

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 27 AUGUST 2018

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 27 August 2018:

1. Contracts;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Board Appointments;
4. Divestment of Land at Llandoverly, St. Ann;
5. Programme of Advancement Through Health and Education (PATH) Back to School Grant; and
6. Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Enterprise Content Management (ECM) Solution – Award of Phase II Vendor Contract

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$1,193,756.19, excluding General Consumption Tax, to Fujitsu Caribbean (Jamaica) Limited for the provision of goods and services in connection with the Phase II Implementation of an electronic Enterprise Content Management (ECM) Solution for the Government of Jamaica.

Enterprise Content Management is a formalised way of capturing, organising and storing documents and other content that relate to business processes. The intended benefits include the reduction of operating costs, increases in productivity and improvement of the customer “doing business” experience.

(ii) Variation of Civil Infrastructure Works Contract – Masemure Housing Development (Phase 2), Westmoreland

Cabinet approved the variation to the contract awarded by the National Housing Trust to Build-Rite Construction Company Limited, in the amount of \$24,657,246.55, including General Consumption Tax. The new contract amount, inclusive of the variation, would be \$154,511,405.59. The contract is being undertaken to facilitate the full implementation of the sewage conveyance and treatment systems at the Masemure Housing Development, Phase 2, Westmoreland.

The variation was necessitated by a review and amendment of the scope of works for the project. The original designs would not have adequately achieved the desired outcomes.

(iii) Rehabilitation of Sewage Treatment Plant – Monymusk Housing Development, Clarendon

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$62,845,112.50 to C&D Construction & Engineering Limited to undertake the rehabilitation of the sewage treatment plant at the Monymusk Housing Development in Clarendon.

The contractor will be required to undertake the rehabilitation of the sewage treatment plant, which includes the restoration and upgrading of four sewage ponds and two reed beds as well as the upgrading of the chlorinator and incinerator.

(iv) Transmission Mains Upgrading Programme – Potable Water Conveyance Systems within KSA and along the Northern Coastal Highway

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$938,552.59, inclusive of taxes and contingencies, to Cole Engineering Group Limited, to provide consulting services for the National Water Commission's Transmission Mains Upgrading Programme – Potable Water Conveyance Systems within Kingston and St. Andrew and along the Northern Coastal Highway (KM/C609).

To improve the current service levels and to meet increasing water demand island-wide, it has become necessary to replace/upgrade critical transmission mains that serve the developed and fast-growing areas.

(v) Infrastructure Works – West Albion Relocation Project Site (Yallahs, St. Thomas)

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$127,577,689.22 to Chin's Construction Limited to undertake infrastructure works in relation to 241 lots that had been subdivided since 2012, at West Albion in Yallahs, St. Thomas under a housing relocation project.

The works will facilitate the provision of suitable housing solutions for selected victims of Tropical Storm Gustav, who resided along the Hope River flood plain.

(vi) Building Renovation Works on the Premises of the Broadcasting Commission

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$73,325,968.00 to Miller's Electric Company Limited for building renovation works at the Broadcasting Commission's premises at 9 Central Avenue, Kingston 10.

The scope of works includes the renovation of approximately 896 square metres of existing building space which is on two floors, to create offices for the Commission.

2. Annual Reports

Cabinet considered the Annual Reports for the:

- (i) Electoral Commission of Jamaica for the Financial Year 2016/2017;
- (ii) General Legal Council for the Financial Year 2017/2018;
- (iii) National Irrigation Council for the Financial Year 2014/2015; and
- (iv) Planning Institute of Jamaica for the Calendar Years 2016 and 2017.

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

3. Board Appointments

(i) Caribbean Maritime University

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Council, with effect from 27 August 2018 and up to 2 April 2020, when the tenure of the Council will expire:

- 1) Professor Archibald McDonald;
- 2) Professor Colin Gyles; and
- 3) Mrs. Dasmine Kennedy.

(ii) Jamaica Aircraft Refuelling Services Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 27 August 2018 to 26 August 2020:

- 1) Mr. Russell Hadeed; and
- 2) Mr. Michael Shaw.

