

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 2 SEPTEMBER 2019

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 2 September 2019:

1. Contracts;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Board Appointments;
4. Hosting of the Caribbean Bunkering Conference in Jamaica by the International Bunker Industry Association; and
5. Hosting of the Steering Group Meeting and Annual General Meeting of the Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network for the Caribbean.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Insurance Coverage for the Jamaica Urban Transit Company Limited

Cabinet approved the placement of general insurance for the Jamaica Urban Transit Company (JUTC), through Marathon Insurance Brokers Limited, for the three-year period 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2022, with the premiums as outlined below representing the first year of the brokerage contract:

- (i) placement of US\$ denominated policies – US\$735,671.00; and
- (ii) placement of J\$ denominated policies – J\$20,594,698.00.

The insurance policies will serve to cover the various risk categories of the JUTC as the major government provider of public transport.

(ii) Procurement and Distribution of Primary Textbooks under the Primary Textbook Programme

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of £607,764.15 to Hodder Education and Stoughton Limited for the procurement and distribution of Mathematics textbooks for Grades 1 and 2 students under the Primary Textbook Programme for 2019/2020.

The Ministry of Education Youth and Information selects the best quality textbooks to be procured for use under the Primary Educational Resources Programme.

(iii) Procurement and Distribution of Textbooks under the National Textbook Loan Scheme

Cabinet approved the award of following contracts under the National Textbook Loan Scheme for 2019/2020 for the procurement and distribution of textbooks to be provided for students at Grades 7 to 11:

- (i) in the amount of \$65,549,501.70 to Carlong Publishers (Caribbean) Limited; and
- (ii) in the amount of \$145,804,035.62 to Kingston Bookshop Limited.

The National Textbook Loan Scheme provides textbooks in the major subject areas to thousands of students at the Grades 7-11 levels in High Schools and Grades 7-9 in Primary and Junior High Schools and All-Age Schools.

## 2. Annual Reports

Cabinet noted the Annual Reports for the:

- (i) Office of Utilities Regulation for the Financial Year 2018/2019; and
- (ii) SCJ Holdings Limited for the Crop Year 2009/2010.

The Reports will be tabled in Parliament.

## 3. Board Appointments

### (i) Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board of Management with effect from 2 September 2019 to 25 August 2022, when the tenure of the Board will expire:

- 1) Ms. Coleen Douglas;
- 2) Ms. Dorraine Reid;
- 3) Ms. Kachine Martin; and
- 4) Mr. Winston McKain.

Cabinet also approved the appointment of Mr. Donahue Martin as Vice Chairman of the Board.

### (ii) Jamaica Library Service

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board of Directors for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 2 September 2019 to 1 September 2022:

- 1) Mr. Paul Lalor – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Gordon Swaby;
- 3) Ms. Barbara Cadogan;
- 4) Ms. Thelma Bartley;
- 5) Professor Fay Durrant;
- 6) Mr. Jaron Whitely;
- 7) Ms. Leonie Campbell;
- 8) Mr. Vivian Crawford; and
- 9) Mr. David Drysdale.

### (iii) Jamaica Special Economic Zone Authority

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Authority for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 2 September 2019 to 1 September 2022:

- 1) Mr. Metry Seaga – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Daenia Ashpole;
- 3) Mr. Vikram Dhiman;
- 4) Ms. Dianne Edwards;
- 5) Ms. Erica Anderson;
- 6) Ms. Deborah Newland;
- 7) Mr. Ainsley Powell;
- 8) Ms. Velma Ricketts Walker; and
- 9) Ms. Pamela C. Folkes.

(iv) Jamaica Ultimate Tyre Company Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. Paul Abrahams and Mrs. Natalie Campbell-Rodrigues to the Board of Directors, with effect from 2 September 2019 to 12 May 2022, when the tenure of the Board will expire.

4. Hosting of the Caribbean Bunkering Conference in Jamaica by the International Bunker Industry Association

Cabinet approved the hosting by the Maritime Authority of Jamaica (MAJ) of the International Bunker Industry Association's (IBIA) Caribbean Bunkering Conference under the theme "The Caribbean Journey to 2020 Compliance" from 10 to 12 September 2019 in Montego Bay, St. James.

The objective of the conference is to increase awareness of the regulatory developments as well as to share the best practices with respect to the growing bunkering industry.

5. Hosting of the Steering Group Meeting and Annual General Meeting of the Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network for the Caribbean

Cabinet approved Jamaica hosting the Steering Group Meeting and Annual General Meeting of the Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network for the Caribbean (ARIN-CARIB) during the period 18 to 20 September 2019 in Montego Bay, St. James.

The ARIN-CARIB is an informal network that cooperates on matters relating to the proceeds of crime. Jamaica currently holds the presidency of the ARIN-CARIB for the period January to December 2019 and in that capacity is expected to host the Steering Group Meeting on 18 September 2019 and the Annual General Meeting from 19 to 20 September 2019.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Andrew Holness, MP  
Prime Minister

31 October 2019

