

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 16 OCTOBER 2018

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meetings held on 16 October 2018:

1. Contracts;
2. Legislation;
3. Annual Reports;
4. Board Appointments;
5. Official Funeral for the Honourable Headley Washington Cunningham, OJ, CD;
6. World Bank Access to Finance Project and Inter-American Development Bank Credit Enhancement Programme for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; and
7. Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Replacement of the Synthetic Running Track at Stadium East, National Stadium

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$71,500,000.00 to BSW of Germany for the replacement of the synthetic running track at Stadium East, National Stadium in Kingston.

The synthetic track at Stadium East at the National Stadium Complex urgently needs repair as, in its current state, it poses a serious threat of injury to the athletes that make use of it.

(ii) Marketing and Advertising Services for the Worldwide Business of the Jamaica Tourist Board

Cabinet approved the award of a contract to Beautiful Destinations for the provision marketing and advertising services for the worldwide business of the Jamaica Tourist Board (JTB), which will be provided for the three-year period 1 November 2018 to 31 October 2021. The annual contract amount will be US\$3,850,000.00, plus a commission of 9.9 percent for media services, paid monthly against pre-approved work plans.

Working closely with the Director of Tourism and JTB personnel, the contractor is expected to prepare the strategic integrated marketing approach for Jamaica's tourism product in order to direct future growth in traditional and emerging source markets.

(iii) Pumper Trucks for the Jamaica Fire Brigade

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$2,214,364.70 or J\$276,828,360.09, to J.R. Wellington Import/Export Corporation, by the Jamaica Social Investment Fund for the supply and delivery of four pumper trucks for the Jamaica Fire Brigade.

This procurement will form a part of the Jamaica Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Project which is funded through a Government of Jamaica and World Bank loan agreement which was signed in July 2016.

(iv) Civil Infrastructure Works, Friendship Housing Development, Phase 1, St. Elizabeth

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$1,316,323,848.77 to HDB Construction Company Limited, by the National Housing Trust (NHT), for the provision of civil infrastructure works for the Friendship Housing Development, Phase 1 in St. Elizabeth.

The infrastructure works will facilitate the development of 229 serviced lots for single family homes as well as eight (8) commercial lots and social amenities.

(v) Civil Engineer-Led Team of Consultants for the Friendship Housing Development (Phase 2), St. Elizabeth

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$75,497,951.42, inclusive of General Consumption Tax to Jentech Consultants Limited, by the National Housing Trust, for the provision of a civil engineer-led team of consultants to design and monitor the construction of the Friendship Housing Development, Phase 2 in St. Elizabeth.

The consulting team will complete the designs for the housing development, obtain all external agency approvals for the development as well as monitor the infrastructure works contract.

2. Legislation

The Bank of Jamaica (Amendment) Act, 2018

Cabinet gave approval for the Bill entitled "The Bank of Jamaica (Amendment) Act, 2018" to be introduced into the Houses of Parliament.

The Bill seeks to modernise the Bank of Jamaica (BOJ) and to strengthen the governance structure in keeping with international best practice.

3. Annual Reports

Cabinet considered the Annual Reports of the:

- (i) Jamaica Business Development Corporation for the Financial Year 2016/2017;
- (ii) Sugar Industry Authority for the Crop Year 2016/2017; and
- (iii) University Hospital of the West Indies for the Financial Years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016.

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

4. Board Appointments

(i) Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mrs. Marigold Harding as Chairman of the Board, with effect from 16 October 2018 to 29 May 2019, when the tenure of the Board will expire.

(ii) Pharmacy Council

Cabinet approved the appointments of Dr. Eugenie Brown-Myrie as Chairperson and Mr. Rohan McNellie as member to the Council, with effect from 16 October 2018 to 5 April 2019, when the tenure of the Council will expire.

(iii) University Council of Jamaica

Cabinet gave approval of the appointment of Professor Dale Webber as an *ex officio* member of the Council, with effect from 16 October 2018 up to 31 March 2019, when the tenure of the Council will expire.

