

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 9 SEPTEMBER 2019

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 9 September 2019:

1. Contracts;
2. Board Appointments;
3. Official Funeral for the Honourable Dr. Kenneth Lee O’Neil Baugh, OJ, CD;
4. Renaming of the Point Hill Health Centre as the Dr. Kenneth Baugh Health Centre;
5. Continuation of Hosting of the Caribbean Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions Secretariat;
6. Co-Hosting of Regional Cyber Security and Cybercrime Workshop for Latin American and Caribbean Countries;
7. Approval of the Second Phase of the Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI II); and
8. Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Procurement of Works for the Yallahs Fire Station Construction, St. Thomas

Cabinet approved the award of contract in the amount of \$109,493,894.96 to Alcar Construction and Haulage Company Limited for the construction of the Yallahs Fire Station in St. Thomas.

The current fire station is not able to serve the approximately 56 communities that call upon its services and requires an upgrade.

(ii) Purchase of Passenger Buses for the Government Employees Transportation Service Fleet

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$753,695.41 to Magna Motors Dealership Limited for the supply and delivery of three 50-seater passenger buses for the Government Employees Transportation Service (GETS) fleet.

The GETS provides transportation for approximately 16,665 public servant passengers per month. This procurement serves to replenish the current aging fleet.

(iii) Servicing and Inspecting of the Fire Water System at Petrojam Limited

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$122,617,825.60, inclusive of General Consumption Tax, to Quality Plus Contracting Company Limited for servicing and inspecting of the fire water system at the Petrojam Limited facilities for two (2) years.

The fire water system at the Petrojam Limited facilities requires servicing and inspection as per the “Protocol for Servicing and Inspecting Fire Water System.”

(iv) Supply of Haematology Reagents and Analysers to the Western Regional Health Authority

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$760,330.89, inclusive of General Consumption Tax, to Lasco Distributors Limited, for the provision of haematology

reagents and analysers within the Western Regional Health Authority for a period of three (3) years.

The reagents and analysers are utilised in laboratory services that support the detection, diagnosis and treatment of diseases.

(v) Renewal of Licences for the Check Point Firewall Subscription Agreement for eGov Jamaica Limited

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$589,173.13, including General Consumption Tax, to Fujitsu Caribbean (Jamaica) Limited for the renewal of licences under the Check Point Firewall Subscription Agreement, for a two-year period.

The renewal of the Check Point Firewall licences will secure the Government of Jamaica's data and communications network.

(vi) Rehabilitation Works at the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$626,441,055.00 to Y.P. Seaton and Associates Limited for the rehabilitation works at the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) in Downtown, Kingston.

The works are a part of the broader plan to upgrade the Court of Appeal and the ODPP which are contiguous. This is in keeping with the strategic objective of sound court infrastructure under the Justice Reform Implementation Plan.

2. Board Appointments

(i) Independent Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel

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

- 1) Mr. Kent Gammon – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Hugh Faulkner – **Vice Chairman**;
- 3) Ms. Georgia Gibson Henlin, QC – **Vice Chairman**;
- 4) Dr. Japheth Ford;
- 5) Dr. Donovan Calder;
- 6) Dr. Marjorie Vassell;
- 7) Ms. Denise Forrest;
- 8) Mr. Heron Dale; and
- 9) Mr. Dean A. Martin.

(ii) Land Divestment Advisory Committee

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Advisory Committee for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 9 September 2019 to 8 September 2022:

- 1) Mr. Alexander Williams – **Chairman**;
- 2) Dr. Andre Foote – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Mr. Sean Azan;
- 4) Mr. Davion Vassell;
- 5) Ms. Deborah Newland;
- 6) Mr. Trevor Anderson – *ex officio*;

- 7) Ms. Beatrice Elvey – *ex officio*;
- 8) Ms. Janet Hyde – *ex officio*;
- 9) Mr. Courtney Cole – *ex officio*;
- 10) Mr. Vincent Haldane – *ex officio*;
- 11) Mrs. Elizabeth Stair – *ex officio*;
- 12) Mr. Donovan Hayden – *ex officio*;
- 13) Mr. Peter Knight – *ex officio*;
- 14) Mr. Dayton Wood – *ex officio*; and
- 15) Mr. Karl Allison – *ex officio*.

