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CABINET AGENDA ISSUES - 22 JULY 2019

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 22 July 2019:

- 1. Contracts;
- 2. Annual Report;
- 3. Board Appointments;
- 4. Tourism Networks Policy and Strategy;
- 5. Hosting of the 51st Meeting of the Council of Legal Education in Jamaica; and
- 6. Report.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Construction of a Sixth Form Block at Mount St. Joseph Catholic High School in Manchester Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$116,240,440.00 to Chin's Construction Limited to undertake the construction of a sixth form block at Mount St. Joseph Catholic High School in Mandeville, Manchester.

In 2014, the Mount St. Joseph Catholic High School was designated as an aided institution which is funded by grants-in-aid, in an effort to fill the gap in quality high school places in Manchester and St. Elizabeth.

- (ii) Procurement and Distribution of Textbooks for Integrated Studies, Mathematics and Social Studies for Grades 1-4 and 6 under the Primary Textbook Programme for 2019/2020

 Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$4,081,812.00 to Carlong Publishers (Caribbean) Limited for the provision and distribution of Integrated Studies, Mathematics and Social Studies primary textbooks for grades 1 to 4 and 6 island-wide, under the Primary Textbook Programme for 2019/2020.
- (iii) <u>Procurement and Distribution of Grades 5 and 6 Mathematics Textbooks under the Primary</u>
 <u>Textbook Programme for 2019/2020</u>

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$1,098,886.25 to The Book Merchant Limited for the provision and distribution of primary Mathematics textbooks for grades 5 and 6 island-wide, under the Primary Textbook Programme for 2019/2020.

(iv) <u>Procurement and Distribution of Textbooks for Science and Social Studies for Grades 5 and 6</u> under the Primary Textbook Programme for 2019/2020

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$212,808,663.90 to Kingston Bookshop Limited for the provision and distribution of Science and Social Studies primary textbooks for grades 5 and 6 island-wide, under the Primary Textbook Programme for 2019/2020.

(v) <u>Procurement and Distribution of Textbooks for Grades 4-6 English Textbooks under the</u> <u>Primary Textbook Programme for 2019/2020</u>

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$1,765,978.66 to Bookzone Limited for the provision and distribution of primary English textbooks for grades 4 to 6 islandwide, under the Primary Textbook Programme for 2019/2020.

2. Annual Report

Cabinet noted the Annual Report for the Ports Management and Security Limited for the Financial Year 2017/2018.

The Report will be tabled in Parliament.

3. Board Appointments

(i) Annotto Bay Hospital Management Committee

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Management Committee for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 22 July 2019 to 21 July 2022:

- 1) Mr. Kevin Belnavis Chairman:
- 2) Mr. Christopher Hibbert;
- 3) Ms. Marteena Fyfe;
- 4) Mr. David Norman;
- 5) Mr. Everton Perry;
- 6) Ms. Katreena Barker;
- 7) Mrs. Shirley Duncan;
- 8) Miss Fabia Lamm ex officio;
- 9) Mr. Dennis Morgan ex officio;
- 10) Dr. Patrick Wheatle ex officio;
- 11) Dr. Glenton Strachan ex officio;
- 12) Mrs. Claudia Hardy-McLennon ex officio;
- 13) Mrs. Sherrie Ellis-Wallace ex officio;
- 14) Mr. Nigel Phipps ex officio; and
- 15) Mrs. Malia Mitchelle-Page ex officio.

(ii) Appeal Tribunal of the Financial Services Commission

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Tribunal for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 22 July 2019 to 21 July 2021:

- 1) Honourable Justice Ian Forte, OJ, CD, QC, JP (retired) **Chairman**;
- 2) Honourable Mr. Justice Seymour Panton (retired);
- 3) Honourable Mr. Justice Lloyd Hibbert (retired); and
- 4) Mrs. Velmore Lawrence.

(iii) Creative Production and Training Centre

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of Mr. Paul Barclay to the Board of Directors, with effect from 22 July 2019 to 9 June 2022, when the tenure of the Board will expire.

(iv) Jamaica Anti-Doping Commission

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Commission for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 22 July 2019 to 21 July 2022:

- 1) Mr. Alexander Williams Chairman;
- 2) Dr. Peter Charles Deputy Chairman;
- 3) Ms. Debby Ann Brown Salmon;
- 4) Mrs. Florette Blackwood;
- 5) Mr. Peter Chin;
- 6) Mrs. Sarah Newland-Martin;
- 7) Ms. Cheanette A. Stobbs;
- 8) Bishop Dr. Herro Blair;
- 9) Ms. Sharon Donaldson;
- 10) Mr. Oral McCook;
- 11) Mr. Edward Shakes:
- 12) Ms. Claudette Jones;
- 13) Mr. Andrew Gibbs;
- 14) Mrs. Suzette Irvin-Ison ex officio; and
- 15) Mrs. June Spence-Jarrett ex officio.

