

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 17 JUNE 2019

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 17 June 2019:

1. Contracts;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Board Appointment;
4. Reports

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Pilot Boat for Service to Public and Private Port Facilities in and Around the Port of Kingston

Cabinet approved the award of a contract by the Port Authority of Jamaica (PAJ), in the amount of US\$1,500,000.00 Cost Insurance and Freight to Damen Shipyards Gorinchem for the supply and delivery of one new Damen Stan Pilot 1605 reinforced fibreglass pilot boat, for service to the public and private port facilities in and around the Port of Kingston.

Compulsory Pilot Service is required by law in the Ports of Jamaica whereby marine pilots, who are employed by the PAJ, are responsible for guiding the movement of ships in Jamaican waters.

(ii) Renewal of the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement between the Port Authority of Jamaica and Microsoft Corporation

Cabinet approved the award of a three-year contract for the period 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2021 in the amount of US\$1,370,888.76 to Microsoft Corporation for the renewal of the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement to provide office productivity systems, communications software, applications systems and server hosting services for the Port Authority of Jamaica and the Port Community System.

The Microsoft Enterprise Agreement has allowed the Port Authority of Jamaica to modernize its Information and Communications Technology capabilities which has led to operational improvement through more efficient processes.

(iii) Provision of Security Services for National Housing Trust's Head Office

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$129,209,484.72 to Quest Security Services Limited for the provision of security services at the head offices of the National Housing Trust located at 4 Park Boulevard, Kingston 5 in St. Andrew.

The contractor will provide trained security personnel to ensure a safe and secure environment for the organisation, its employees, customers and physical assets.

(iv) Building and Civil Infrastructure Works at Twickenham Park Housing Development, Phase IV, St. Catherine

Cabinet's approval, the award of a contract by the National Housing Trust in the amount of \$1,215,906,077.59 to Ashtrom Building Systems Limited to undertake building and civil infrastructure works at Twickenham Park Housing Development, Phase IV, St. Catherine.

The contractor will be required to construct 110 two-bedroom duplex single storey units and undertake supporting civil infrastructure works.

(v) Building Construction Works at Hummingbird Meadows Housing Development, Phase 1, Clarendon

Cabinet approved, the award of a contract by the National Housing Trust in the amount of \$522,703,597.60 to Alcar Construction & Haulage Company Limited for building construction works at Hummingbird Meadows Housing Development, Phase 1, in Clarendon.

The construction of the Hummingbird Meadows Housing Development, Phase 1, will yield approximately 150 housing solutions, comprising serviced lots and housing units.

(vi) Civil Engineer-Led Team of Consultants for Minard Housing Development, St. Ann

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$96,973,350.00, inclusive of General Consumption Tax (GCT) to Westech Limited for the provision of a civil engineer-led team of consultants to design and administer the construction contract for the Minard Housing Development, St. Ann.

The Minard Housing Development will yield approximately 650 housing solutions, in a mix of one-bedroom and two-bedroom units, as well as supporting infrastructure and amenities.

2. Annual Reports

Cabinet noted the Annual Reports for the:

- (i) Aeronautical Telecommunications Limited for the Financial Year 2017/2018;
- (ii) Early Childhood Commission for the Financial Year 2017/2018;
- (iii) Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority for the Financial Year 2017/2018; and
- (iv) Transport Authority for the Financial Year 2017/2018.

The Reports will be tabled in Parliament.

3. Board Appointment

Toll Authority

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. Calvin Allen to the Authority with effect from 17 June 2019 to 12 May 2022, when the tenure of the Authority will expire.

4. Reports

(i) Findings of the Jamaica Survey of Living Conditions, 2016 and 2017

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service in connection with the findings of the Jamaica Survey of Living Conditions (JSLC), 2016 and 2017.

The report informed that the JSLC facilitated the tracking of Jamaica's developmental progress with respect to a broad range of social indicators, and that the living standards measurement survey had been fielded annually since 1988, except in 2011, with the first published report in 1989. The report further informed of significant findings of the JSLC in 2016 and 2017 in relation to the indicators for household consumption and poverty, demographic characteristics, health, education, housing, and social protection.

(ii) Gazetting of Schools

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information in connection with the gazetting of eight schools, six of which were being reclassified.

The report advised that the schools being submitted for gazetting resulted from the renaming of institutions, changes in the school type and classification, and the establishment of new public educational institutions; all age, primary and junior high schools were being reclassified to primary schools, where there had not been any students for Grades 7 to 9 for the last three (3) years; and where a school was identified for reclassification at the primary level, an organised effort was made to redistribute primary level students and accept more high school students to allow for the new classification.

The report also advised that the schools which were identified for gazetting had been operating at the stated levels for at least three years and had been provided with the commensurate resources, in keeping with the reclassified status.

(iii) Role of the Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts in the Jamaica-Cuba Caribbean Regional School of the Arts

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information in connection with the recommendation for the designation of the Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts to play a participative role in the development of the Caribbean Regional School of the Arts.

The report informed that the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information intended to advance the process of finalising land in Montego Bay for the construction of this school, as one of the new schools to be built; that the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information has been advancing discussions on the matter with the Ambassador of Cuba to Jamaica; and the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information, Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, will be involved in the execution of the project.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



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