

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 8 APRIL 2019

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 8 April 2019:

1. Legislation;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Board Appointments;
4. Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of Jamaica on Cooperation within the Framework of the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road Initiative; and
5. Green Climate Fund–Caribbean Private Sector Engagement Workshop 2-4 April 2019.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Legislation

The Bauxite and Alumina Industries (Encouragement) (Amendment) Act, 2019

Cabinet gave approval for the Bill entitled "The Bauxite and Alumina Industries (Encouragement) (Amendment) Act, 2019" to be introduced into the Houses of Parliament.

The Bill seeks to grant the bauxite sector duty concession on fuel oil from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2023; authorise the Minister to grant by Order, a new relevant concession period, subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives, where the period for doing so has expired; and give retrospective effect to an Order made under section 7(2) of the Act.

2. Annual Reports

Cabinet noted the Annual Reports for the:

- (i) Consumer Affairs Commission for the for the Financial Year 2017/2018;
- (ii) Jamaica Promotions Corporation (JAMPRO) for the Financial Years 2015/2016, 2016/2017 and 2017/2018;
- (iii) National Land Agency for the Financial Year 2009/2010;
- (iv) Spectrum Management Authority for the Financial Year 2017/2018; and
- (v) Universal Service Fund for the Financial Year 2017/2018.

Cabinet also noted the Annual Land Divestment Report for 2017/2018.

The Reports will be tabled in Parliament.

3. Board Appointments

(i) Bank of Jamaica

Cabinet approved the reappointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 8 April 2019 to 7 April 2022:

- 1) The Governor, Bank of Jamaica – **Chairman, ex officio**;
- 2) The Financial Secretary – ex officio;

- 3) Senior Deputy Governor, Bank of Jamaica – ex officio;
- 4) Dr. Christine Clarke;
- 5) Mr. Gary Hendrickson;
- 6) Ms. Andrea Coy; and
- 7) Dr. Wayne Henry.

(ii) Jamaica Business Development Corporation, the Micro Investment Development Agency, and the Self Start Fund

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of Ms. Adonia Chin and Mr. Steven Fong-Yee to the Board of Directors, with effect from 8 April 2019 and up to 13 May 2020, when the tenure of the Board would expire.

(iii) Jamaica Tourist Board

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board of Directors for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 8 April 2019 to 7 April 2022:

- 1) Mr. John Lynch – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Donovan White;
- 3) Mrs. Nicola Madden-Greig;
- 4) Mr. Paul Simpson;
- 5) Mr. Bertram Wright;
- 6) Mr. Josef Forstmayr;
- 7) Mr. Fred Smith;
- 8) Mr. Wayne Cummings;
- 9) Mr. Phillip Hofer;
- 10) Mr. Lionel Reid; and
- 11) Ms. Hyacinth Lightbourne.

(iv) Spectrum Management Authority Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board of Directors, with effect from 8 April 2019 and up to 11 November 2020, when the tenure of the Authority will expire:

- 1) Mrs. Marsha Haughton;
- 2) Mrs. Camille Facey; and
- 3) Ms. Rochelle Cameron.

(v) Tourism Enhancement Fund

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board of Directors for a period of three years, with effect from 8 April 2019 to 7 April 2022:

- 1) Mr. Godfrey Dyer – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Joseph Issa – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Dr. Carey Wallace;
- 4) Mr. Ian Dear;
- 5) Mr. Omar Robinson;
- 6) Ms. Judy Schoenbein;
- 7) Mr. Jordon Samuda;
- 8) Mr. Marc Williams;
- 9) Ms. Beverley Russell;

- 10) Mr. Howard McIntosh;
- 11) Mr. Donovan White;
- 12) Mr. David Dobson; and
- 13) Ms. Carolyn Campbell.

4. Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of Jamaica on Cooperation within the Framework of the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road Initiative

Cabinet approved the signature, by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, of the "Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of Jamaica on Cooperation within the Framework of the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road Initiative".

The Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road Initiative, also referred to as the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), was launched in 2013, established as a Bilateral Cooperation Framework between China and its partners, and is the flagship for China's new approach to economic development cooperation. The MOU will be operationalised by way of negotiated project agreements in keeping with the determined goals, objectives and priorities of the participants through the period of the MOU.

5. Green Climate Fund Caribbean Private Sector Engagement Workshop

Cabinet approved Jamaica's hosting of the Green Climate Fund Caribbean Private Sector Engagement Workshop held in Montego Bay, St. James, from 2 to 4 April 2019.

The workshop was convened to discuss the results of a regional scoping study investigating the barriers to climate investment faced by the private sector.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.


Andrew Holness, MP
Prime Minister
17 June 2019

