

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 9 JULY 2018

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 9 July 2018:

1. Contracts;
2. Annual Report;
3. Board Appointments;
4. Special Benefit Orders;
5. Acquisition of Lands for Well Sites and GlobalGAP Facilities Under the Essex Valley Agriculture Development Project;
6. Government of Jamaica Records and Information Management (RIM) Policy;
7. Arbovirus Technical Cooperation Mission, Kingston, Jamaica, 4-12 July 2018; and
8. Report.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Direct Contract for the Supply, Installation and Commissioning of an Air Conditioning System for the Portmore Business Process Outsourcing Complex

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$267,125,077.12 to CAC 2000 Limited for the supply, installation and commissioning of an air-conditioning system for the Portmore Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) Complex, at the Portmore Informatics Park.

The Port Authority of Jamaica is required to provide air conditioning systems and stand-by generators at the Portmore BPO Complex by December 2018 which is the slated date of completion.

(ii) Contract for the Supply and Commissioning of a 45-Tonne Reach Stacker for the Montego Bay Cargo Terminal, Port of Montego Bay, St. James

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$662,240.00, delivery and duty paid, to Industrial & Technical Supplies Limited for the supply and commissioning of one 45-tonne Hyster Reach Stacker, inclusive of spare parts and training, at the Montego Bay Cargo Terminal, Port of Montego Bay in St. James.

The Reach Stacker is a vehicle used for handling intermodal cargo containers.

2. Annual Report

Cabinet considered the Annual Report for the Airports Authority of Jamaica for the Financial Year 2016/2017.

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

3. Board Appointments

(i) Aeronautical Telecommunications Limited (AEROTEL)

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board, with effect from 9 July 2018 and up to 5 April 2019, when the tenure of the Board will expire:

- 1) Ms. Camille Buchanan – **Deputy Chair**;
- 2) Ms. Mina Robertson; and
- 3) Mrs. Rose Tavares-Finson.

(ii) Early Childhood Appeal Tribunal

Cabinet approved the reappointment of the following persons to the Tribunal for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 9 July 2018 to 8 July 2020:

- 1) Mr. Ransford Braham, QC – **Chairman**;
- 2) Dr. Tomlin Paul; and
- 3) Dr. Hyacinth Evans.

(iii) Jamaica International Financial Services Authority

Cabinet approved the reappointment of the following persons to the Authority for a period of one year, with effect from 9 July 2018 to 8 July 2019:

- 1) Mr. Eric Crawford – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Peter Goldson – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Ms. Diane Edwards;
- 4) Ms. Lisa Bell;
- 5) Mr. Oliver Chen;
- 6) Mr. Robin Sykes;
- 7) Ms. Sandra Edun-Walter;
- 8) Ms. Mariame Robinson;
- 9) Mr. Phillip Harrison;
- 10) Mrs. Vilma Wilson Malcolm;
- 11) Mr. Brian Wynter, Governor, Bank of Jamaica – **ex officio**;
- 12) Mr. Everton McFarlane, Executive Director, Financial Services Commission – **ex officio**;
- and
- 13) Mrs. Nicole Foster-Pusey, QC, Solicitor-General – **ex officio**.

(iv) Jamaica Mortgage Bank

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. Louis Campbell to the Board, with effect from 9 July 2018 to 20 May 2021, when the tenure of the Board will expire.

4. Special Benefit Orders

(i) Longville Park Housing Development, Phase 2A, Clarendon

Cabinet approved the promulgation of a Special Benefit Order, effective 19 April 2018, to facilitate the allocation of thirty-six housing solutions at the Longville Park Housing Development, Phase 2A, Clarendon, to contributors of the National Housing Trust who meet the specified criteria; and the issuance of drafting instructions to the Chief Parliamentary Counsel to facilitate the promulgation of the Order.

The purpose of the allocation of housing benefits by way of a Special Benefit Order for this development is to facilitate specific groups of contributors to more readily own their own homes. These groups include “young adults” as well as various groups of Public Servants.

(ii) Mary’s Field Housing Development, St. Catherine

Cabinet approved the promulgation of a Special Benefit Order, effective 19 April 2018, to facilitate the allocation of six housing solutions at the Mary’s Field Housing Development, St. Catherine, to contributors of the National Housing Trust who met the specified criteria at paragraph 3.4 of the Submission; and the issuance of drafting instructions to the Chief Parliamentary Counsel to facilitate the promulgation of the.

Under this Special Benefit Order, housing benefits will be allocated so as to facilitate specific groups of Public Servants to more readily own their own homes.

5. Acquisition of Lands for Well Sites and GlobalGAP Facilities Under the Essex Valley Agriculture Development Project

Cabinet gave approval for the acquisition of seven identified parcels of land for well sites, and 11 parcels of land for the GlobalGAP facilities under the Essex Valley Agriculture Development Project, with an estimated area of 3.642 hectares (nine acres), located in Manchester and St. Elizabeth, in accordance with the Land Acquisition Act. Cabinet also approved the transfer of the seven land parcels for well sites to the National Irrigation Commission Limited, and the 11 parcels for GlobalGAP facilities to the Agro Investment Corporation.

The project is funded by a grant secured from the United Kingdom Caribbean Infrastructure Fund (UK-CIF), and administered by the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB). The grant agreement stipulates that the project is to be implemented by 31 August 2022 on 718 hectares.

6. Government of Jamaica Records and Information Management (RIM) Policy

Cabinet approved the draft Records and Information Management Policy.

The Policy is intended to provide a framework for the standardised management of official records and to ensure all activities and decisions of the Government of Jamaica are fully and accurately documented, managed and monitored in accordance with the regulatory framework and the life cycle principles of records creation, maintenance, use and disposition.

7. Arbovirus Technical Cooperation Mission, Kingston, Jamaica, 4-12 July 2018

Cabinet ratified Jamaica’s hosting of a Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization Arbovirus Technical Cooperation Mission in Kingston, during the period 4 to 12 July 2018.

The main objectives of the mission were the assessment of the National Public Health Laboratory’s (NPHL) capacity and the elaboration of a workplan, the assessment of the University of the West Indies’ (UWI) capacity for the detection of arbovirus and the elaboration of a workplan for same, verification of the surveillance system notification process and analysis information, and arbovirus surveillance system revision.

8. Report

25th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, 16-20 April 2018

Cabinet considered a report from the Office of the Prime Minister in connection with the outcome of Jamaica's participation in the 25th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting held in London, United Kingdom during the period 16 to 20 April 2018.

The report advised of Jamaica's delegation led by the Prime Minister; the participation in various Commonwealth-related fora to advance discussions on priority issues for Jamaica such as climate change, small states' vulnerability, security, ocean governance and trade; and on the relevant outcome documents, including the Communiqué.

The report informed of the outcomes of the discussions on the key issues on the international agenda, including peace and security, migration, sustainable development, small states, cyber security, trafficking in persons, the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons, and climate change; the commitment of Member Countries to the launch of three new Commonwealth initiatives from which Jamaica could benefit; the impending succession of His Royal Highness The Prince Charles as the Head of the Commonwealth; the Commonwealth Blue Charter; and bilateral and other engagements.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Andrew Holness, MP
Prime Minister
03 August 2018

