

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meetings held on 5, 12, 19 and 26 November 2018:

1. Contracts;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Board Appointments;
4. Transfer of Lands at Stewart Castle, Trelawny from Commissioner of Lands to Amaterra Jamaica Limited;
5. Proposals for a Revised Investment Framework for Pension Plans and Related Matters;
6. Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Health and Donor(s) to the Adopt-A-Clinic Programme;
7. Sub-Regional Workshop on the New Guidance for the Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative; and
8. Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Variation to the Contract for the Tivoli Gardens Integrated Infrastructure Project, Kingston

Cabinet approved a second variation in the amount of \$28,900,434.55 to a contract originally awarded by the Jamaica Social Investment Fund to Contraxx Enterprises Limited, to execute rehabilitative works for the Tivoli Gardens Integrated Infrastructure Project.

The variation has been necessitated by the requirement to install slipper drains and kerbs that were assumed to be present in the original scope of works. Additionally, the road surface was deemed to be substandard thus the methodology for rehabilitation had to be re-scoped.

(ii) Supply and Commissioning of a Buoy Tender/Utility Vessel

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$13,809,000.00 to Damen Shipyards Gorinchem for the supply and commissioning of one Damen UV 3911 Buoy Tender/Utility Vessel, inclusive of foreign and local training and spares.

The current Buoy Tender/Utility vessel used by the Port Authority of Jamaica Harbours Department is 38 years old and has surpassed its useful life.

(iii) Ministry of Health Centres of Excellence

Cabinet approved the award of a contract by the Planning Institute of Jamaica in the amount of US\$1,154,130.00, inclusive of local indirect taxes totalling US\$384,710.00, to a joint venture led by Sanigest Internacional for the provision of a comprehensive feasibility study, and if found feasible, to also provide transaction advisory services for the development of Centres of Excellence in Oncology and Nephrology at St. Joseph's Hospital, with a satellite centre at Cornwall Regional Hospital, through a public-private partnership.

These Centres of Excellence are being established to help achieve the Government of Jamaica Medium-Term Socio-Economic Framework objective of extending average life expectancy to over 76 years by raising the standards of health care delivery.

- (iv) Supply of Viral Load Tests, Reagents and Supplies for the National Public Health Laboratory
Cabinet approved the award of a contract by the Ministry of Health in the amount of US\$875,707.20, inclusive of General Consumption Tax, to LASCO Distributors Limited for the supply of viral load tests, reagents and supplies for the National Public Health Laboratory for one year.

The supplies being provided under this contract are critical in the conducting of routine testing for patients undergoing treatment for HIV/AIDS islandwide.

- (v) Supply of Medical Gases to the Western Regional Health Authority
Cabinet approved the award of a contract by the Western Regional Health Authority in the amount of \$121,103,792.52 to Industrial Gases Limited for the supply of medical gases to the Western Regional Health Authority for a period of one (1) year.

The supplier will provide medical gases and cylinders to all the public hospitals within the control of the Western Regional Health Authority.

- (vi) Deep Energy Retrofits of Three Government of Jamaica Hospitals
Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$5,358,382.90, exclusive of General Consumption Tax, to Power Services Company Limited for the design, supply, installation, commissioning and maintenance of energy efficiency and renewable energy interventions that would guarantee reductions in electricity consumption at the following public hospitals: Kingston Public Hospital/Victoria Jubilee Hospital, Mandeville Hospital, and Falmouth Hospital.

This project is a part of the Government's effort to diversify the energy mix and curtail its dependence on imported petroleum products, through its Energy Management Efficiency Programme which is being executed by the Petroleum Corporation of Jamaica.

2. Annual Reports

Cabinet noted the Annual Reports for the:

- (i) Anti-Dumping and Subsidies Commission Annual Report for the Financial Year 2014/2015;
- (ii) Jamaica International Free Zone Development Limited for the Financial Year 2016/2017;
- (iii) Jamaica Urban Transit Company Limited for the Financial Year 2016/2017; and
- (iv) National Land Agency for the Financial Year 2008/2009.

The Reports will be tabled in Parliament.

3. Board Appointments

- (i) Bellevue Public Psychiatric Hospital

Cabinet approved the appointment of Miss Nicole Ebanks and Mr. Howard Chamberlain, Jr. to the Board of Management with effect from 19 November 2018 to 8 May 2019, when the tenure of the Board will expire.

