

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 1 OCTOBER 2018

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meetings held on 1 October 2018:

1. Contracts;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Board Appointments;
4. Jamaica's Candidature for Election to Part III of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organisation for the 2019-2022 Triennium;
5. Jamaica's Participation in Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) 2021;
6. New Air Services Agreements;
7. Divestment of Lots 28, 29 and 30, Bogue Industrial Estate, Montego Bay, St. James;
8. Compulsory Acquisition of Properties at Bigwell Lane, Hanover; Brown's Land (Portmore Lane), St. Catherine; and Part of 10½ White Avenue, St. Andrew;
9. The Wigton Windfarm Limited Privatisation Transaction; and
10. Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Horizon Park Waste Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation and Upgrading Works – National Water Commission

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$2,010,400.00 to Florida Aquastore & Utility Construction Inc. for the rehabilitation, upgrading and expansion of the National Water Commission's Horizon Park Waste Water Treatment Plant in St. Catherine.

The sewage treatment plant in the Tawes Pen Housing Scheme has become inoperable and a threat to the natural environment and, as such, requires rehabilitation and upgrading.

(ii) Award of Contract for the Well Drilling in the Essex Valley Project, Phase 1, Essex Valley Area, St. Elizabeth under the Essex Valley Agriculture Development Project

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$308,916,333.58 to Jamaica Wells and Services Limited for well drilling in the Essex Valley Project, Phase 1, Essex Valley Area in St. Elizabeth.

The scope of works will entail the development of six (6) well sites – Text Well (close to New Forest), Bent Town North, Sea Air North, Lititz Pen, Farm Villa and Lititz Favill.

(iii) Procurement of Works for the Greenwich Town Integrated Infrastructure Project, St. Andrew

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$169,964,188.70 to Stone Plus Limited, by the Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF), for the undertaking of rehabilitative works under the Greenwich Town Integrated Infrastructure Project in St. Andrew.

The Integrated Community Development Projects are geared towards promoting public safety and community transformation through access to, and improvement of basic infrastructure and social services.

(iv) Procurement of Works for the Retirement Integrated Infrastructure Project, St. James

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$147,861,700.00 to Stone Plus Limited, by the Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF), for the undertaking of rehabilitative works under the Retirement Integrated Infrastructure Project in St. James.

The Integrated Community Development Projects are geared towards promoting public safety and community transformation through access to, and improvement of basic infrastructure and social services.

(v) Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing and External Works at the Portmore Business Process Outsourcing Complex

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the negotiated amount of \$949,218,375.02 to ZDA Construction Limited for the mechanical, electrical, plumbing and external works at the Portmore Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) Complex at the Portmore Informatics Park in the Municipality of Portmore in St. Catherine.

With the completion of the foundation works for the Portmore BPO Complex, the construction of the super-structure has commenced of which these works are a critical component.

(vi) Fourth Variation to Contract for the Maintenance of Vehicle and Cargo Inspection Security (VACIS) Machines Deployed at the Ports of Kingston and Montego Bay and Bonded Warehouses in Kingston

Cabinet approved the fourth variation of a contract in the negotiated amount of US\$1,320,000.00, excluding General Consumption Tax, with Leidos Incorporation, for the maintenance of five mobile and seven pallet Vehicle and Cargo Inspection Security (VACIS) machines for the period 23 April 2018 to 22 April 2019.

This variation has become necessary as the previous variation has expired and a final decision on the way forward regarding the use of VACIS as a part of the Ports' security programme has not been determined.

(vii) Fourth and Fifth Variations to Contract for the Provision of Tug Service in the Port of Kingston

Cabinet approved variations to the contract with Intertug S.A., for the provision of two 70-ton Bollard Pull Tugs for the berthing and unberthing of vessels in the Port of Kingston, as follows:

- 1) Variation No. 4 for the period 1 February 2018 to 30 April 2018 in the amount of US\$1,260,000.00; and
- 2) Variation No. 5 for the period 1 May 2018 to 31 July 2018 in the amount of US\$1,260,000.00.

The variations have become necessary due to delays in the finalisation of the Concession Agreement for the financing and operating of the three harbour tugs in the Port of Kingston.

(viii) Award of Contract for the Provision of External Auditing Services for the Urban Development Corporation and its Subsidiaries for the Fiscal Years Ending 31 March 2018, 31 March 2019 and 31 March 2020

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$75,087,825.00 to KPMG for the provision of external auditing services for the Urban Development Corporation and its subsidiaries for three (3) fiscal years ending 31 March 2018, 31 March 2019 and 31 March 2020.

Under the Public Bodies Management and Accountability Act, the Urban Development Corporation is required to provide audited financials annually. The Company generally engages the services of a qualified firm of chartered accountants for periods of three (3) years.

