

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 20 MAY 2019

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 20 May 2019:

1. Contract;
2. Annual Report;
3. Board Appointments;
4. Memorandum of Understanding in Relation to Support in Operationalising and Institutionalising the CARICOM Results-Based Management System, Phase Two;
5. Operational Agreements Between the Government of Jamaica and the Government of the Republic of Cuba;
6. Enterprise Team for the Privatisation of the Jamaica Mortgage Bank;
7. Acquisition of Land in Port Maria, St. Mary for the Jamaica Constabulary Force;
8. National Policy on Environmental Management Systems; and
9. Implementation of a Programme of Advanced Video Enforcement Technology to Improve Safety on Jamaica's Roadways.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contract

Provision of Janitorial Services

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$67,869,069.46 to Arcadia Enterprise Limited for the provision of janitorial services to the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service and its three offsite Divisions (Revenue Protection Division, Board of Survey and the Revenue Appeals Division), for a period of three (3) years.

The services under the contract will include the general cleaning of the multi-storey office buildings, washing of high-rise windows, dusting of files and the cleaning of the staff kitchen.

2. Annual Report

Cabinet noted the Annual Report for the Toll Authority for the Financial Year 2017/2018.

The Report will be tabled in Parliament.

3. Board Appointments

(i) Firearm Licensing Authority Review Board

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Review Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 20 May 2019 to 19 May 2022:

- 1) Honourable Mr. Justice Seymour Panton, OJ, CD – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Caroline Hay; and
- 3) Mr. Kelso Small.

(ii) Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority

Cabinet approved the reappointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 20 May 2019 to 19 May 2022:

- 1) Mr. Phillip Henriques – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Douglas Lindo – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Mr. E. George Hosang;
- 4) Mr. Marc Ramsay;
- 5) Captain Geoffrey Campbell;
- 6) Mr. Robert Phillip Chin;
- 7) Ms. Sue Rosen;
- 8) Mr. Milton Daley;
- 9) Dr. Kavita Johnson;
- 10) Mrs. Amoy Bernard Morrison;
- 11) Dr. Janine Dawkins; and
- 12) Mr. Nari Williams-Singh – *ex officio*.

4. Memorandum of Understanding in Relation to Support in Operationalising and Institutionalising the CARICOM Results-Based Management System, Phase Two

Cabinet approved the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Jamaica (GOJ) and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat relating to the provision of support towards operationalising and institutionalising the CARICOM Results-Based Management System, Phase Two.

Given the advanced appreciation and application of RBM principles in Jamaica, the CARICOM Secretariat requested the assistance of the GOJ in developing the CARICOM Results-Based Management Policy.

5. Operational Agreements Between the Government of Jamaica and the Government of the Republic of Cuba

Cabinet gave approval for the renewal of the Operational Maritime Cooperation Agreement and the Operational Agreement for Police Cooperation between the Government of Jamaica, through the Ministry of National Security, and the Government of the Republic of Cuba, through the Ministry of the Interior.

The Agreements are in keeping with the goal of the National Security Policy, 2014, to reduce violent crime and dismantle organised criminal networks, through the Ministry of National Security continuing to strengthen bilateral and multilateral relationships to ensure effective cross-border efforts to combat drug-trafficking and other forms of organised crime.

6. Enterprise Team for the Privatisation of the Jamaica Mortgage Bank

Cabinet approved the establishment of an Enterprise Team to oversee the privatisation of the Jamaica Mortgage Bank, comprising:

- 1) Mr. David Wan – **Chairman**;
- 2) Chairman of the Board of Jamaica Mortgage Bank;
- 3) Representative, Ministry of Finance and the Public Service;
- 4) Representative, Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation;

- 5) Representative, Office of the Prime Minister;
- 6) Representative, Public Sector Transformation Implementation Unit;
- 7) Representative, Attorney General's Chambers (Commerce Task Force);

Cabinet also approved the appointment of the Development Bank of Jamaica as Transaction Manager.

The privatisation of the Jamaica Mortgage Bank is being undertaken as a part of the Government of Jamaica Accelerated Programme for the Rationalisation of Public Bodies.

7. Acquisition of Land in Port Maria, St. Mary for the Jamaica Constabulary Force

Cabinet approved the acquisition of 2,677.507 square metres (0.661 acres) land by the Jamaica Constabulary Force, located at 25 Main Street, Port Maria in St Mary registered at Volume 1413 Folio 68 in the amount of \$20,500,000.00, for the purpose of establishing a parking facility for the new Port Maria Police Station.

This construction of the new police station in Port Maria is a part of the wider initiative for the improvement of police facilities island-wide.

8. National Policy on Environmental Management Systems

Cabinet gave approval for the tabling of the National Policy on Environmental Management Systems in Parliament as a White Paper.

Environmental Management Systems (EMS) are used to fulfil compliance obligations and address risks and opportunities. The implementation of EMS strategies often leads to cost-saving opportunities and avoidance of waste, can be used to provide a competitive edge in the international trade and among the public, and allows for regulatory flexibility as it relates to the enforcement of environmental standards and regulations. The Policy seeks to stimulate businesses, the public sector and municipalities to improve environmental performance by controlling, reducing, and eliminating, where possible, the negative impact of activities on the environment. Through the implementation of the Policy, it is anticipated that there will be an increase in green industries, in keeping with the pursuit of a Green Economy.

9. Proposed Framework for Implementation of a Programme of Advanced Video Enforcement Technology to Improve Safety on Jamaica's Roadways

Cabinet gave approval for a framework for engaging the private sector in partnership for the implementation of a programme of advanced video enforcement technology to improve road safety through changed driver behaviour, with these key elements:

- (a) video technology to be used to detect red light infractions, speeding, prohibited turns, and improper lane use;
- (b) providers to be allowed access to motor vehicle databases only to the extent required for operation of the system and under strict confidentiality requirements;
- (c) data security to be of paramount importance;
- (d) compensation to providers to be negotiated within each agreement, aligned to the successful collection of penalties derived from the use of their system;

- (e) Government of Jamaica (GOJ) to determine the locations for deployment, based on the road safety imperative;
- (f) a comprehensive programme of public education to be developed; and
- (g) an oversight committee to be established to monitor the operations, technology, and other related elements of the use of electronic enforcement; and

The proposed electronic surveillance system will be developed to detect breaches or violations of the provisions of the Road Traffic Act, through the use of unmanned electronic devices, and will result in the sanctioning of the owner or driver of the motor vehicle being operated in violation of the Road Traffic Act and Regulations. The system will also assist in the execution of the enforcement and legislation components of the National Road Safety Policy.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Andrew Holness, MP
Prime Minister

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