(ii) Independence Park Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years with effect from 12 November 2018 to 11 November 2020:

- 1) Dr. the Hon. Michael Fennell, OJ, CD – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. David Shirley – **Vice Chairman**;
- 3) Mrs. Annmarie Heron;
- 4) Major Desmon Brown;
- 5) Assistant Commissioner of Police Terrence Bent;
- 6) Lieutenant Colonel Roderick Rowe;
- 7) Mr. Lenford Salmon;
- 8) Mr. Carlton Dennis;
- 9) Mr. Edward Barnes;
- 10) Dr. Peter Charles; and
- 11) Ms. Audrey Chin.

(iii) Institute of Sports Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two years, with effect from 12 November 2018 to 11 November 2020:

- 1) Mr. Newton Amos – **Chairman**;
- 2) Assistant Commissioner of Police Ronald Anderson – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Mr. Gladstone Wright;
- 4) Mr. Emile Spence;
- 5) Mr. Viswanaught Tolan;
- 6) Mrs. Florette Blackwood;
- 7) Mr. Ryan Foster;
- 8) Mrs. Daphne Hurge;
- 9) Dr. Michelle Holt;
- 10) Dr. Lee Martin;
- 11) Mrs. Marvalyn Campbell;
- 12) Mr. Allan Beckford; and
- 13) Mr. Renardo Smith – *ex officio*.

(iv) Jamaica Council for Persons with Disabilities

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mrs. Marlilyn McKoy to the Advisory Board with effect from 12 November 2018 to 26 August 2020, when the tenure of the Board will expire.

(v) Port Royal Brotherhood

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 5 November 2018 to 4 November 2020:

- 1) Mr. Raymond Villiers – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Donovan Williams;
- 3) Mr. Peter Knight;
- 4) Lieutenant Commander Evon Clarke;
- 5) Councillor Lorraine Dobson, JP;
- 6) Mrs. Amelia Houslin; and
- 7) Mr. Roderick Francis, Jnr.

(vi) Spectrum Management Authority Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following members to the Authority for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 12 November 2018 to 11 November 2020:

- 1) Mr. Edward Gabbidon – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Delroy Thompson – **Vice Chairman**;
- 3) Mrs. Marcia Forbes;
- 4) Mr. Marlon Morgan;
- 5) Mr. Robert Richards;
- 6) Mrs. Kaydian Smith-Newton;
- 7) Mr. Vaughn McDonald;
- 8) Mr. Dalton Yap;
- 9) Mr. Claude Petgrave; and
- 10) Dr. Maria Myers-Hamilton – *ex officio*.

(vii) Sports Development Foundation

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 12 November 2018 to 11 November 2020:

- 1) Mr. George Soutar – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Lloyd Pommells – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Mr. David Shirley;
- 4) Mr. Ian Forbes;
- 5) Honourable Molly Rhone, OJ, CD;
- 6) Dr. Donovan Bennett;
- 7) Mr. Christopher Stokes;
- 8) Mrs. Annmarie Heron;
- 9) Mr. Newton Amos; and
- 10) Mr. Compton Rodney.

4. Transfer of Lands at Stewart Castle, Trelawny from Commissioner of Lands to Amaterra Jamaica Limited

Cabinet approved the completion of the agreement for sale to transfer approximately 96.487 hectares (238 acres 1 rood 28 perches) of land at Stewart Castle in Trelawny, excluding the beach, to Amaterra Jamaica Limited for resort development, subject to the conditions.

Cabinet also approved the abandonment of the requirement for the retention of the land for mining of dolomite, as contained in special Condition 13 of the Agreement for Sale; the area of land comprising the beach be separated and licensed/leased in accordance with the Beach Policy; and the Agreement for Sale to include provisions to the effect that, the Commissioner of Lands shall be given a right of first refusal in the event the property was to be sold, or the construction of the proposed development had not been completed within the stipulated period after the date of transfer. The property is located on a parochial road approximately 5 kilometres west of the town of Duncans, Trelawny.

5. Proposals for a Revised Investment Framework for Pension Plans and Related Matters

Cabinet gave approval for changes to the investment limits for selected categories of investment instruments for pension plans.

