

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 25 MARCH 2019

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 25 March 2019:

1. Contracts;
2. Legislation;
3. Board Appointment;
4. Joint Venture Agreement to Undertake the Rhyne Park Housing Development at Rose Hall, Montego Bay, St. James;
5. Proposal for a Mobile Training Centre (Driver Training Solution) to Train and Facilitate Job Creation Opportunities for At-Risk Youth and Selected Uniformed Youth Groups;
6. Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean;
7. Headquarters Agreement for the Hosting of the Caribbean Aviation Safety and Security Oversight System; and
8. Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Insurance Brokerage Services for the Port Authority of Jamaica

Cabinet approved the award of a three-year contract for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2022 to Marathon Insurance Brokers Limited for insurance brokerage services for the Port Authority of Jamaica (PAJ) with the following premiums for the first year commencing 1 April 2019:

United States Dollars (US\$) Denominated Policies	US\$1,198,125.00
Jamaican Dollars (J\$) Denominated Policies	\$11,943,822.00
Group Personal Accident	\$800,000.00

The current three-year contract agreement for insurance brokerage services for its General and Group Personal Accident insurance expired on 31 March 2019.

(ii) Procurement of Oracle Database Licences for Trade Electronic Single Window and Customs Management Systems

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$1,427,946.24, including General Consumption Tax, to Digicel Jamaica Limited for the supply of Oracle Database licences in connection with the implementation of the Electronic Single Window for trade and optimisation of the Customs Management System for the Government of Jamaica.

The licences are required as the Oracle Databases form an integral part in functioning of the Electronic Single Window and Customs Management Systems.

(iii) Variation to a Contract for Engineering and Monitoring Services in Relation to the Kennedy Grove Sewage Treatment Rehabilitation Project, Clarendon

Cabinet approved a variation in the amount of \$4,333,800.00, to a contract originally awarded to Rural Water Supply Limited for the preparation of sewage treatment design plans, construction monitoring and project management services for the Kennedy Grove Housing Development Sewage Treatment Rehabilitation Project, located at Palmers Cross in Clarendon.

The variation has become necessary as changes in the scope of work on the project have led to delays in completion and consequently the extension of the period of work for Rural Water Supply Limited as project manager.

(iv) Infrastructure Works at Grange Pen (Brownfield), St. James

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$878,365,004.00, by the Housing Agency of Jamaica Limited, to D.R. Foote Construction Company Limited, to undertake infrastructure works at Grange Pen in St. James.

The work to be undertaken includes the provision of asphalt paved roadways; the implementation of a potable water supply and distribution system; and the implementation of a sewage collection and treatment system.

(v) Building and Civil Infrastructure Works at Hummingbird Meadows Housing Development, Phase 2, Clarendon

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$3,142,599,077.77 to Build-Rite Construction Company Limited, by the National Housing Trust (NHT), to undertake building and civil infrastructure works at Hummingbird Meadows Housing Development, Phase 2, Birds Hills in Clarendon.

The construction of the Hummingbird Meadows Housing Development, Phase 2 falls under the NHT's strategic objective to increase housing completions and deliver 18,662 new housing solutions by 31 March 2021. This development will yield approximately 406 housing solutions.

(vi) Procurement of Works for the Montego Bay (Barnett Street) Fire Station Construction, St. James

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$534,989,263.99 to Pavecon Limited, by the Jamaica Social Investment Fund, for the construction of the Barnett Street Fire Station in Montego Bay, in St. James.

The works will include the construction of a four-storey structure to house fire-fighting equipment, engine bays, dormitories, office and training facilities.

2. Legislation

The National Contracts Commission (Validation and Indemnity) Act, 2019

Cabinet gave approval for the Bill entitled "The National Contracts Commission (Validation and Indemnity), 2019" to be introduced into the Houses of Parliament.

