

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 10 DECEMBER 2018

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

1. Contract;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Board Appointments;
4. Establishment of an Investment Management Review Commission for the National Insurance Fund;
5. Sale of Land Part of Long Bay, Negril, Westmoreland to Sandals Resorts International Limited;
6. Amendment to the Privatisation and Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Policies to Remunerate Members of Enterprise Teams and Negotiation Teams;
7. Hosting of the Caribbean Sub-Regional Cleaner and More Efficient Fuels and Vehicles Workshop;
8. Proposed New Air Services Agreement; and
9. Report.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contract

Provision of Private Security Services at the Ministry of Health

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$114,234,599.25 to Atlas Group Incorporated Limited for the provision of private security services for the Ministry of Health's locations for a period of two (2) years.

To protect staff and property, the Ministry employs a private security firm at its various locations.

2. Annual Reports

Cabinet noted the Annual Reports for the:

- (i) Financial Investigations Division for the Financial Year 2015/2016;
- (ii) National Housing Trust for the Financial Year 2017/2018; and
- (iii) Jamaica Railway Corporation for the Financial Year 2016/2017.

The Reports will be tabled in Parliament.

3. Board Appointments

(i) Agro-Investment Corporation

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

- 1) Mr. Vitus Evans – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Gary Coulton – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Mr. Marshall Peterkin;
- 4) Mr. Junior Graham;
- 5) Dr. Gavin Bellamy;

- 6) Ms. Merle Donaldson;
- 7) Mr. Karl Hyatt; and
- 8) Ms. Marlene Porter

(ii) Factories Corporation of Jamaica Limited

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

- 1) Mr. Lyttleton Shirley – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Kirk Benjamin;
- 3) Mr. Fabian Brown;
- 4) Ms. Rochelle Cameron;
- 5) Mrs. Polly Ho;
- 6) Mr. Julian Mair;
- 7) Dr. Kofi Nkrumah-Young;
- 8) Mr. Jordan Samuda;
- 9) Mr. Michael Stern; and
- 10) Mr. Paul East.

(iii) Students Loan Bureau

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

- 1) Mr. Nicholas Scott – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Sandra Glasgow – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Ms. Roxanne Miller;
- 4) Mr. Andrew Simpson;
- 5) Ms. Julie Thompson James;
- 6) Dr. André Haughton;
- 7) Dr. Karelle Samuda;
- 8) Mr. Andrew Harris;
- 9) Ms. Terise Kettle;
- 10) Mr. Timmy Wilson; and
- 11) Mrs. Veronica Warmington.

4. Establishment of an Investment Management Review Commission for the National Insurance Fund

Cabinet approved the establishment of an Investment Management Review Commission for the National Insurance Fund (NIF), as under:

- 1) Mr. Rohan Miller – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Julian Mair;
- 3) Mrs. Mariame McIntosh Robinson;
- 4) Mr. Justin Nam;
- 5) Mrs. Julie Thompson James;
- 6) Mrs. Jacqueline Sharpe;
- 7) Ms. Sanya Goffe;
- 8) Senator Matthew Samuda;
- 9) Mr. Everton McFarlane;
- 10) Mr. O'Neil Grant;

- 11) Mr. Granville Valentine;
- 12) Senator Kavan Gayle;
- 13) Ambassador Lorne McDonnough;
- 14) Ms. Carlene O'Connor;
- 15) Ms. Nadeen Spence; and
- 16) Nominee, The Caribbean Community of Retired Persons.

The Investment Management Review Commission will advise the Government of Jamaica on the best investment practices and make appropriate recommendations for the NIF.

