

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 10 SEPTEMBER 2018

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 10 September 2018:

1. Contracts;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Board Appointments;
4. Joint Venture Agreements;
5. The Third National Communication to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change;
6. The Sixth Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas and Hosting of the Seventh Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas; and
7. Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

- (i) Implementation Schedule and Governance Framework for the Southern Coastal Highway Improvement Project (SCHIP), Part B Works – Local Component, Yallahs to Port Antonio and Morant Bay to Cedar Valley

Cabinet approved the Implementation Schedule and Governance Framework for the Southern Coastal Highway Improvement Project (SCHIP), Part B works (Local Component), Yallahs to Port Antonio and Morant Bay to Cedar Valley, in the estimated amount of US\$85,449,419.00 to be contracted out by China Harbour Engineering Company (CHEC) Limited through local sub-contractors.

The SCHIP is divided into Part A and Part B works, and the Part B works (Local Component), have been divided into two parts: works to be carried out by CHEC and works to be carried out by CHEC through local sub-contractors.

- (ii) Supply and Delivery of Automotive Diesel Oil and Unleaded Gasoline to the Errol Flynn Boatyard in Port Antonio, Portland

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$136,786,458.77 to Gulfstream Petroleum SRL for the supply and delivery of automotive diesel oil (ADO) and super unleaded 90-octane gasoline, over a period of two (2) years to the Errol Flynn Boatyard in Port Antonio, Portland.

The scope of services to be provided by the contractor will include the annual supply and delivery of 493,241 litres of ADO and 27,276 litres of super unleaded 90-octane gasoline to the Marina Boatyard for two (2) years.

(iii) Variation of the Medical Gases Contract Between Western Regional Health Authority and Industrial Gases Limited

Cabinet approved the variation of a contract in the amount of \$47,559,929.36, awarded by the Western Regional Health Authority to Industrial Gases Limited for the supply of medical gases. The new contract amount, inclusive of the variation, would be \$169,154,761.03.

The variation has become necessary based on the increased demand for oxygen cylinders due to the relocation of patients from the Cornwall Regional Hospital.

2. Annual Reports

Cabinet considered the Annual Reports for the:

- (i) Maritime Authority of Jamaica for the Financial Year 2016/2017
- (ii) National Water Commission for the Financial Year 2015/2016; and
- (iii) Toll Authority for the Financial Year 2016/2017;

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

3. Board Appointments

(i) Forestry Department

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Advisory Board, with effect from 10 September 2018 and up to 1 August 2019, when the tenure of the Advisory Board will expire:

- 1) Mr. William Masterton – **Chairman**; and
- 2) Mr. Paul Young.

(ii) Harmonization Limited

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 10 September 2018 to 31 August 2020:

- 1) Ambassador Aubyn Hill – **Chairman**;
- 2) Dr. Lorna Simmonds;
- 3) Mr. Paul Scott;
- 4) Mr. Milverton Reynolds;
- 5) Mr. Lennox Channer;
- 6) Mr. Martin Miller;
- 7) Mrs. Jennifer Griffith;
- 8) Mr. Omar Chedda; and
- 9) Ms. Thelma Gray.

(iii) Harmony Cove Limited

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 10 September 2018 to 31 August 2020:

- 1) Ambassador Aubyn Hill – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Milverton Reynolds; and
- 3) Mr. Martin Miller.

(iv) Jamaica Bauxite Institute Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board, with effect from 10 September 2018 and up to 24 June 2019, when the tenure of the Board will expire:

- 1) Mr. Alston Douglas – **Chairman**; and
- 2) Mr. Casbert Bryan.

(v) National Solid Waste Management Authority

Cabinet approved the appointment of the Authority for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 10 September 2018 to 9 September 2021, as under:

- 1) Mr. Dennis Chung – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Linley Reynolds – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Mr. Dwight Ricketts;
- 4) Dr. Charlene Sharpe;
- 5) Mrs. Camille Facey;
- 6) Mrs. Daphne Hurge, OD, JP;
- 7) His Worship the Mayor Councillor Delroy Williams;
- 8) Councillor Donovan Samuels, JP;
- 9) Mr. Norman Brown;
- 10) Mr. Willard Hylton; and
- 11) Ms. Gabrielle Wilks – *ex officio*.

(vi) Strata Appeals Tribunal

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Tribunal for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 10 September 2018 to 9 September 2020:

- 1) Hon. Justice Ferdinand Algernon Smith (Ret'd), CD – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Sonia McFarlane;
- 3) Mr. Patrick Fletcher; and
- 4) Ms. Gail English.