(iv) University Hospital of the West Indies

Cabinet approved the appointment of Professor Archibald McDonald to the Board of Management, with effect from 16 October 2018 to 31 March 2019, when the tenure of the Board will expire.

5. Official Funeral for the Honourable Headley Washington Cunningham, OJ, CD

Cabinet approved the according of an Official Funeral to the Honourable Headley Washington Cunningham, OJ, CD, former Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Cunningham's service to public life included his roles as Member of Parliament, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, and Member of the Privy Council.

6. World Bank Access to Finance Project and Inter-American Development Bank Credit Enhancement Programme for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

Cabinet approved the implementation of the World Bank Access to Finance (A2F) for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Project, to be implemented by the Development Bank of Jamaica Limited (DBJ) under the loan agreement dated 2 March 2018 between Jamaica and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank). Cabinet also approved the implementation of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Credit Enhancement Programme for MSMEs Project, being implemented by the DBJ under the loan agreement, dated 6 September 2017, between Jamaica and the IDB.

The A2F project will entail loan guarantees to MSMEs, support for the establishment of a Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Fund, and the provision of business development services to MSMEs.

7. Reports

(i) Transfer of the Management Functions of the Half Way Tree Transport Centre to the Transport Authority

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Transport and Mining in connection with the status of the transfer of the management functions of the Half Way Tree Transport Centre to the Transport Authority, which took effect 1 September 2018.

The report recalled that on 5 June 2007, the Port Authority Management Services Limited (PAMSL) was incorporated under the Companies Act, specifically to manage the operations

of the Centre, and transport centres in general. An Agreement was signed on 21 September 2007 for five years and renewed on 1 June 2011 for another 5 years, which ended on 31 May 2016. The report further informed of the appointment of the Port Authority of Jamaica (PAJ) as the implementing agency for the construction of the Centre, and the direction given in May 2007 for the PAJ to be responsible for its management; the issues relating to the transfer of the management function; the human resources, legislative, operational and financial considerations; and the consultations done.

The report also recalled Cabinet's Decision in September 2016 which directed that the functions of the PAMSL, relating to the management of the Half Way Tree Transport Centre, be transferred to the Transport Authority and that the PAMSL be wound up.

Cabinet was informed that the staff of PAMSL had been retained by the Transport Authority to facilitate the continued provision of service to the Transport Centre.

(ii) Amendments to the Criminal Justice (Suppression of Criminal Organisations) Act

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of National Security in connection with the presentation of the proposed amendments to the Criminal Justice (Suppression of Criminal Organizations) Act, 2014 for discussion at the Joint Select Committee of Parliament that had been named in keeping with Section 21 of the Act.

The report advised of the promulgation of the legislation (commonly referred to as the "Anti-Gang Act") in 2014, as a response to the growing presence of criminal organisations/gangs and the increasing levels of crime and violence throughout the country. It also advised that Section 21 of the Act stipulated a review of the legislation no later than three years after its adoption.

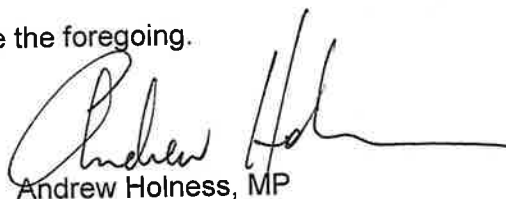
The report presented statistics in relation to arrests made under the legislation; identified the limitations of the Act; and provided information on the proposed amendments to the Act, as well as the current status of the review of the Act.

(iii) National Conference on Biological Diversity

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation in connection with the hosting of Jamaica's first National Conference on Biological Diversity.

The conference was to be held at the Spanish Court Hotel in Kingston on Wednesday, 17 October 2018 under the theme – "*The importance of Jamaica's biodiversity to sustainable livelihoods, health and well-being.*"

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Andrew Holness, MP  
Prime Minister

27 November 2018