

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 14 OCTOBER 2019

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 14 October 2019:

1. Contracts;
2. Legislation;
3. Annual Reports;
4. Board Appointments; and
5. Response to the Current Dengue Outbreak.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Construction of the Rural Agricultural Development Authority's Hanover Parish Office

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$108,941,194.00 to Morris Hill Limited for the construction of a single-storey office building to house the Hanover Parish Office of the Rural Agricultural Development Authority (RADA) in Haughton Court, Hanover.

The Hanover Parish Office for RADA currently operates from two separate locations which has become logistically challenging and, as such, one appropriate office is to be constructed.

(ii) Procurement of Viral Load Tests, Reagents and Supplies

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$959,088.00, excluding General Consumption Tax, to LASCO Distributors Limited, for the supply of viral load tests, reagents and supplies to the National Public Health Laboratory.

The supplies being procured are integral in the detection, monitoring and treatment of the HIV/AIDS virus by the HIV/STI/Tb unit of the Ministry of Health and Wellness.

(iii) Renovations of Existing Buildings at 6 Saxthorpe Avenue, Constant Spring, St. Andrew to House the Transformation Implementation Projects and the Human Resource Management and Internal Audit Shared Services

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$84,845,233.29 to N.F. Barnes Construction and Equipment Company Limited, for the renovation of existing buildings located at 6 Saxthorpe Avenue, Kingston 8.

To operationalise the Government's policy of shared corporate services, the location at Saxthorpe Avenue is being renovated to house the relevant staff and equipment.

(iv) Modernisation and Upgrade of Elevators at the Bank of Jamaica

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$1,300,106.00 to Essex Elevator Company Inc. to carry out modernisation and upgrading of the Bank of Jamaica's elevators.

The current elevators have outlived their useful life and have been experiencing frequent malfunctions that have negatively impacted the operations of the Bank.

(v) Provision of Foreign Exchange Trading Platform

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$987,000.00 to Montran Corporation for the provision of a foreign exchange trading platform to the Bank of Jamaica.

The trading platform will support and coordinate settlement of large value foreign exchange transactions to achieve payment-versus-payment (PVP), through the Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) system.

(vi) Contract Addendum (Number 5) Management of the Jamaica Business Fund

Cabinet approved a fifth variation in the amount of US\$443,589.05 to a contract originally awarded to PATICIP GmbH, for the implementation of a fourth call for proposals and its attendant matching grants projects, under the Jamaica Business Fund for micro, small and medium enterprises development.

The main objective of the Jamaica Business Fund is to strengthen private business in Jamaica through the development of commercially viable value chains that can generate direct employment, increased productivity and other linkage benefits.

2. Legislation

(i) The Proceeds of Crime (Amendment) Act, 2019

Cabinet approved the tabling of the Bill entitled "The Proceeds of Crime (Amendment) Act, 2019" in the Houses of Parliament.

The Bill seeks to improve Jamaica's compliance with international obligations as well as to improve investigative efficiency.

(ii) The Terrorism Prevention (Amendment) Act, 2019

Cabinet approved the tabling of the Bill entitled "The Terrorism Prevention (Amendment) Act, 2019" in the Houses of Parliament.

The Bill seeks to address deficiencies identified in the 2015 Mutual Evaluation Report conducted by the Caribbean Financial Action Task Force.

(iii) The United Nations Security Council Resolutions Implementation (Amendment) Act, 2019

Cabinet approved the tabling of the Bill entitled "The United Nations Security Council Resolutions Implementation (Amendment) Act, 2019" in the Houses of Parliament.

The Bill seeks to address deficiencies identified in the 2015 Mutual Evaluation Report conducted by the Caribbean Financial Action Task Force.

3. Annual Report

Cabinet noted the Annual Report for the National Solid Waste Management Authority for the Financial Year 2018/2019.

The Report will be tabled in the Houses of Parliament.

4. Board Appointments

(i) Black River 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 14 October 2019 to 13 October 2022:

- 1) Mr. Krishan James – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mrs. Violet Foster-Russell;
- 3) Ms. Paulette Elliot;
- 4) Ms. Judith Hendricks;
- 5) Ms. Whitney Smith;
- 6) Ms. Marcine Witter;
- 7) Mr. Oshane Ellis;
- 8) Mr. Michael Bent – **ex officio**;
- 9) Mrs. Diana Brown-Miller – **ex officio**;
- 10) Dr. Vitillius Holder – **ex officio**;
- 11) Dr. Sheriff Imoru – **ex officio**;
- 12) Ms. Novelette Robinson – **ex officio**;
- 13) Mr. Sean Brissett – **ex officio**;
- 14) Mr. Albert Williams – **ex officio**; and
- 15) Ms. Stacy-Ann Austin – **ex officio**.

(ii) Bustamante Hospital for Children Management Committee

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mrs. Beverly Senior Berry and Dr. Sandra Chambers Gause as *ex officio* members to the Management Committee, with effect from 14 October 2019 to 28 July 2022, when the tenure of the Management Committee will expire.

(iii) Central Health Committee

Cabinet approved the appointment of Dr. Jacqueline Bisasor McKenzie as the *ex officio* Chairman of the Committee, with effect from 14 October 2019 to 20 November 2019, when the tenure of the Committee will expire.

