

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 17 AND 24 SEPTEMBER 2018

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meetings held on 17 and 24 September 2018:

1. Contracts;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Board Appointments;
4. Amendment to Agreement Between the Government of Jamaica (GOJ) and the Russian Federation for the Waiver of Visa Requirements;
5. Divestment of Lands at No. 29 East Kings House Road, Barbican;
6. Caribbean Training Workshops in Measles Outbreak Response and Immunization Programme Management, Jamaica; and
7. Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Procurement of Management Services for Government Pensioners' and Administrative Services Only (GPASO) Health Scheme

Cabinet approved a negotiated 7% administrative fee to Sagicor Life Jamaica Limited for the provision of management services for the Government Pensioners' Administrative Services Only Health Scheme and related insurance policies in the first year of a three-year contract.

This fee was arrived at during discussions between the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service, the Government Actuary and Sagicor Life Jamaica.

(ii) Rehabilitation and Expansion of Gayle Multipurpose Centre, Phase 1

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$85,178,459.24 to Marshall Construction Company Limited, to execute the rehabilitation and expansion of the Gayle Multipurpose Centre, Phase 1 works in St. Mary.

The first phase of the rehabilitation and expansion of the Gayle Multipurpose Centre will include the renovation and expansion of the Old Court House to incorporate the delivery of the Citizen Security and Justice Programme's services, including Restorative Justice and Child Diversion.

(iii) Establishment of a Programme Management Office for the Cornwall Regional Hospital Rehabilitation Project

Cabinet approved the award of contract in the sum of \$146,780,000.00 to APEC Consultants Limited for the establishment of a Programme Management Office for the Cornwall Regional Hospital Rehabilitation Project for a period of two (2) years.

The Programme Management Office will lead and coordinate the rehabilitation of the Cornwall Regional Hospital.

2. Annual Reports

Cabinet considered the Annual Reports for the:

- (i) Office of Utilities Regulation for the Financial Year 2017/2018; and
- (ii) Trade Board Limited for the Financial Years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016.

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

3. Board Appointments

(i) Clarendon Alumina Production Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. Devon Manahan to the Board of Directors, with effect from 17 September 2018 and up to 24 June 2019, when the tenure of the Board will expire.

(ii) Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mrs. Amoy Bernard Morrison to the Authority, with effect from 17 September 2018 and up to 17 April 2019, when the tenure of the Authority will expire.

(iii) National Health Fund

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. Ian Murray to the Board of Management, with effect from 17 September 2018 and up to 31 March 2019, when the tenure of the Board will expire.

(iv) National Irrigation Commission Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons as members of the Board of Directors, with effect from 17 September 2018 and up to 3 June 2020, when the tenure of the Board will expire:

- 1) Mr. Rupert Williams; and
- 2) Ms. Sharon Williamson.

(v) Norman Manley International Airports Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons as members of the Board of Directors, with effect from 17 September 2018 to 1 May 2019, when the tenure of the Board will expire:

- 1) Mr. Lloyd Pommells; and
- 2) Mrs. Donna Reid.

(vi) Ports Security Corps

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons as members of the Board, with effect from 17 September 2018 and up to 8 May 2019, when the tenure of the Board will expire:

- 1) Mr. Norman Reid – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Granville Gause;
- 3) Ms. Novelette Grant; and
- 4) Ms. Francine Staple.

4. Amendment to Agreement Between the Government of Jamaica (GOJ) and the Russian Federation for the Waiver of Visa Requirements

Cabinet approved the amendment of the Agreement between the Government of Jamaica and the Russian Federation for the waiver of visa requirements for the mutual visit of citizens of both countries to facilitate tourism and business purposes for periods not exceeding 90 calendar days per annum. Cabinet also approved the issuance of drafting instructions to the Office of the Parliamentary Counsel to give effect to the Agreement.

The changes to the text of the Agreement were requested by the Russian Federation to ensure clarity and adherence to the laws of the Russian Federation.

5. Divestment of Lands at No. 29 East Kings House Road, Barbican

Cabinet approved the divestment of lands at No. 29 East Kings House Road, Barbican, being all those parcels of land part of Friendship in the parish of St. Andrew, otherwise known as Section 1B East Kings House Road registered at Volume 133 Folio 483 of the Register Book of Titles, owned by the Kingston and St. Andrew Municipal Corporation to Kenneth Loshusan and Sons Limited and Grant Marketing Company Limited in the sum of \$98 million.

6. Caribbean Training Workshops in Measles Outbreak Response and Immunization Programme Management, Jamaica

Cabinet gave approval for Jamaica to host the Caribbean Training Workshops, which are being organised by the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO)/World Health Organisation (WHO) in:

- 1) Measles Outbreak Response from 1 to 3 October 2018; and
- 2) Immunization Programme Management from 4 to 10 October 2018.

PAHO/WHO has organised these workshops due to recent outbreaks of measles across the Americas which have reiterated the importance of strengthening the systems for surveillance as well as rapid response to outbreaks.

7. Reports

(i) The New National Foreign Trade Policy and Private Sector Engagement

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade in connection with the new National Foreign Trade Policy and the private sector engagement hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade on 26 June 2018.

The Cabinet recalled a previous Decision made in October 2017, which gave approval for the tabling of the Policy and its Action Plan as a White Paper in Parliament; and that Foreign Trade needed to be a national priority and be mainstreamed into the development of policies and plans.

The report informed of the need to review trade proposals made by the private sector, capitalise on existing trade arrangements, and strengthen partnerships between the public and private sector, with a view to improving trade operations.

The report also informed of the provisions in the new National Foreign Trade Policy; recent developments related to the Policy; the issues that constituted barriers to trade; and the implementation of Trade Agreements.

(ii) Report on the Thirty-Ninth Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

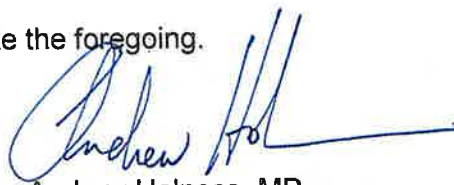
Cabinet considered a report from the Office of the Prime Minister on the Thirty-Ninth Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) held in Montego Bay, Jamaica over the period 4 to 6 July 2018.

The report informed that all CARICOM Heads of Government and Heads of Associate Member States participated in the Meeting. It provided highlights of the Opening Ceremony and details of the discussions in relation to the CARICOM Single Market and Economy.

The report further informed of the recommendations of the Council on Finance and Planning (COFAP); the report of the Marijuana Commission; the CARICOM Regional Strategy for the Development of Statistics; the Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the Prime Ministerial Sub-Committee on External Negotiations; and the bilateral meetings with the Republic of Chile, Republic of Cuba, the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, and the Republic of Suriname.

The report provided information on the CARICOM Bureau and the legal instruments signed by the Prime Minister on behalf of Jamaica; and advised that the Fortieth Inter-Sessional Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government would be held in St. Kitts and Nevis over the period 26 to 27 February 2019.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Andrew Holness, MP  
Prime Minister

19 October 2018