

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 30 JULY 2018

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 30 July 2018:

1. Contracts;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Board Appointments;
4. Hosting of the 2018 International Human Trafficking Conference;
5. Hosting of the 23rd General Assembly of the Inter American Accreditation Cooperation;
6. Petrojam Review Committee; and
7. Report.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Supply and Installation of Two BPS 3000 Banknote Processing Machines with Bundle-Packaging Systems

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of €1,791,667.00 to Giesecke Y Devrient de México, for the supply and installation of two banknote processing machines, with bundle-packaging systems, to the Bank of Jamaica.

The acquisition of the new machines will increase the banknote processing capacity of the Bank of Jamaica as the throughput rate of the new machines is greater than the current machines. This will enable the Bank to handle increased volumes of banknotes and provide a quicker turnaround for redeemed notes.

(ii) Software Subscription and Support Renewal between eGov Jamaica Limited and IBM World Trade Corporation

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$1,378,120.91, inclusive of General Consumption Tax (approximately J\$180,000,000.00) to IBM World Trade Corporation, for the renewal of a software subscription and support agreement between eGov Jamaica Limited and IBM for a period of 12 months.

IBM is the sole entity authorised to issue the software subscription and support (SSS) contract in Jamaica, and the technologies and products under the proposed agreement are developed and owned by IBM.

(iii) Provision of Private Security Services for Bellevue Hospital

Cabinet approved the award a contract in the amount of \$126,918,828.00 to Modern Investigation and Security Limited, for the provision of security services to the Bellevue Hospital for a period of three years.

The provider will be required to provide effective twenty-four-hour security, including emergency response, for personnel, equipment, materials and property.

2. Annual Reports

Cabinet considered the Annual Reports for the:

- (i) Development Bank of Jamaica for the Financial Year 2016/2017;
- (ii) Kingston Free Zone Company Limited for the Financial Year 2016/2017;
- (iii) Nutrition Products Limited for the Financial Year 2016/2017; and
- (iv) Rural Agricultural Development Authority for the Financial Year 2016/2017.

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

3. Board Appointments

(i) Bank of Jamaica Supervisory Committee

Cabinet recommended, for appointment by the Governor-General, the following persons to the Supervisory Committee, for a period of three years:

- 1) Professor David Tennant; and
- 2) Miss Shirley Ann Eaton.

(ii) Transport Authority

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Authority, with effect from 30 July 2018 to 5 April 2019, when the tenure of the Authority will expire:

- 1) Mr. Stanford Stewart; and
- 2) Ms. Mexine Bisor.

(iii) Women's Centre of Jamaica Foundation

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board, with effect from 30 July 2018 to 6 November 2019, when the tenure of the Board will expire:

- 1) Mrs. Sharon Coburn Robinson;
- 2) Mr. Dwight Sibbles; and
- 3) Mr. Denzil Thorpe.

4. Hosting of the 2018 International Human Trafficking Conference

Cabinet ratified the National Task Force Against Human Trafficking hosting a two-day international conference under the theme "From Victim to Survivor: The Hard Road to Recovery", in Braco, Trelawny over the period 25 to 26 July 2018.

The international conference was expected to bring together local, regional and international stakeholders involved in the fight against human trafficking.

5. Hosting of the 23rd General Assembly of the Inter American Accreditation Cooperation

Cabinet approved the Jamaica National Agency for Accreditation hosting the 23rd General Assembly of the Inter American Accreditation Cooperation over the period 25 to 31 August 2018, in Montego Bay, St. James.

The Inter American Accreditation Cooperation is a regional organisation in the area of accreditation and conformity assessment which facilitates trade among the countries of the region. The General Assembly provides the opportunity for members, accreditation bodies and conformity assessment

stakeholders to meet and discuss the goals of the organisation and the direction of accreditation activities in the region.

6. Petrojam Review Committee

Cabinet approved the draft Terms of Reference for the proposed Petrojam Review Committee and membership.

The Terms of Reference outlined the purpose, objectives and functions of the proposed Committee; the expected outputs and timeline; and the plans for administrative, technical and financial support.

The proposed membership of the Committee is as follows:

- 1) Mr. Christopher Zacca – Chairman;
- 2) Mr. Dennis Cohen;
- 3) Mr. Norman Davis;
- 4) Ms. Carlene O'Connor;
- 5) Mr. Ike Johnson;
- 6) Mr. Joseph M. Matalon;
- 7) Mr. Paul Hoo;
- 8) Mr. Nicholas Scott;
- 9) Mrs. Helene Davis Whyte; and
- 10) Mr. Peter Moses.

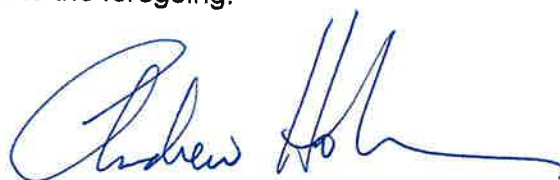
7. Report

Report on the Special Session of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) Council of Ministers, the 107th Session of the Council of Ministers of the ACP Group and the 43rd ACP-EU Council of Ministers Meeting in Lomé, Togo

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade on the outcomes of the Special Session of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) Council of Ministers, the 107th Session of the Council of Ministers of the ACP Group and the 43rd ACP-EU Council of Ministers Meeting in Lomé, Togo, over the period 27 May to 1 June 2018.

The Report advised of the discussions and outcomes at the Extraordinary Meeting of the Bureau of the ACP Council of Ministers; the Special Session of the Council of Ministers on Post-Cotonou matters, the 107th Session of the ACP Group; the 43rd ACP-EU Joint Council of Ministers; the bilateral meetings; and the First Meeting of the ACP Central Negotiating Group. Of note, is that the Joint Council of Ministers adopted a Declaration on Climate Change which is evidence of the commitment of all parties to strengthen cooperation in international organisations on issues of mutual concern.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Andrew Holness, MP
Prime Minister

29 August 2018