(iv) Central Wastewater Treatment Company Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 14 October 2019 to 13 October 2022:

- 1) Mr. Dwight Sibbles – **Chairman**;
- 2) Senator Aubyn Hill;
- 3) Ms. Talia Gibson;
- 4) Councillor Tosha Schwapp;
- 5) Mr. Mark Barnett;
- 6) Mr. Rockey Allen; and
- 7) Mr. Avraham Azarzar.

(v) Mandeville Regional 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 14 October 2019 to 13 October 2022:

- 1) Mr. Timothy Scarlett – **Chairman**;
- 2) Dr. St. Aubyn Bartlett;
- 3) Mr. Basil Cameron;
- 4) Mr. Marcel Barham;
- 5) Mr. John Minott;
- 6) Honourable Sally Porteous, CD, JP;
- 7) Mr. Maurice Smith;
- 8) Mr. Michael Bent – **ex officio**;
- 9) Ms. Marcia Francis – **ex officio**;
- 10) Dr. Everton McIntosh – **ex officio**;
- 11) Dr. Vitillius Holder – **ex officio**;
- 12) Mrs. Sadie Williams Allen – **ex officio**;
- 13) Mrs. Diana Brown-Miller – **ex officio**;
- 14) Mr. Stafford Haughton – **ex officio**; and
- 15) Mrs. Jennielyn O'Connor Guy – **ex officio**.

(vi) National Chest Hospital Management Committee

Cabinet approved the appointment of Ms. Jacqueline Ellis and Dr. Sandra Chambers Gause as ex-officio members to the Management Committee, with effect from 14 October 2019 to 28 July 2022, when the tenure of the Management Committee will expire.

(vii) Percy Junor 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 14 October 2019 to 13 October 2022:

- 1) Mr. Omar Miller – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Angela Moore;
- 3) Mr. Glestrel Williams;
- 4) Mr. Lennox Powell;
- 5) Mr. Leroy Mitchell;
- 6) Mr. Dudley Spencer;
- 7) Mr. Junior Fraser;
- 8) Mr. Michael Bent – **ex officio**;
- 9) Mr. Carlton Nichols – **ex officio**;
- 10) Dr. Vitillius Holder – **ex officio**;
- 11) Dr. Carlos Wilson – **ex officio**;
- 12) Ms. Jacqueline Pennicook – **ex officio**;
- 13) Mrs. Dianna Brown-Miller – **ex officio**;
- 14) Mr. Michael Stern – **ex officio**; and
- 15) Mrs. Jovita Eudk Iwydike – **ex officio**.

(viii) Savanna-La-Mar 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 14 October 2019 to 13 October 2022:

- 1) Reverend Joseph Campbell – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Mark Jones;
- 3) Ms. Karen Lannigan;
- 4) Ms. Jenepher Baugh;
- 5) Mrs. Dionne Maylor-Reid;
- 6) Dr. Alfred Dawes;
- 7) Mr. Cosmond Jackson;
- 8) Mr. Errol Greene – **ex officio**;
- 9) Ms. Camile Lewin – **ex officio**;
- 10) Dr. Orlando Russell – **ex officio**;
- 11) Dr. Diane Campbell-Stennett – **ex officio**;
- 12) Mrs. Hazeline Forrester – **ex officio**;
- 13) Mrs. Novlin Leslie-Little – **ex officio**;
- 14) Mr. Norman Reid – **ex officio**; and
- 15) Ms. Anika Campbell – **ex officio**.

(ix) Spanish Town Hospital Management Committee

Cabinet approved the appointment of Dr. Jacqueline Wright James and Dr. Sandra Chambers Gause as *ex officio* members to the Management Committee, with effect from 14 October 2019 to 28 July 2022, when the tenure of the Management Committee will expire.

(x) Urban Development Corporation

Cabinet approved the appointment of Honourable Glen Christian, OJ, OD, JP as the Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors, with effect from 14 October 2019 to 8 September 2022, when the tenure of the Board will expire.

5. Response to the Current Dengue Outbreak

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Health and Wellness in connection with the response of the Ministry to the current Dengue outbreak.

The report reminded that Dengue was a common mosquito-borne disease with an estimated 50 million to 100 million cases occurring globally each year. In Jamaica, there had been continuous local transmission since 1977 with outbreaks occurring every two to four years over the past decade, with the most recent outbreak being in January 2019. Though there had been a curtailment in the burden of the disease following the interventions by the Ministry of Health and Wellness, the reduction in the number of cases had not been sustained below the epidemic threshold.

The report informed that, on 3 January 2019, the Ministry of Health and Wellness had declared that Jamaica was currently experiencing a Dengue outbreak; there had been a general decline in the cases reported monthly since the start of 2019 up to June; as at 28 August 2019, there were 4,409 suspected, presumed or confirmed cases; and the annual peak transmission season for Dengue was during the rainy season between the months of August to December.

The report also provided a breakdown of the suspected, presumed or confirmed cases for Jamaica for the years 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 (year-to-date); the response of the Ministry of Health and Wellness; and the financial considerations.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.

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Andrew Holness, MP

Prime Minister

15 December 2019