(iii) National Housing Trust

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 9 September 2019 to 8 September 2022:

- 1) Mr. Lennox Channer – **Chairman**;
- 2) Senator Kavan Gayle, OD;
- 3) Senator Kerensia Morrison;
- 4) Mr. Doran Dixon;
- 5) Mr. Granville Valentine;
- 6) Sergeant Patrae Rowe;
- 7) Mr. O’Neil Grant;
- 8) Mrs. Nesta-Clare Smith Hunter;
- 9) Mr. Jeffery Hall;
- 10) Mr. Colin Barnett;
- 11) Mr. David Wan; and
- 12) Mr. Ryan Parkes.

(iv) Overseas Examinations Commission

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board of Commissioners for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 9 September 2019 to 8 September 2022:

- 1) Mr. Brian Bennett-East – **Chairman**;
- 2) Senator Kavan Gayle – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Ms. Marigold Naar;
- 4) Dr. Maurice McNaughton;
- 5) Dr. Garfield Young;
- 6) Mrs. I.E. Yvonne Bignall;
- 7) Dr. Carol Granston;
- 8) Mr. Wayne Robinson;
- 9) Mr. David Wilson;
- 10) Mr. Ottis Brown;
- 11) Mr. Lawrence Rowe;
- 12) Mr. Denver Smith;
- 13) Dr. Garth Anderson;
- 14) Dr. Donna Powell-Wilson;
- 15) Mr. Mark Green;
- 16) Dr. Kasan Troupe – *ex officio*.

(v) Petrojam Ethanol Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 9 September 2019 to 8 September 2021:

- 1) Mr. Nigel Logan – **Chairman**;
- 2) Professor Ishenkumba Kahwa – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Mr. Kevin Richards;
- 4) Mrs. Yvonne Barrett Edwards; and
- 5) Mr. Robert Clarke.

(vi) University Council of Jamaica

Cabinet approved the appointment of Professor Stephen Vasciannie as an additional *ex officio* member to the University Council of Jamaica, with effect from 9 September 2019 to 12 May 2022, when the tenure of the Council will expire.

(vii) University of Technology, Jamaica

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Council for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 9 September 2019 to 8 September 2022:

- 1) Mr. Richard Powell – *ex officio*;
- 2) Professor Stephen Vasciannie – *ex officio*;
- 3) Honourable Shirley Tyndall, OJ, CD – *ex officio*;
- 4) Professor Colin Gyles – *ex officio*;
- 5) Mr. Ronald Sutherland – *ex officio*;
- 6) Mr. Kahlil Hutchinson – *ex officio*;
- 7) Mr. Aldrick McNab;
- 8) Ms. Adonia Chin;
- 9) Mr. David Douglas;
- 10) Chancellor's Nominee;
- 11) Mr. Michael McAnuff-Jones;
- 12) Mr. Noel Whyte;
- 13) Mr. Philmore McCarthy;
- 14) Mrs. Corrine Richards;
- 15) University of the West Indies Nominee;
- 16) Mrs. Joan Lawla;
- 17) Mrs. Dennise Haldane;
- 18) Mrs. Bridget Johnson-Smith;
- 19) Professor Nilza Aples;
- 20) Dr. Sean Thorpe;
- 21) Mr. Linval Freeman – co-opted;
- 22) Mrs. Eleanor Jones – co-opted; and
- 23) Dr. Rickert Allen – co-opted.

(viii) Urban Development Corporation

Cabinet approved the appointment of the members to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 9 September 2019 to 8 September 2022:

- 1) Senator Ransford Braham – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mrs. Suzanne Leslie-Bailey;
- 3) Ms. Patsy Kelly;

- 4) Mr. Vernon McLeod;
- 5) Mr. David Allen;
- 6) Mr. Winston Dear;
- 7) Ms. Marilyn Burrowes;
- 8) Honourable Glen Christian, OJ, OD;
- 9) Ms. Patricia Henry;
- 10) Mr. Ryan Strachan;
- 11) Mr. Donahue Martin;
- 12) Mr. Norman Brown;
- 13) Mr. Michael Shaw;
- 14) Ms. Claudette Bryan; and
- 15) Brigadier Radgh Mason.

