

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 3 JUNE 2019

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 3 June 2019:

1. Contracts;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Board Appointments;
4. National Plan of Action for an Integrated Response to Children and Violence, 2018 to 2023;
5. The National College for Education Leadership;
6. Renaming of Spalding High School to the Alphansus Davis High School;
7. Hosting of Sub-Regional Seminars under the Implementation of European Union Arms Trade Treaty Outreach Project; and
8. Report of the Joint Select Committee Appointed to Review the Sexual Offences Act.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Civil Engineer-Led Team of Consultants for the Negril Spots Housing Development, Westmoreland

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$164,266,166.62, inclusive of General Consumption Tax, to Jentech Consultants Limited, for the provision of a civil engineer-led team of consultants to design and monitor the construction of the Negril Spots Housing Development in Westmoreland.

The Negril Spots development will yield approximately 980 housing solutions, comprising serviced lots, one-bedroom, and studio units, as well as supporting infrastructure, amenities and commercial facilities.

(ii) Road Rehabilitation Works, Fairfield to Retirement (Tucker Main Road), St. James

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$74,112,000.00 to C&C Construction Limited, to undertake road rehabilitation works from Fairfield to Retirement (Tucker Main Road) in St. James.

The contract period is four (4) months, commencing 1 July 2019, with the works to be carried out along six (6) kilometres of the Tucker Main Road.

(iii) Transaction Advisor Services for a Performance-Based Contract for the National Water Commission's Non-Revenue Water Reduction Programme in the Northern Parishes of Jamaica

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$530,688.00, including indirect local taxes, to FEI Consulting, LLC/R.J. Burnside International Limited, for the preparation of a comprehensive business case and, if the project is deemed feasible, provision of transaction advisory services to establish a replicable performance-based scheme for the reduction of non-revenue water (NRW) in Jamaica's northern parishes, from an estimated 74% to a maximum of 30% by December 2021.

In Phase 1 of the project, the consultant is required to produce, in consultation with key stakeholders, a Business Case Report and Financial Model, incorporating environmental, social, legal and technical considerations as well as market sounding. Upon approval, the consultant will provide the necessary technical support for the selection of a private sector partner for a Public-Private Partnership.

2. Annual Reports

Cabinet noted the Annual Reports for the:

- (i) Department of Correctional Services for 2014;
- (ii) National Irrigation Commission Limited for the Financial Year 2016/2017; and
- (iii) Parole Board for the Financial Year 2015/2016.

The Reports will be tabled in Parliament.

3. Board Appointment

Management Institute for National Development

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons as members of the Advisory Board, for a period of two years, with effect from 3 June 2019 to 2 June 2021:

- 1) Professor Neville Ying – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Wayne Jones, OD;
- 3) Ms. Jodi Ann Paulwell;
- 4) Mr. O'Neil Grant;
- 5) Mr. Steven Kerr; and
- 6) Mr. Michael McAnuff Jones.

4. National Plan of Action for an Integrated Response to Children and Violence 2018 to 2023

Cabinet approved the National Plan of Action for an Integrated Response to Children and Violence (NPACV) 2018 to 2023 and its accompanying Road Map for Ending Violence Against Children. Cabinet also approved the tabling of the NPACV in Parliament.

The NPACV outlines a range of strategies and programmes to be implemented by key stakeholders in the child protection system over a five-year period; and signals the commitment of the Government key stakeholders to create and maintain a protective environment for Jamaica's children who were victims or perpetrators of violence and abuse, as well as to fulfil the country's obligations under key international instruments.

5. The National College for Education Leadership

Cabinet approved the strengthening of the National College for Educational Leadership (NCEL), under the auspices of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information, as a response to build and maintain quality school leadership.

NCEL was established and given the responsibility to develop and support excellent leadership in the country's public schools; undertake strategic initiatives to improve leadership, facilitate the provision of support and create local leadership networks; and serve the development needs of school leaders from aspiring to experienced principals and vice principals.

6. Renaming of the Spalding High School to the Alphansus Davis High School

Cabinet approved the recommendation of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information to rename the Spalding High School located in Clarendon the Alphansus Davis High School, with effect from September 2019, or on gazetting of the approval.

Mr. Alphansus Davis served the Spalding High School as principal for 31 years and had made significant contribution to the development of the school and the Spalding community; and he transformed the school's image during his tenure as principal.

7. Hosting of Sub-Regional Seminars under the Implementation of European Union Arms Trade Treaty Outreach Project

Cabinet approved Jamaica hosting of two sub-regional seminars under the Implementation of European Union Arms Trade Treaty Outreach Project, during the period 10 to 11 June 2019 and 11 to 12 November 2019.

The seminars will be organised in collaboration with the German Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control (BAFA), with funding from the European Union; and will seek to build on the experiences of Arms Trade Treaty States Parties and further enhance their capacity, whilst carrying out the mandate of encouraging ratification of the Treaty.

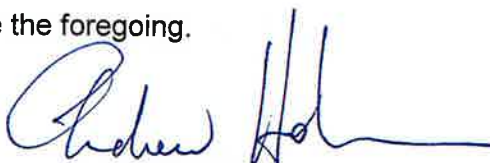
8. Report of the Joint Select Committee Appointed to Review the Sexual Offences Act

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Justice in connection with the Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to review the Sexual Offences Act along with the Offences Against the Person Act, the Domestic Violence Act and the Child Care and Protection Act, which was tabled in the House of Representatives on 11 December 2018.

The report informed that the Joint Select Committee had been established to: review the Sexual Offences Act; consider and review existing legislation aimed at protecting women, children, persons with disabilities, and the elderly from violence and abuse; and make recommendations for legislative amendments for the better administration of justice and effective protection of these special groups.

The report further informed that the Joint Select Committee had deferred taking decisions regarding the treatment of certain issues to the Parliament as amendments to provisions relating to those issues might give rise to other legal questions involving the interpretation of the Constitution. It also outlined some of the main recommendations from the Joint Select Committee contained in the Report.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Andrew Holness, MP

Prime Minister

30 July 2019

