamaica Limited for the provision of 159 patrol vehicles for the Jamaica Defence Force.

Although not purpose-built for military applications, the selected Toyota model with modifications, has proven to be very effective for the purposes of the Jamaica Defence Force.

(ii) Follow-on Contract with Canadian Bank Note Limited for the Maintenance and Support of the Jamaica Passport Issuance and Control System

Cabinet approved a follow-on contract in the amount of US\$594,184.00 to Canadian Bank Note Company Limited for the provision of maintenance and support services for the Jamaican Passport Issuance and Control System for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 1 June 2017.

The Jamaican Passport Issuance and Control System is the system whereby blank passport books are personalised by the Passport, Immigration and Citizenship Agency.

(iii) Follow-on Works to Upgrade the Power Supply and Add an Additional Microwave Link to Support the Upgraded Microwave System for the Jamaica Constabulary Force

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$856,532.00 plus General Consumption Tax (GCT), by the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF), to Ceragon Networks for the upgrade of the existing power supply at the microwave ring

sites from 24-volt DC to 48-volt DC, and to add a new microwave link to eGov Jamaica Limited as part of the upgraded network.

The microwave radio infrastructure is currently used by the Jamaica Constabulary Force, Jamaica Defence Force, Department of Correctional Services and the Bank of Jamaica for secure, reliable voice communication islandwide.

## 2. Annual Reports

Cabinet considered the Annual Reports for the:

- (i) Aeronautical Telecommunications Limited for the Financial Year 2016/2017;
- (ii) Child Development Agency for the Financial Year 2014/2015;
- (iii) Financial Services Commission for the Financial Year 2016/2017;
- (iv) Jamaica Urban Transit Company Limited for the Financial Year 2015/2016; and
- (v) Norman Manley International Airports Limited for the Financial Year 2016/2017.

The Reports will be tabled in Parliament.

## 3. Board Appointments

### (i) Airports Authority of Jamaica

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. Dudley Beek and Mrs. Epsi Cooper-Reid as members of the Board of Directors, with effect from 18 June 2018 and up to 5 April 2019, when the tenure of the Board will expire.

### (ii) Island Traffic Authority

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. Winston Ennis to the Authority, with effect from 18 June 2018 and up to 1 May 2019, when the tenure of the Authority will expire.

### (iii) Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority

Cabinet approved the appointment of Dr. Kavita Johnson to the Authority, with effect from 18 June 2018 and up to 17 April 2019, when the tenure of the Authority will expire.

## 4. Amendment to the Air Services Agreement between the Government of Jamaica and the Government of the United States of America (USA)

Cabinet ratified the amendment to the Air Services Agreement between the Government of Jamaica and the Government of the United States of America.

On 4 December 2017, representatives from the Government of Jamaica and the Government of USA met in Sri Lanka during the annual International Civil Aviation Organization Air Services Negotiations (ICAN), and agreed, *ad referendum*, on the text of an agreement to amend the USA-Jamaica Air Services Agreement.

Further amendments were made to the Agreement bring it in line with Jamaica's Open Skies Policy. The signing of the amendments to the Agreement was held on 10 May 2018, during an official signing ceremony, with the Minister of Transport and Mining signing on behalf of

the GOJ and the Chargé d'Affaires to the US Embassy in Jamaica signing on behalf of the USA.

5. Policy Development

(i) National Squatter Management Policy and Implementation Plan

Cabinet approved the development of a National Squatter Management Policy and Implementation Plan, which will aim to address the pervasive squatting facing the country in an integrated and comprehensive manner.

(ii) National Policy for the Environmentally Sound Management of Hazardous Waste

Cabinet approved the tabling of the draft National Policy for the Environmentally Sound Management (ESM) of Hazardous Waste in the Houses of Parliament as a Green Paper. This Policy puts forward an integrated and coordinated approach to safeguard human health and the environment from the adverse impacts of hazardous wastes.

(iii) National Housing Policy (2018)

Cabinet approved the tabling of the draft National Housing Policy in the Houses of Parliament as a Green Paper. This Policy aims at providing an enabling framework within which the Government of Jamaica can realise access to affordable, safe and legal housing solutions for all Jamaicans by 2030.

(iv) Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Entrepreneurship Policy

Cabinet approved the tabling of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) and Entrepreneurship Policy in the Houses of Parliament as a White Paper. The Policy and Implementation Plan are a collaborative effort to streamline and coordinate activities across the MSME ecosystem.

6. Voluntary National Review Report on the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Cabinet approved Jamaica's Voluntary National Review Report on the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development for submission to the United Nations High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development, which will be convened over the period 9 to 18 July 2018.

The HLPF is a global forum for reviewing successes, challenges, and lessons learnt on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and is part of the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



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