

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 11 NOVEMBER 2019

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 11 November 2019:

1. Contracts;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Board Appointments;
4. Nomination of Commissioners to the Public Procurement Commission;
5. Compulsory Acquisition of Property at Darling's Pen, Spanish Town, St. Catherine, for Construction of the St. Catherine Divisional Headquarters for the Jamaica Constabulary Force;
6. Compulsory Acquisition of Land at 25 Main Street, Port Maria, St. Mary for the Jamaica Constabulary Force;
7. Renaming of Brimmer Vale High School the Wycliffe Martin High School;
8. Ministry of Health and Wellness' Challenges with the Current Dengue Outbreak;
9. St. Thomas Tourism Destination Development and Management Plan;
10. CARICOM Heads of Social Security Meeting; and
11. Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Building and Civil Infrastructure Works, Perth Housing Development, Phase 2, Manchester
Cabinet approved the award of four contracts, totalling \$10,874,454,628.73 by the National Housing Trust (NHT) for the undertaking of the building and civil infrastructure works at Perth Housing Development, Phase 2 in Manchester, as follows:

- a) Lot No. 1 – in the amount of \$3,777,291,617.70 to Chin's Construction Limited;
- b) Lot No. 2 – in the amount of \$1,588,503,058.56 to M & M Jamaica Limited;
- c) Lot No. 3 – in the amount of \$2,502,379,952.44 to Ashtrom Building Systems Limited;
and
- d) Lot No. 4 – in the amount of \$3,006,280,000.03 to Build-Rite Construction Company Limited.

The construction of the Perth Housing Development, Phase 2 is in keeping with the NHT's strategic priority to increase housing completions and to deliver 18,662 new housing solutions by March 31, 2021.

(ii) Design, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Energy Efficient Air Conditioning Retrofits at the Post and Telecommunications Department

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$911,475.18 and J\$20,275,047.33, excluding GCT, to CAC 2000 Limited for the design, supply, installation and commissioning of energy efficient air conditioning retrofits at the Post and Telecommunications Department, under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programme (EECP).

The EECF is intended to enhance the country's energy efficiency and energy conservation through the design and implementation of cost saving energy conservation measures.

2. Annual Reports

Cabinet noted the Annual Reports for the:

- (i) Broadcasting Commission for the Financial Year 2018/2019;
- (ii) Petrojam Limited for the Financial Years 2015/2016 and 2016/2017; and
- (iii) Professional Engineers Registration Board for the Financial Year 2017/2018.

The Reports will be tabled in Parliament.

3. Board Appointments

(i) Child Development Agency/Child Protection and Family Services Agency

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Advisory Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 11 November 2019 to 10 November 2022, as under:

- 1) Ms. Georgia Hamilton – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Ms. Lynda Mair;
- 3) Ms. Nadeen Spence;
- 4) Mrs. Violet Foster-Russell;
- 5) Dr. Karl Whyte;
- 6) Mr. Orville Black; and
- 7) Ms. Naomi Francis.

(ii) Entertainment Advisory Board

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Advisory Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 11 November 2019 to 10 November 2021:

- 1) Mr. Howard McIntosh – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Ewan Simpson;
- 3) Mr. Lenford Salmon;
- 4) Mr. Augustus Clarke;
- 5) Dr. Carlene Davis-Cowan, OD;
- 6) Dr. Sonjah Stanley-Niaah;
- 7) Mrs. Paula Surtees;
- 8) Mr. Herbie Miller;
- 9) Mr. Michael Cooper;
- 10) Mr. Joseph Bogdanovich;
- 11) Ms. Karen Smith;
- 12) Ms. Tricia Spence;
- 13) Mr. Kamal Bankay;
- 14) Mr. Delroy Thompson;
- 15) Mr. Newton Amos;
- 16) Mr. Jeffery Campbell;
- 17) Mr. Anthony G. Wilson;
- 18) Miss Dahlia McDonald;
- 19) Mrs. Carolyn McDonald-Riley;

- 20) Mr. David Brown; and
- 21) Mr. Martin Lewis.

(iii) National Energy Solutions Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the Board of Directors with effect from 11 November 2019 until the completion of the process of winding up the company:

- 1) Mr. Richard Fonseca – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Fitzroy Vidal;
- 3) Ms. Sandra Graham;
- 4) Mr. Michael Parker; and
- 5) Mr. Ibrahim Alder.

4. Nomination of Commissioners to the Public Procurement Commission

Cabinet endorsed the recommendation to the Governor-General for the appointment of Ms. Donna Maria Stephenson and Mr. David Barrett as Commissioners to the Public Procurement Commission (PPC) pursuant to the Public Procurement Act, 2015.

Ms. Stephenson and Mr. Barrett are being recommended as replacements for two Commissioners who are no longer able to serve.