(vii) Teachers' Appeals Tribunal

Cabinet approved the appointment of Ms. Saverna Chambers to the Tribunal, with effect from 10 September 2018 and up to 22 April 2020, when the tenure of the Tribunal will expire.

4. Joint Venture Agreements

(i) The Development of the Morant Bay Urban Centre in St. Thomas

Cabinet approved the Joint Venture Agreement between the Factories Corporation of Jamaica and the China Harbour Engineering Company Limited for the implementation of the project to construct a new urban centre on lands comprising 28 acres and 365 square feet during a construction period of two (2) years. Cabinet also instructed that the Joint Venture Agreement include a clause which allowed the Government to divest its equity through public offering on the Jamaica Stock Exchange.

In May 2017, Cabinet mandated the development of the Morant Bay Urban Centre in St Thomas. In July 2017, the Project was declared Shovel Ready as a part of the Shovel Ready Initiative Project (SRIP). The Project will take place on lands that were previously occupied by the Goodyear Limited factory.

(ii) The Development of the Naggo Head Technology Park in Portmore, St. Catherine

Cabinet approved the Joint Venture Agreement between Factories Corporation of Jamaica and China Harbour Engineering Company Limited (CHEC) for the development of the project, registered at Volume 1079 Folio 113 and Volume 1261 Folios 308-10 to include the construction of a Business Process Outsourcing complex on lands comprising 34 acres and 810 square feet during a construction period of two (2) years. Cabinet also instructed that the Joint Venture Agreement include a clause which allowed the Government to divest its equity through public offering on the Jamaica Stock Exchange.

The Naggo Head Technology Park was designated as a Shovel Ready Initiative Project (SRIP) and will be the first of its kind in the English-speaking Caribbean, housing a diverse group of Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) companies supported by critical support services and facilities.

5. The Third National Communication to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Cabinet approved the submission of the Third National Communication to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change for Jamaica.

Article 4, paragraph 1 (a) and (b) of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), provides that "all Parties, taking into account their common and differentiated responsibilities and their specific national and regional development priorities, objectives and circumstances" shall act in accordance with the objectives established by the UNFCCC to address climate change. The National Communication is a report on the national circumstances with respect to the implementation of the UNFCCC.

6. The Sixth Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas and Hosting of the Seventh Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas

Cabinet noted the outcomes of the overseas travel by the delegation led by the Minister of Local Government and Community Development to the Sixth Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas held during the period 20 to 22 June 2018 in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia.

Cabinet also approved the establishment of an Inter-Ministerial Committee towards the planning of the Seventh Session of the Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas to be held at the Montego Bay Conference Centre, St. James, Jamaica over the period 8 to 10 July 2020.

The purpose of the Regional Platform is to discuss the status of the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas, and to explore the opportunities and challenges to advance sustainable development through building resilience and reducing the risk of disasters in the region.

7. Reports

(i) National Plan of Action for an Integrated Response to Children and Violence

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information in connection with the National Plan of Action for an Integrated Response to Children and Violence (NPACV).

The NPACV signalled the commitment of the Government of Jamaica and key stakeholders to creating and maintaining a protective environment for children who were victims of violence and abuse, as well as fulfilling obligations under key international instruments.

The report advised that the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information was in the process of developing a National Plan of Action for an Integrated Response to Children and Violence (2018-2023) with an accompanying Road Map for ending violence against children.

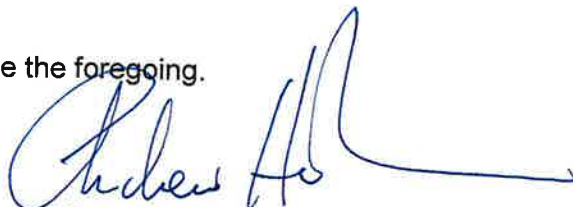
(ii) Integration of the Land Administration and Management Programme and the National Land Agency

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation in connection with the integration of the Land Administration and Management Programme (LAMP) and the National Land Agency (NLA).

The report recalled that in March 2018, Cabinet gave approval for the merger of the LAMP and the NLA and the delivery of 20,000 titles in three (3) years through the adjudication-centric and driven process for proving the ownership of land, which was expected to improve areas within the land administration sphere.

The report provided an update on the integration process and specific recommendations, including the implementation of an adjudication-centric and driven process for proving the ownership of land; the separation of the processes of planning and subdivision approval from the issuing of titles under the Registration of Titles, Cadastral Mapping and Tenure Clarification (Special Provisions) Act, 2005; the revision of the registration fees in order to make the cost of a title more affordable; the restructuring of the NLA; and the financial support to fund a three-year programme to produce 20,000 Certificates of Title.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Andrew Holness, MP

Prime Minister

12 October 2018

