

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 2 JULY 2018

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 2 July 2018:

1. Contract;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSME) and Entrepreneurship Policy;
4. Waiver of Visa Requirements for Haitian Business Persons Who Are Holders of United States of America, United Kingdom, Canadian or Schengen Visas;
5. Signing of the CARICOM Arrest Warrant Treaty;
6. Signing of the Protocol Amending the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas to Incorporate the Council for National Security and Law Enforcement as an Organ of CARICOM; and
7. Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contract

Follow-on Procurement of Motor Vehicle Consumables

Cabinet approved the award of a follow-on contract in the amount of £600,150.00 (approximately J\$102,007,195.43) to De La Rue International Limited by Tax Administration Jamaica (TAJ) for the provision of motor vehicle consumables, inclusive of stickers, registration certificates, title certificates, teslins and laminates used to produce driver's licence cards.

De La Rue is a major global provider of motor vehicle consumables and has been providing same to the TAJ since 2011.

2. Annual Reports

Cabinet considered the Annual Reports for the:

- (i) Jamaica Anti-Doping Commission for the Financial Years 2011/2012, 2012/2013, 2013/2014, and 2014/2015; and
- (ii) Sports Development Foundation for the Calendar Years 2014 and 2015.

The Reports will be tabled in Parliament at a later date.

3. Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSME) and Entrepreneurship Policy

Cabinet approved the tabling of the Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises and Entrepreneurship Policy as a White Paper in the Houses of Parliament.

The updated Policy and Implementation Plan provides a cohesive framework for streamlining activities across the MSME ecosystem. The priority areas for the updated policy are creating an enabling environment, increasing finance to the sector, enhancing business and development support, fostering a culture of entrepreneurship, social value creation, and tackling cross-cutting issues.

4. Waiver of Visa Requirements for Haitian Business Persons Who Are Holders of United States of America, United Kingdom, Canadian or Schengen Visas

Cabinet approved the waiver of the visa requirement for *bona fide* Haitian business persons who were holders of a valid visa from either the United States of America (USA), the United Kingdom (UK), Canada or the Schengen area; and the issuance of drafting instructions to the Office of the Parliamentary Counsel.

In July 2010, the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) decided that Member States would facilitate the movement of Haitian business persons within the Community and endorsed the decision for trade ministers to permit Haiti to commence trade in goods in a range of products. In that regard, visa requirements would be waived for Haitian business persons who were holders of USA, UK, Canada or the Schengen area visas.

5. Signing of the CARICOM Arrest Warrant Treaty

Cabinet approved Jamaica's signing of the CARICOM Arrest Warrant Treaty (CAWT), subject to either a reservation or an interpretative declaration.

The CAWT will assist in meeting the CARICOM Crime and Security Strategy 2013, by decreasing the levels of illegal activity across the region; removing the complexity, costs and potential for delay in extradition procedures between and among Member States; and establishing a more efficient system of surrender compared to that of the current framework.

6. Signing of the Protocol Amending the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas to Incorporate the Council for National Security and Law Enforcement as an Organ of CARICOM

Cabinet gave approval for the signing of the Protocol Amending the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas to enshrine security as the fourth pillar of the Caribbean Community; and formally incorporate the Council for National Security and Law Enforcement (CONSOLE) as an Organ of the Community and the CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security as an institution of the Community.

In 2009, the Protocol Amending the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas to incorporate the CONSLE as an Organ of the Community and the CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security as an Institution of the Community, was concluded and opened for signature; however, the Protocol has not yet come into force as signatures and ratifications from 12 Member States are required.

7. Reports

(i) Seventh Session of the General Assembly of States Parties to the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport in connection with the Report on the Seventh Session of the General Assembly of States Parties to the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage held in Paris, France, during the period 4 to 7 June 2018.

The report provided information on the Conference's participants and the role of UNESCO in driving the implementation of the Convention; highlights from the General Assembly; the

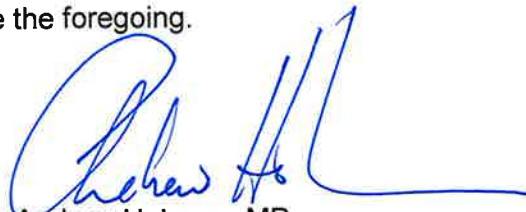
submission of Jamaica's candidacy to the Intangible Cultural Heritage Committee, and the endorsement of Jamaica by the CARICOM Foreign Ministers at the 21st Meeting of the Council for Foreign and Community Relations; and noted the discussions emanating from meetings and consultations conducted by the Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport during the General Assembly.

(ii) Global Tourism Resilience and Crisis Management Centre

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Tourism in connection with the Global Tourism Resilience and Crisis Management Centre.

The report recalled Cabinet's previous approval of overseas travel to Amman, Jordan by the Minister of Tourism to speak at the "Resilience Through Tourism Summit", during the period 23 to 29 June 2018. The report also advised that the Minister's participation in the Summit had resulted in advancing Jamaica's recognition as a leading player in the global tourism resilience and crisis management space.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



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