5. Compulsory Acquisition of Property at Darling's Pen, Spanish Town, St. Catherine, for Construction of the St. Catherine Divisional Headquarters for the Jamaica Constabulary Force

Cabinet approved the compulsory acquisition of five acres of land located at Darling's Pen in Spanish Town in St. Catherine, measuring by estimation 6.42 hectares or 15 acres and privately-owned, for the construction of a Divisional Headquarters for the Jamaica Constabulary Force.

The current location of the Spanish Town Police Station is unable to house the full complement of assigned officers. Accordingly, this land is being acquired to facilitate the construction of an appropriately sized Divisional Headquarters.

6. Compulsory Acquisition of Land at 25 Main Street, Port Maria, St. Mary for the Jamaica Constabulary Force

Cabinet approved the compulsory acquisition of 2,677.507 square metres or 0.661 acres of land located at 25 Main Street in Port Maria, St. Mary, to establish adequate parking facilities for the new Port Maria Police Station.

7. Renaming of Brimmer Vale High School as the Wycliffe Martin High School

Cabinet approved the recommendation of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information to rename the Brimmer Vale High School located in St. Mary to the Wycliffe Martin High School, upon gazetting of the approval.

Mr. Wycliffe Martin became the Member of Parliament of St. Mary Central in 1962 and made significant contributions to the development of the constituency and the parish of St. Mary in general.

8. Response of Ministry of Health and Wellness to the Current Dengue Outbreak

Cabinet approved:

- (i) the declaration of the current Dengue Outbreak as a national emergency requiring a “Whole-of-Government” approach and the establishment of the National Dengue Coordination Committee;
- (ii) all Local Boards of Health taking responsibility for the management of the Dengue Outbreak response in their Parish;
- (iii) the Emergency Procurement of 35 Vector Control Vehicles; and
- (iv) the hosting of a National Mosquito Eradication Day.

Jamaica is currently experiencing an outbreak of Dengue Fever. The Ministry of Health and Wellness officially made the declaration of a Dengue Outbreak on 3 January 2019.

9. St. Thomas Tourism Destination Development and Management Plan

Cabinet approved the Tourism Destination Development and Management Plan (TDDMP) for St. Thomas which included goals, strategies, priority initiatives, catalyst projects and the Action Plan and Road Map for implementation.

The parish of St. Thomas has been targeted by the Government of Jamaica for special development focus, and tourism has been selected as a key driver of that development due to the considerable potential for tourism development in the parish and the increase in eco-tourism, sports tourism, and culture and heritage tourism.

10. CARICOM Heads of Social Security Meeting

Cabinet approved Jamaica hosting the meeting of the CARICOM Heads of Social Security Organisations and related workshop in July 2020.

The meeting and workshop will be used to discuss current and emerging issues impacting on social security and pensions and identify gaps in performance and determine capacity building and training needs.

11. Reports

- (i) Launch of Jamaica’s First Country Programme for Engagement with the Green Climate Fund
Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation in connection with the completion of Jamaica’s first Country Programme (CP) for the engagement of the Green Climate Fund (GCF).

The report advised that in 2017, a grant was secured from the GCF; the grant was to be used to strengthen the capacity of the National Designated Authority (NDA) to undertake its Fund-related roles and responsibilities; the Readiness resources were also to be used to distil and prioritise national climate change investments elaborated in the CP for engaging with the Fund; and the CP would lead to a solidified process for building a coherent national framework for access to climate finance.

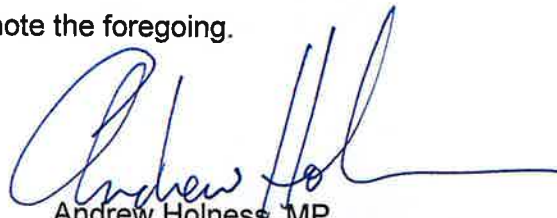
The report further advised that the grant was signed on 12 October 2017 by the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation; however, due to fiscal space

constraints, implementation of actions commenced in April 2018; and the Ministry, acting as the NDA for the GCF, would officially launch the CP during the National Pre-COP25 event, which had been scheduled for 23 October 2019.

(ii) Participation in United Nations' Anti-Corruption Workshop to Assist Public Sector Institutions to Prepare Responses to the Self-Assessment Checklist, Kingston, Jamaica

Cabinet considered a report from the Office of the Prime Minister in connection with Jamaica's participation in the Anti-Corruption Workshop being organised by the United Nations' Office on Drugs and Crime, which was intended to assist public sector institutions to prepare responses to the Self-Assessment Checklist for second cycle reviews, to be held at the Courtleigh Hotel, Kingston, Jamaica, from 18 to 20 November 2019; and noted the participation of the Integrity Commission in the Workshop.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Andrew Holness, MP
Prime Minister

15 December 2019