(v) Port Maria Hospital Management Committee

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Management Committee for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 22 July 2019 to 21 July 2022:

- 1) Mr. Nicolas Taylor Chairman;
- 2) Ms. Josele Laing-Ledgister;
- 3) Mr. Noel Farquharson;
- 4) Mr. Aston Latchman:
- 5) Ms. Ena Rose;
- 6) Ms. Mitzie Hudson;
- 7) Mr. Basil Downer;
- 8) Ms. Fabia Lamm ex officio;
- 9) Mrs. Lorraine Brown Wright ex officio;
- 10) Dr. Patrick Wheatle ex officio;
- 11) Dr. Kurdell Espinosa ex officio;
- 12) Ms. Shannon Golding ex officio:
- 13) Mrs. Sherrie Ellis-Wallace ex officio;
- 14) Ms. Krystal Lee ex officio; and
- 15) Mr. Courtney Johnson ex officio.

(vi) Postal Corporation of Jamaica Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board of Directors for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 22 July 2019 to 21 July 2021:

- 1) Mr. Marcus James Chairman;
- 2) Mrs. Yolande Lloyd Small Deputy Chairperson;
- 3) Ms. Joyce Young;
- 4) Ms. Donna-Ann Brown;
- 5) Dr. Olivia McDonald:
- 6) Ms. Sherine Grant;

- 7) Ms. Stephanie Abrahams;
- 8) Mr. Cecil McCain;
- 9) Dr. Sean Thorpe;
- 10) Mr. Richard Cargill;
- 11) Mr. Ryan Sterling; and
- 12) Mr. Stanford Graham.

(vii) St. Ann's Bay Hospital Management Committee

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Management Committee for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 22 July 2019 to 21 July 2022:

- 1) Mr. Michael Belnavis Chairman;
- 2) Mr. Dallas Dickenson;
- 3) Mr. Junior Haughton;
- 4) Mr. Kevin Hill;
- 5) Mr. Christopher Cowan;
- 6) Reverend Andrew Blake;
- 7) Mr. Riquel Barclay;
- 8) Ms. Fabia Lamm ex officio;
- 9) Miss Nadia Nunes ex officio;
- 10) Dr. Patrick Wheatle ex officio;
- 11) Dr. Tayna Hamilton-Johnson ex officio;
- 12) Mrs. Marcia Lafayette ex officio;
- 13) Miss Arlene Mighty ex officio;
- 14) Mrs. Genevor Gordon-Bailey, JP ex officio; and
- 15) Mrs. Odette Adams-Smith ex officio.

Tourism Networks Policy and Strategy

Cabinet approved the tabling of the Tourism Networks Policy and Strategy in the Houses of Parliament as a White Paper.

The Tourism Networks Policy and Strategy aims to enable the tourism sector to facilitate growth in the economy through key Networks that provide a foundation for coordinated growth. Networks are comprised of participants from organisations with common interests and a commitment to goals that support innovation and competitiveness in Jamaica's tourism industry. The five Networks that form a part of the Policy and Strategy are: Gastronomy; Health and Wellness; Entertainment and Sports; Shopping; and Knowledge.

Hosting of the 51st Meeting of the Council of Legal Education in Jamaica

Cabinet gave approval for Jamaica to host the 51st Meeting of the Council of Legal Education from 6 to 7 September 2019 at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel in Kingston.

The meeting of the Council is an annual event at which the activities at the regional law schools and matters relating to the development of the legal profession are discussed.

Report: Jamaica's Anti-Trafficking in Persons Efforts for the Period 2018/2019 Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of National Security in connection with Jamaica's

anti-human trafficking efforts for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.

The report advised that the Government of Jamaica (GOJ) maintained its Tier 2 ranking in the 2019 Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report; a review of the 2018/2019 report on the GOJ's anti-trafficking in person's efforts outlined successes and shortcomings in the reporting of efforts by the GOJ to the United States (US) Department of State; the review was based on an analysis of recommendations from the 2018 US Department of State TIP Report and the National Rapporteur's Report; and the analysis was structured around three (3) areas in the Palermo Protocol on Trafficking in Persons, which are Prosecution, Protection and Prevention.

The report also provided information on the recommendations from the Ministry of National Security from the 2018 Report, an indication of achievements by the GOJ, as well as a gap analysis on the achievements; the prioritised recommendations from the 2019 US Department of State Trafficking in Persons Report were highlighted, along with recommended priority actions to be undertaken by the GOJ in the current 2019/2020 period; and noted the necessity for adequate funding to support GOJ's anti-trafficking efforts.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.

Andrew Holness, MP Prime Minister 6 October 2019

