

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 6 MAY 2019

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 6 May 2019:

1. Contracts;
2. Legislation
3. Annual Reports;
4. Board Appointments;
5. Approval of the Project Cost for the Gaming Management Information System Being Undertaken by the Betting, Gaming, and Lotteries Commission; and
6. Jamaica's Membership in the International Solar Alliance;

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Environmental Zoning and Other Baseline Studies at the Norman Manley International Airport

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$1,879,175.60, inclusive of General Consumption Tax of 16.5%, to CEAC Solutions Company Limited for the conduct of various environmental, zoning and other baseline studies at the Norman Manley International Airport.

The overall objective of the project is to protect the future development of the airport and quantify the impact on the environment.

(ii) Design, Supply and Installation of an S-Band Doppler-Capable Dual Polarisation Weather Radar System for the Meteorological Service of Jamaica

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$2,449,203.00 to Enterprise Electronics Corporation for the design, supply and installation of an S-Band Doppler-Capable Dual Polarisation Weather Radar System, for the modernisation and upgrade of Jamaica's meteorological data collection, processing and forecasting system.

The Doppler weather radar is an effective system for monitoring weather events including extreme rainfall and is essential in providing real-time information by detecting precipitation in the atmosphere, calculating its motion, its type and estimated quantity.

2. Legislation

The Petroleum (Amendment) Act, 2019

Cabinet gave approval for the Bill entitled "The Petroleum (Amendment) Act, 2019" to be introduced into the Houses of Parliament.

The Bill seeks to repeal Part IIIA of the Petroleum Act so as to dissolve the PetroCaribe Development Fund and integrate its functions into Central Government.

3. Annual Reports

Cabinet noted the Annual Reports for the:

- (i) Jamaica Dairy Development Board for the Financial Year 2016/2017; and
- (ii) Child Development Agency for the Financial Year 2015/2016;
- (iii) Overseas Examinations Commission for the Financial Year 2017/2018;

The Reports will be tabled in Parliament.

4. Board Appointments

(i) Adoption Board

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 6 May 2019 to 5 May 2021:

- 1) Ms. Lynda Mair – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Sahai Maxwell;
- 3) Dr. Diana Thorburn;
- 4) Mrs. Mary Clarke;
- 5) Mrs. Tamara Francis Riley-Dunn;
- 6) Ms. Clare Miller;
- 7) Mr. Rodje Malcolm;
- 8) Dr. Audrey Pottinger; and
- 9) Mrs. Veronica Bailey Coke.

(ii) Parole Board

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 6 May 2019 to 5 May 2022:

- 1) The Honourable Justice Wesley A. James – **Chairman**;
- 2) Lieutenant Colonel Gary Rowe;
- 3) Dr. Earl Wright;
- 4) Bishop the Honourable Herro Blair, OJ;
- 5) Reverend Keith Williams;
- 6) Mr. Glenmore Hinds; and
- 7) Mr. Dean Smith.

5. Jamaica's Membership in the International Solar Alliance

Cabinet gave approval for accession to the International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement, to enable Jamaica to become a member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA).

On 30 November 2015, the ISA was launched at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris, France by the Governments of France and India. It was created to harness solar energy potential in a sustainable manner for solar-rich countries lying fully or partially between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn. The coalition is intended to address social energy needs and reduce the reliance on fossil fuels by increasing the use of solar energy. The ISA will also provide advice and direction to countries undertaking activities utilising solar energy.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Andrew Holness, MP
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