2. Annual Reports

Cabinet considered the Annual Reports for the:

- (i) Jamaica Bauxite Mining Limited for the Financial Year 2016/2017;
- (ii) Jamaica Cultural Development Commission for the Financial Year 2013/2014; and
- (iii) University of Technology, Jamaica (UTech) for the Financial Years 2015/2016 and 2016/2017.

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

3. Board Appointments

(i) Architects Registration Board

Cabinet:

- a) approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board, for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 1 October 2018 to 30 September 2020:
 - 1) Mr. Laurie Ferron;
 - 2) Mr. Robert Fowler;
 - 3) Mr. Conrad Jackson;
 - 4) Ms. Margaret Jarrett;
 - 5) Mr. Bryan Morris;
 - 6) Mr. Robert Woodstock;
 - 7) Mr. Andrew James;
 - 8) Ms. Georgia Gibson Henlin, QC;
 - 9) Mr. Christopher Lue, **ex officio**; and
- b) noted that the Chairman of the Board would be selected by the members of the Board.

(ii) Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Commission, the Jamaica Racing Commission and the Casino Gaming Commission

Cabinet approved the appointments of members, as follows:

- a) Mr. Wayne Chen, as Deputy Chairman of:
 - i. the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Commission and the Jamaica Racing Commission, with effect from 1 October 2018 to 5 April 2019, when the tenure of the Commissions will expire; and
 - ii. the Casino Gaming Commission, with effect from 1 October 2018 to 24 April 2019, when the tenure of the Commission will expire;
- b) Ms. Madge Ramsay to the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Commission, with effect from 1 October 2018 to 5 April 2019, when the tenure of the Commission will expire;
- c) Mrs. Pamela Folkes to the Jamaica Racing Commission, with effect from 1 October 2018 to 5 April 2019, when the tenure of the Commission will expire; and
- d) Mr. Derrick Smith to the Jamaica Racing Commission, with effect from 1 October 2018 to 5 April 2019, when the tenure of the Commission will expire.

(iii) Climate Change Advisory Board

Cabinet approved:

- a) the appointment of the following persons to the Advisory Board for a period of two years, with effect 1 October 2018 to 30 September 2020:
 - 1) Professor Dale Webber – **Chairman**;
 - 2) Dr. Livingston White – **Vice Chairman**;
 - 3) Mr. Peter Knight;
 - 4) Ms. Claire Bernard;
 - 5) Ms. Marilyn Headley;
 - 6) Mr. David Barrett;
 - 7) Mr. Evan Thompson;
 - 8) Mr. Sean Davis;
 - 9) Dr. Jacqueline Bisasor-McKenzie;
 - 10) Dr. Susan Otuokon;
 - 11) Professor Michael Taylor;
 - 12) Ms. UnaMay Gordon, **ex officio**;
 - 13) Ms. Gillian Guthrie, **ex officio**; and
- b) the expansion of the membership of the Advisory Board to include representatives of the Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport and the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development.

(iv) National Council for Senior Citizens

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Advisory Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 1 October 2018 to 30 September 2020:

- 1) Ms. Dorothy Finlayson – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Mrs. Mary Clarke;
- 3) Ms. Vicki Hanson;
- 4) Mrs. Julian McKoy-Davis;
- 5) Lt. Colonel Desmond Clarke;
- 6) Ms. Daphne Clayton;

- 7) Mrs. Collette Robinson;
- 8) Dr. Maureen Irons-Morgan;
- 9) Mrs. Beverley Hall-Taylor;
- 10) Mrs. Hermione McKenzie;
- 11) Mr. Wellesley James;
- 12) Ms. Pearline Barrett;
- 13) Mr. Lloyd Benjamin;
- 14) Ms. Treka Lewis;
- 15) Mrs. Grace-Ann Scarlett Duncan; and
- 16) Ms. Suzette Morris.

4. Jamaica's Candidature for Election to Part III of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organisation for the 2019-2022 Triennium

Cabinet approved:

- (i) Jamaica's candidature for election to Part III of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) for the 2019-2022 triennium during elections at its 40th Assembly in September 2019 in Montreal, Canada; and
- (ii) the appointment of Jamaica's High Commissioner to Ottawa, Canada as the country's Permanent Representative to the ICAO, supported by Jamaica's Honorary Consul in Montreal, Canada.

The ICAO Council is comprised of 36 Member States elected by the General Assembly for three-year terms. It is the permanent governing body of the ICAO, a specialised agency of the United Nations which establishes and elaborates Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) for the safe and orderly development of international civil aviation.

5. Jamaica's Participation in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) 2021

Cabinet approved Jamaica's participation in the 2021 administration of the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA).