3. Official Funeral for the Honourable Dr. Kenneth Lee O'Neil Baugh, OJ, CD

Cabinet approved the according of an Official Funeral to the Honourable Dr. Kenneth Lee O'Neil Baugh, OJ, CD, former Cabinet Minister and Deputy Prime Minister.

Dr. Baugh gave over 30 years of service to public life including as Deputy Prime Minister from 2007 to 2011, as Leader of the Opposition in 2005, as a member of the Senate between 1989 and 1993, as Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade in 2007 and Minister of Health in the 1980s.

4. Renaming of the Point Hill Health Centre as the Dr. Kenneth Baugh Health Centre

Cabinet gave approval for the renaming of the Point Hill Health Centre, located in the constituency of St. Catherine West Central, as the Dr. Kenneth Baugh Health Centre.

Dr. Kenneth Baugh, OJ, CD, made sterling contributions to the development of Jamaica, the Jamaican health sector, as well as the constituencies in which he had served as Member of Parliament. He represented the constituency of West Central St. Catherine from 1997 until his retirement in 2016.

5. Continuation of Hosting of the Caribbean Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions Secretariat

Cabinet gave approval for the Auditor General's Department of Jamaica to continue to serve as the Secretariat for the Caribbean Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (CAROSAI) for an additional six years, with effect from 1 July 2019.

Jamaica began to host the CAROSAI secretariat on 1 July 2016, for an initial period of three (3) years. CAROSAI is a regional organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions which promotes understanding and co-operation among Supreme Audit Institutions in the Caribbean.

6. Co-Hosting of Regional Cyber Security and Cybercrime Workshop for Latin American and Caribbean Countries

Cabinet approved Jamaica co-hosting of the Regional Cyber Security and Cybercrime Workshop to be held in Kingston in December 2019.

The three-day Regional Cyber Security and Cybercrime Workshop will be co-hosted in collaboration with the Embassy of the United States of America (USA). It will include cyber security

experts from the Latin America and the Caribbean and is aimed at facilitating meaningful information exchange on cyber security matters.

7. Approval of the Second Phase of the Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI II)

Cabinet approved the Second Phase of the Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI II).

The REDI II is a project, funded by the World Bank, to support agriculture and tourism development, particularly in the rural areas of Jamaica. The project supports:

- (a) the development of climate change resilient small and micro-enterprises involved in agriculture and tourism;
- (b) investment in large public facilities to support agriculture and tourism;
- (c) strengthened linkages between the two key growth sectors of agriculture and tourism; and
- (d) economic growth and job creation, with a focus on rural communities.

8. Reports

(i) Supreme Court Hilary Term Statistical Report

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Justice which stated that the Statistical Report of the Chief Justice/Supreme Court for the Hilary Term 2019, covering the period 7 January to 12 April 2019, was ready and would be tabled in Parliament.

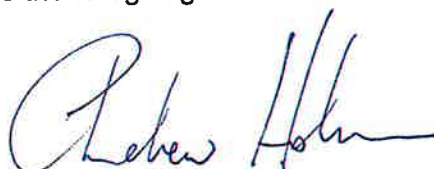
The report indicated that 3,880 new cases entered the Supreme Court across all Divisions, whilst 2,102 cases were disposed of; there was a backlog of civil and trial cases and, whilst the backlogs were being reduced in the Parish Courts, there continued to be a backlog in the Supreme Court

(ii) Signing of the Singapore Mediation Convention

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Justice in connection with Jamaica's signature of the United Nations (UN) Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation (Singapore Convention) on 7 August 2019.

The report advised that, prior to the Singapore Convention, there was no international mechanism for effective enforcement of settlement agreements resulting from mediation in international disputes, which resulted in uncertainty for the enforceability of international settlement agreements arising from mediation. The Convention would ensure that settlements reached by the parties were binding, enforceable, and promote mediation as an alternative and effective means of resolving cross-border disputes; and Jamaica's signing of the Convention would improve investor confidence in the country and assist in improving its ranking in the 'Ease of Doing Business' environment. Signing the Convention was not immediately binding on a State as it was subject to ratification, acceptance or approval by the signatories.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Andrew Holness, MP

Prime Minister

31 October 2019