The Bill seeks to validate and confirm as lawful, the actions of the National Contracts Commission in relation to the registration and classification of prospective contractors, done contrary to the provisions of the relevant legislation during the period February 11, 1999 and ending on the day appointed for the coming into force of the Public Procurement Act, 2015. The Bill also seeks to indemnify the National Contracts Commission and all other persons from liability in relation to such actions.

3. Board Appointment

Gender Advisory Council

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Council, with effect from 25 March 2019 to 7 January 2021, when the tenure of the Council will expire:

- 1) Dr. Marcia Forbes;
- 2) Ms. Shirley Pryce;
- 3) Ms. Tamisha Lee;
- 4) Dr. Dwayne Vernon;
- 5) Ms. Joyce Chambers; and
- 6) Dr. Angela Brown Burke.

4. Joint Venture Agreement to Undertake the Rhyne Park Housing Development at Rose Hall, Montego Bay, St. James

Cabinet gave approval for the Minister responsible for housing and the Housing Agency of Jamaica Limited (HAJL) to enter into a Joint Venture with Henan Fifth Construction Group Company Limited for the construction of 754 housing units over a three-year period at Rose Hall in Montego Bay, St. James.

The Rhyne Park property to be developed comprises 31.46 hectares (77.73 acres) and is in Rose Hall, Montego Bay. The property was purchased by the HAJL to facilitate the provision of housing solutions, particularly for workers in the tourism sector. The development will include 100 one-bedroom and 60 two-bedroom apartments, 426 two-bedroom single family units, 1222 two-bedroom townhouses and 46 three-bedroom townhouses, a kids' park, a hiking trail and a mechanical waste plant.

5. Proposal for a Mobile Training Centre (Driver Training Solution) to Train and Facilitate Job Creation Opportunities for At-Risk Youth and Selected Uniformed Youth Groups

Cabinet approved the purchase of a Mobile Training Centre (Driver Training Solution) valued at US\$575,265.00 to train and facilitate job creation opportunities for at-risk youths who reside in volatile and vulnerable communities located in western Jamaica, as well as youth graduates of the National Service Corps programme under the Jamaica Defence Force.

The proposed Youth Empowerment Training Initiative (YETI) will entail a nine-month programme to provide training in heavy-duty equipment handling, mechatronics, industrial maintenance and principles of food production, in addition to lessons in self-development. A tailored version of YETI to be implemented in St. James would focus on specialised training in heavy-duty equipment handling using a Mobile Training Centre (Driver Trainer Solution).

6. Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean

Cabinet approved Jamaica's signing of the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean (the "Escazú Agreement").

The adoption of the Escazú Agreement is a major accomplishment for the Latin American and Caribbean region, having cooperated to develop the first legally binding regional treaty on environmental rights. The Escazú Agreement is an Agreement for three access rights: access to environmental information; access to public participation in the decision-making process relating to environmental matters; and access to justice in environmental matters.

7. Headquarters Agreement for the Hosting of the Caribbean Aviation Safety and Security Oversight System

Cabinet gave approval for the Headquarters Agreement between the Government of Jamaica and the Caribbean Aviation Safety and Security Oversight System (CASSOS) for the operation and hosting of the Headquarters of the regional body in Jamaica.

The CASSOS is the first Regional Safety Oversight Organisation of its kind in Caribbean aviation and is aimed at facilitating the growth and development of aviation in the region, through training, resource sharing and harmonisation of policies and procedures.

8. Report

Integrated Resource Plan

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Science, Energy and Technology in connection with the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP).

The report informed of the revised scheduled deadline of 30 June 2019 for the completion of the IRP; and indicated that the next step would be for the Generation Procurement Entity (GPE) to develop and issue requests for proposals for the addition of generation capacity to the national electricity grid.

The report provided information on the process of development of the IRP; the optimal renewable energy generation mix proposed by IRP; the planned assessment of the transmission system by the Jamaica Public Service Company Limited (JPS); the rate implications of the IRP; and the benefits to the system, including the anticipated savings of approximately US\$1.8 billion over the next 20 years with the new, more efficient plants being added to the grid.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.


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Prime Minister
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