The PISA is a triennial international survey designed to evaluate and benchmark education systems through the assessment of science and reading skills with a specific focus on the ability of students to apply unfamiliar context. It will facilitate the gathering of information pertaining to the education system that will assist in enriching the data analysis.

6. New Air Services Agreements

Cabinet:

- (a) approved the signing of new Air Services Agreements with the Governments of Slovenia, Kingdom of Morocco, The Bahamas, and South Africa; and
- (b) noted the outcome of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Air Services Negotiation Event 2017, where Jamaica successfully advanced discussions with these countries.

The Government of Jamaica negotiated these Air Services Agreements in the context of the Open Skies Policy which was approved by Cabinet in 2010.

7. Divestment of Lots 28, 29 and 30, Bogue Industrial Estate, Montego Bay, St. James

Cabinet:

- (i) approved the divestment of Lots 28 and 29 of lands situated at part of Bogue Industrial Estate, Montego Bay in St. James, registered at Volume 1452 and Folio 518 to the St. James Municipal Corporation, to Mr. Keith P. Jackson at a sum of \$77,760,000.00; and
- (ii) noted the recommendation of the Land Divestment Advisory Committee, for the divestment of Lot 30 to Mr. Kirk Fong at a sum of \$28,880,000.00.

The St James Municipal Corporation is the current registered owner of the property which is being divested in keeping with the Land Divestment Policy of 2015.

8. Compulsory Acquisition of Properties at Bigwell Lane, Hanover; Brown's Land (Portmore Lane), St. Catherine; and Part of 10½ White Avenue, St. Andrew

Cabinet gave approval for the compulsory acquisition of the following properties, in accordance with the Land Acquisition Act of 1947:

- (a) Bigwell Lane in Hanover, so that the required sewage system could be constructed;
- (b) to enable the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation to provide security of tenure for the occupants at:
 - (i) Brown's Land (Portmore Lane) in St. Catherine; and
 - (ii) part of 10½ Whitehall Avenue in St. Andrew.

The reasons for the compulsory acquisition of lands are as follows:

- (i) Bigwell Lane Housing Scheme – the overflow of the central sewage system due to a lack of maintenance, the continued malfunctioning of the system, and the need to acquire the additional lands to upgrade the system;
- (ii) Brown's Land (Portmore Lane) – the original owner, who is deceased, bequeathed the land to three beneficiaries (residing locally and overseas); the desire of the local beneficiary to dispose of the property; and the issue of the inability to legally sell the property; and
- (iii) part of 10½ Whitehall Avenue – the inadequacy of infrastructure provided by the owner for the tenants; the completed acquisition of the properties by the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation; and the commissioned sub-division survey to provide splinter titles for over 100 lots.

9. The Wigton Windfarm Limited Privatisation Transaction

Cabinet approved:

- (a) the refinancing of the amounts owed by the Wigton Windfarm Limited to the PetroCaribe Development Fund;
- (b) the proposed transaction structure involving the sale of 100% of the outstanding shares of the Wigton Windfarm Limited via listing on the Jamaica Stock Exchange Main Market; and
- (c) Mayberry Investments Limited as the Financial Transaction Advisor and Stock-Broker.

Wigton Windfarm Limited is the operator of a 62.7-Megawatt wind farm complex with a mission to contribute to the diversification of Jamaica's energy mix by providing and/or facilitating increased wind energy development and renewable energy from other sources for electricity generation.

10. Reports

(i) National Social Protection Committee Annual Report 2017/2018

Cabinet considered the 2017/2018 Annual Report of the National Social Protection Committee (NSPC).

The report advised that the NSPC was convened in November 2014 as the institutional framework to guide the development and implementation of structured social protection systems in the country; advised of the major achievements in relation to social protection during the period under review; the main issues deliberated; the key policy issues; and the challenges faced.

(ii) Report on Visit to Istanbul, Turkey by the Minister of Education, Youth and Information

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information in connection with the outcome of a visit to Turkey by the Minister over the period 6 to 11 June 2018.

The report advised of discussions between the Minister of Education, Youth and Information and the Board of Trustees of the Bahçeşehir University (BAU), which took place in Washington, DC in the United States of America (USA) in November 2017; and the subsequent invitation extended to the Minister to conclude talks with representatives of the BAU in Turkey.

The report further advised that the BAU had undertaken to construct a modernised infant school in Lionel Town, Clarendon as a gift to the Government of Jamaica; and that the BAU had proposed the modernisation of three schools and the construction of one school under a Charter/Public-Private Partnership arrangement. Representatives of the BAU are to visit Jamaica in November 2018 and December 2018 to engage in further discussions on the projects.

The report also provided information on a Teacher Exchange Programme and advised of the scholarships to be offered to Jamaican students to attend BAU.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Andrew Holness, MP
Prime Minister

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