

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 23 JANUARY 2019

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 23 January 2019:

1. Contracts;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Board Appointments;
4. Public Sector Monitoring Committee for 2019-2022;
5. Hosting of the High-Level Symposium on International Maritime Development, the Senior Maritime Administrators' Workshop and Caribbean Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control Technical Workshop;
6. Allocation of Financial Resources to Conduct Vector Control Activities in Communities to Support the Dengue Mitigation Actions of the Government of Jamaica; and
7. Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Provision of External Audit Services for the Bank of Jamaica

Cabinet approved the award of a five-year contract in the amount of \$78,389,196.00 to KPMG, for the provision of external audit services for the Bank of Jamaica.

The contractor will be required to conduct audits on the Bank's financial statements in compliance with the International Standards on auditing and International Financial Reporting Standards.

(ii) Implementation of the Elhydro Kleenoil Bypass Filtration System in the Jamaica Urban Transit Company Fleet of Buses

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$251,050,000.00 to Elhydro Inc for the provision of technical professional advice, materials and to perform all operations for the Phase I implementation of the Elhydro Kleenoil Bypass Filtration System in the Jamaica Urban Transit Company fleet of buses.

The use of the Elhydro Kleenoil Bypass Filtration System by the Jamaica Urban Transit Company bus fleet is projected to reduce costs by reducing the time for servicing of buses and reducing engine wear.

2. Annual Reports

Cabinet noted the Annual Reports for the:

- (i) Jamaica Mortgage Bank for the Financial Year 2017/2018;
 - (ii) National Road Operating and Construction Company for the Financial Year 2016/2017;
- and

(iii) Urban Development Corporation for the Financial Years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016.

The Reports will be tabled in Parliament.

3. Board Appointments

(i) Culture, Health, Arts, Sports and Education Fund

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board of Directors, with effect from 23 January 2019 to 8 May 2019, when the tenure of the Board will expire:

- 1) Mr. Bindley Sangster;
- 2) Mr. Hugh Croskery; and
- 3) Mr. Duane Smith.

(ii) Jamaica House Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of one (1) year, with effect from 23 January 2019 to 22 January 2020:

- 1) His Excellency Mr. Seth George Ramocan;
- 2) Ms. Angella Rose-Howell; and
- 3) Ms. Ellen Gray Bogle.

(iii) South East Regional Health Authority

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board of Management, with effect from 23 January 2019 to 31 March 2019, when the tenure of the Board will expire:

- 1) Ms. Krystal Lee;
- 2) Mr. Okeino Robinson; and
- 3) Dr. Karen Webster Kerr – *ex officio*.

4. Public Sector Monitoring Committee for 2019-2022

Cabinet approved the reconstitution of the Public Sector Monitoring Committee for a period of three years, with effect from 23 January 2019 to 22 January 2022, comprising of representatives of the following Offices/Organisations:

Government of Jamaica Representatives

- 1) The Minister of Finance and the Public Service or Nominee – **Chairman**;
- 2) The Minister of Labour and Social Security or Nominee;
- 3) The Minister of Health or Nominee;
- 4) The Minister of Education, Youth and Information or Nominee;
- 5) The Financial Secretary or Nominee;
- 6) The Deputy Financial Secretary, Strategic Human Resource Management Division (SHRMD), Ministry of Finance Public Service;
- 7) Chief Personnel Officer;
- 8) Representative, Cabinet Office;
- 9) Representative, Attorney General's Chambers;
- 10) Representative, Planning Institute of Jamaica;
- 11) Principal Director, Compensation Management and Implementation, SHRMD, Ministry

of Finance and the Public Service;

- 12) Senior Director, Strategic Operations and Support, SHRMD, Ministry of Finance and the Public Service;