The proposals emerged in the context of the need to revise permissible investment limits being recommended as a priority action under the Access to Finance component of the Economic Growth Agenda.

6. Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Health and Donor(s) to the Adopt-A-Clinic Programme

Cabinet gave approval for the Ministry of Health to enter a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding with donor(s) to the Adopt-A-Clinic Programme for primary health care.

The Ministry's Adopt-A-Clinic Programme for primary health care is a platform for garnering financial support or gifts of goods and services from interested groups and stakeholders, as well as means to engage participation from across the diaspora with the aim of improving the network of health centres.

7. Sub-Regional Workshop on the New Guidance for the Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative

Cabinet approved Jamaica's hosting of the Sub-Regional Workshop on the New Guidance for the Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative organised by the Pan American Health Organisation/World Health Organisation, scheduled for 19 to 21 November 2018 in Kingston.

The objectives of the workshop include the development a road map, which can be adapted to countries implementing the Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative including assessment, monitoring and reassessment; and the review of the evidence for the revised Ten Steps to Successful Breastfeeding.

8. Reports

(i) The Financial Deepening Agenda

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service in connection with an update with respect to the financial deepening agenda.

The report informed of the contribution of the Bank of Jamaica to the development and implementation of the agenda, supported by a consultant who was retained to develop recommendations on how to advance financial deepening in the near to medium term.

The report further informed that a status report was provided, which included a proposed action plan that emphasised significant areas of opportunities that could promote financial deepening and catalyse greater economic activity. The agenda built on work being done under the National Financial Inclusion Strategy and considered the findings of the recently concluded Financial Sector Assessment Programme conducted by the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

The report also informed of the near-term financial deepening agenda; the four key recommended actions for the near-term which were: the financing modalities (factoring of receivables), the leveraging of Government assets (accelerating the creation of investible assets), standardising asset quality and reducing arbitrage (for scale and to support pension investment limit reforms), and money market deepening and price discovery.

(ii) Supreme Court Easter Term Statistical Report

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Justice about the tabling of the Chief Justice's Statistical Report for the Easter Term of the calendar year 2018 in Parliament.

The report informed that a statistician hired by the Supreme Court commenced work in 2016, and thus, the preparation and tabling of statistical reports for the Supreme Court and Parish Courts has now become routine.

The report provided highlights of the issues addressed in the Report for the Easter Term, including case activity across Courts, notably, the new cases and cases disposed of; the average case clearance rates across Courts; the challenges relating to strict adherence to dates set for hearing or trial due to the high incidence of adjournments; and the establishment of a court-wide target of a 95% trial and hearing date certainty over the next six years.

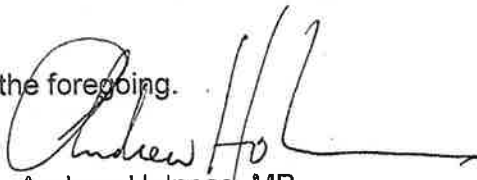
(iii) Update on the Implementation of Two Major Development Projects – Jamaica Gansu International Industrial Park and Special Economic Zone, and Aerotropolis Jamaica

Cabinet considered a report from the Office of the Prime Minister regarding an update on the implementation of two major development projects, namely, the Jamaica Gansu International Industrial Park and Special Economic Zone, and the Aerotropolis Jamaica.

The report informed that the projects were being implemented simultaneously given their synergistic relationship and potential to contribute to the Government's economic growth agenda and were poised to create dynamic growth as measured by international benchmarks in the aviation, mining and manufacturing sectors. It further informed that collectively, the symbiotic dynamic which would develop in the logistics sector would serve Jamaica significantly along the path to achieving Global Logistics Hub status.

The report advised of the protocol for establishing a project under the National Strategic Investment Policy, and the proposal for the Jamaica Gansu International Industrial Park and Special Economic Zone to be declared a National Strategic Development Project; the activities of the Jamaica Gansu International Industrial Park and Special Economic Zone Core Implementation Committee; and that the Airports Authority of Jamaica was pursuing the acquisition of lands required for airport development in Vernamfield pursuant to Cabinet's Decision in November 2017, which gave approval for the Airports Authority of Jamaica to enter into negotiations with private land owners for such acquisition.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Andrew Holness, MP

Prime Minister

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