5. Sale of Land Part of Long Bay, Negril, Westmoreland to Sandals Resorts International Limited
 Cabinet gave approval for the sale of land part, of Long Bay, Negril, Westmoreland. to Sandals Resorts International Limited to expand existing holdings of their Beaches Negril Resort and Spa Hotel on the following terms, that:
 - (i) the prospective Purchaser shall carry out the development of the adjacent lands known as Long Bay Beach Park 1 to facilitate public use within such period of time and in accordance with the development plan for the park as shall be agreed by the Vendor;
 - (ii) the contract of sale should provide express conditions to enable work on the development of the relevant public amenities required by the UDC to be carried out by the Purchaser and that such development should be commenced by an agreed date before, or in conjunction with, the commencement of the hotel development; and
 - (iii) public access-ways to the beach as stated in the Development Order are to be preserved; and
 - (iv) the sale agreement should include the standard performance clause that the development proposed should commence within two years of the finalisation of the sale of the land, failing which the land would be reacquired by Government.

6. Amendment to the Privatisation and Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Policies to Remunerate Members of Enterprise Teams and Negotiation Teams
 Cabinet approved amendment to the Government of Jamaica Policy Framework and Procedures Manual for the Privatisation of Government Assets (the Privatisation Policy) and the Policy and Institutional Framework for the Implementation of a Public-Private Partnership Programme for the Government of Jamaica, to facilitate the remuneration of members of Enterprise Teams and Negotiating Teams.

 Cabinet also approved the equivalent of Category I Board of Directors fees, for the proposed remuneration for Enterprise Teams and Negotiating Teams, as per Circular No.11 dated 19 April 2016 (Revised Rates – Fees for Chairman and Members of the Board of Public Bodies); and that the fees paid to Enterprise Teams and Negotiating Teams are deemed to be revised when the Circular No.11 dated 19 April 2016 (Revised Rates – Fees for Chairman and Members of the Board of Public Bodies) is revised.

7. Hosting of the Caribbean Sub-Regional Cleaner and More Efficient Fuels and Vehicles Workshop
 Cabinet ratified Jamaica hosting of the “Caribbean Sub-Regional Cleaner and More Efficient Fuels and Vehicles Workshop” in Kingston from 5 to 6 December 2018.

The objective of the workshop was to strengthen vehicle emission and fuel quality standards and to promote fuel economy to support a more fuel-efficient auto fleet in the Caribbean.

8. Proposed New Air Services Agreement

Cabinet approved Jamaica signing an Air Services Agreement with the Republic of Iceland. Cabinet also approved Jamaica's holding discussions with Colombia, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Netherlands, Nigeria, Qatar, Rwanda and Botswana towards conclusion of Air Services Agreements.

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Air Services Negotiation (ICAN) is an event, established in 2008, which provides a global marketplace for multiple air services negotiations and for business-to-business networking among States, international organisations and other stakeholders. It is proposed that the signing of the Agreement and the discussions on others will take place at this year's event, which is scheduled to take place in Nairobi, Kenya from 10 to 14 December 2018.

9. Report

Green Climate Fund Readiness and Preparatory Support Grant – 2018

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation in connection with the signing of a grant agreement between the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation and the Green Climate Fund (GCF), for the Readiness and Preparatory Support to Jamaica.

The report informed of the responsibilities and functions of the Climate Change Division (CCD) of the Ministry; and that the CCD's support for the goals of the National Forest Management and Conservation Plan (NFMCP) was important for enhancing Jamaica's ambition in relation to its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC), including support of the forest sector in Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD).

In 2010, REDD became REDD+, in accordance with the Cancun Agreement, to reflect new activities such as conservation of forest carbon stocks, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks. In 2017, the CCD submitted a grant proposal to the GCF under the GCF Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme for developing countries.

The report informed of the objectives of the grant, including development of Jamaica's National REDD+ Strategy and a REDD+ Implementation Framework; and outlined the major achievements of the CCD to date, including the assignment of the CCD as the National Designated Authority (NDA) for the GCF, grants from the GCF to the CCD, and projects currently being developed by the CCD, other key activities being undertaken; the financial assessment, and the consultations done.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.


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Prime Minister
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