Public Sector Workers' Representatives

- 13) One (1) Representative, Jamaica Association of Local Government Officers;
14) One (1) Representative, Bustamante Industrial Trade Union;
15) One (1) Representative, National Workers Union;
16) One (1) Representative, Jamaica Civil Service Association;
17) One (1) Representative, Union of Technical and Supervisory Personnel;
18) One (1) Representative, Jamaica Workers Union;
19) One (1) Representative, Union of Schools, Agricultural and Allied Workers;
20) One (1) Representative, University and Allied Workers Union;
21) One (1) Representative, Jamaica Teachers Association;
22) Two (2) Representatives, Jamaica Medical Doctors Association;
23) Two (2) Representatives, Nurses Association of Jamaica; and
24) Two (2) Representatives, Association of Government Medical Consultants.

The Public Sector Monitoring Committee is being reconstituted to serve as the key mechanism to ensure the implementation of the terms of labour agreements.

5. Hosting of the High-Level Symposium on International Maritime Development, the Senior Maritime Administrators' Workshop and Caribbean Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control Technical Workshop

Cabinet approved Jamaica's hosting of the following International Maritime Organisation (IMO) events over the period 25 February to 1 March 2019:

- i. a High-Level Regional Symposium on International Maritime Development;
- ii. a Senior Maritime Administrator's Regional Workshop over the period; and
- iii. a Caribbean Memorandum of Understanding (CMOU) on Port State Control's Technical Standing Working Group (TSWG) meeting.

The events will be hosted by the Maritime Authority of Jamaica (MAJ) in Montego Bay, St. James, and are part of the IMO's regional project to support maritime development in the Caribbean.

6. Allocation of Financial Resources to Conduct Vector Control Activities in Communities to Support the Dengue Mitigation Actions of the Government of Jamaica

Cabinet approved the allocation of \$55.7 million to the Members of Parliament to undertake vector control activities within their Constituencies through their respective Municipal Corporations, and the allocation of \$100 million to the 13 Municipal Corporations.

The current increase in incidences and suspected incidences of Dengue have necessitated a strong preventative response from the Government of Jamaica.

7. Reports

(i) The Sustainable Blue Economy Conference

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade on the outcomes of Jamaica's participation in the Sustainable Blue Economy Conference held in Nairobi, Kenya, during the period 26 to 28 November 2018.

The report indicated that the Conference provided a platform to explore the full range of opportunities in the oceans, seas, rivers and lakes, for economic development, job creation and poverty eradication.

The report provided information on the delegation, led by the Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade; the leaders' commitment segment; the key outcomes of the conference encapsulated in the Nairobi Statement of Intent on Advancing a Sustainable Blue Economy; the bilateral meeting between the Minister of State and the Kenyan Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Monica Juma; the meeting with the Jamaican Diaspora in the Nairobi Metropolitan Area; and other meetings in the margins of the conference.

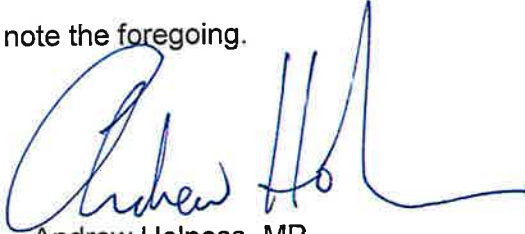
(ii) International Road Federation's 70th General Assembly and the Road2Tunnel Conference

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Transport and Mining on the participation of the Minister of Transport and Mining in the 70th General Assembly of the International Road Federation (IRF), Board of Director's Meeting and the Road2Tunnel Conference and Expo held in Las Vegas, United States of America (USA) during the period 7 to 9 November 2018.

The report provided background information on the IRF; and noted that the Minister became a member of the Board of Directors in January 2017, and that Jamaica was the first Caribbean nation to be represented on the IRF Board of Directors.

The report also provided information on the areas of discussion pertinent to Jamaica, including the transformation of the road environment, the role of Big Traffic Data, and the evolution of motor vehicle technologies and the design and development of supporting road infrastructure.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.


Andrew Holness, MP
Prime Minister
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