(iii) Jamaica Council for Persons with Disabilities

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Advisory Board for a period of two (2) years with effect from 27 August 2018 to 26 August 2020:

- 1) Reverend Dr. Patricia Holness – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mrs. Patricia Sinclair McCalla;
- 3) Ms. Gloria Goffe;
- 4) Mr. Conrad Harris;
- 5) Dr. Sharon Anderson-Morgan;
- 6) Mrs. Christine Rodriguez;
- 7) Ms. Kimberly Sherlock;
- 8) Mrs. Tashai Widmer;
- 9) Mrs. Adama Blagrove;
- 10) Dr. Hixwell Douglas;
- 11) Dr. Melody Ennis;
- 12) Mr. Christopher Burgess;
- 13) Mrs. Brenda Cuthbert;
- 14) Mr. Alistair McLean;
- 15) Mrs. Mavis Ferguson;
- 16) Mrs. Colette Robinson;
- 17) Mr. Kamar Groves;
- 18) Mr. Gerrard McDaniel;
- 19) Miss Florette Blackwood;
- 20) Mrs. Sarah Newland-Martin; and
- 21) Mrs. Audrey Deer-Williams, *ex officio*.

(iv) Jamaica Railway Corporation

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board, with effect from 27 August 2018 up to 8 May 2019, when the tenure of the Board will expire;

- 1) Mr. Dennis Wright – **Vice Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Sonya Anderson; and
- 3) Ms. Kellie Molyneaux.

(v) Jamaica Urban Transit Company Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board of Directors, with effect from 27 August 2018 and up to 5 April 2019, when the tenure of the Board will expire:

- 1) Mr. Neville Whittaker;
- 2) Ms. Lisa-Mae Gordon;
- 3) Ms. Natalie Mirander;
- 4) Ms. Danielle Mills; and
- 5) Mr. Gavin Daley.

(vi) Nursing Council

Cabinet approved the appointment of Ms. Marion McFarlane to the Council, with effect from 27 August 2018 up to 24 April 2019, when the tenure of the Council will expire.

(vii) Port Antonio Hospital Management Committee

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Management Committee with effect from 27 August 2018 up to 8 May 2019, when the tenure of the Management Committee will expire:

- 1) Mr. Audley Ross Lindo; and
- 2) Mr. Alfred Brown.

4. Divestment of Land at Llandoverly, St. Ann

Cabinet gave approval for the sale of properties owned by the National Insurance Fund (NIF), referred to as Llandoverly Estate and Flat Point, located in Salem, St. Ann to Gore Developments Limited for the sum of \$929 million.

The properties were acquired by the NIF in 1992 for their capital appreciation and development potential. The current strategic thrust of the NIF includes realigning its portfolio and investing more in income generating properties. Divesting the land will enable the NIF to monetise its value, and the lands will be used for needed housing development in this area.

5. Programme of Advancement Through Health and Education (PATH) Back to School Grant

Cabinet gave approval for the inclusion of a "Back to School Grant" as a benefit under the Programme of Advancement Through Health and Education (PATH), commencing September 2018. Each PATH student beneficiary (primary through secondary school levels) will receive a fixed sum of \$3,500.00 and the benefits will be paid on Thursday, 6 September 2018 as a one-off payment.

The provision of back to school support is part of the overall social protection support that is provided to poor families internationally, to ensure that the associated increases in costs do not further compromise the financial viability of the household.

6. Reports

(i) Visit to the United Kingdom by the Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade in connection with the outcome of meetings attended by Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade during overseas travel to the United Kingdom (UK) to participate in the Sixth Biennial Jamaica Diaspora UK (JDUK) Conference over the period 14 to 23 June 2018.

The report provided information on the outcomes of various meetings and activities in which the Minister participated during the visit, including being keynote speaker at the Opening Ceremony of the Sixth Biennial JDUK Conference, which was attended by over 200 representatives from six Diaspora regions across the UK. It further informed of other high-level meetings the Minister attended, including with the JDUK Executive Board and the Diaspora Advisory Board Members; and with the Home Secretary and the Minister of State for the Commonwealth and United Nations.

The report advised that the visit was both timely and well-appreciated and provided an opportunity for the reiteration of the firm commitment of the Government of Jamaica to the welfare of the Diaspora.

(ii) Visit to the United States of America by the Minister of Education, Youth and Information for the 12th Annual Reunion of the Ole Farmers Association of North America

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information in connection with the outcome of the 12th Annual Reunion of the Ole Farmers Association of North America (OFANA) held in Orlando, Florida, United States of America (USA) during the period 25 to 27 May 2018.

The report informed that one of the main initiatives for the OFANA was to assist with agricultural development exclusively among students attending the College of Agriculture, Science and Education (CASE). One of the accomplishments of OFANA included the presentation of its 43rd Scholarship at CASE during the annual Founder's Day event. It also informed that the cumulative value of the OFANA Scholarships over the years was US\$41,500.00.

The report further informed of the commitment of OFANA to funding a Plant Tissue Culture Lab on the main campus, in the amount of US\$120,000.00, and purchase of a school bus to assist with transportation of students.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.


Andrew Holness, MP
Prime Minister
12 October 2018

