



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

1. Contract;
2. Board Appointments;
3. Acquisition of Parcels of Land Required for the Montego Bay Perimeter Road Project;
4. Bid to Host the Made in Americas Global Services Summit 2021;
5. Membership in the International Coconut Community; and
6. Sale of Lot 1 (Formerly Lot 5), Naggo Head Industrial Estate, St. Catherine by Factories Corporation of Jamaica (FCJ) to Associated Brands Industries Limited;
7. Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contract

Consulting Services for the Development of Design Parameters, Drawings, Bill of Quantities and Tender Document for Renovation, Construction and Supervision of 13 Health Facilities

Cabinet approved the award of a contract for in the amount of US\$674,088.97 for period of 11 months to Project Planning and Management Limited and Alpha Engineering and Design (2012) Limited for the provision of consulting services for the development of design parameters, drawings, bill of quantities and tender documents for the renovation, construction and supervision of 13 health facilities (3 hospitals and 10 health centres).

The project is a part of the IDB-funded Support for the Health Systems Strengthening for the Prevention and Care Management of Non-Communicable Diseases Programme.

2. Board Appointments

(i) Council of Community Colleges of Jamaica

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

- 1) Dr. Orville Beckford – **Chairman**;
- 2) Dr. Derrick Deslandes;
- 3) Dr. Marcia Rainford;
- 4) Dr. Janet Campbell-Shelly;
- 5) Mrs. Shaula Edwards-Braham;
- 6) Ms. Sharon Black;
- 7) Ms. Nadine Black;
- 8) Ms. Nyoka English;
- 9) Ms. Edris Johnson;
- 10) Mr. Euton Gordon;
- 11) Mrs. Bridgette Flowers;
- 12) Mrs. Teisha Campbell;

- 13) Ms. Carlene Gold;
- 14) Dr. Dotlyn Minott;
- 15) Mr. Marlon Palmer;
- 16) Ms. Monique Oates;
- 17) Dr. Marsha Smalling;
- 18) Dr. Twila Mae Logan;
- 19) Mr. Dayton Lawton;
- 20) Dr. Lowell Dilworth;
- 21) Mrs. Nicole Manning;
- 22) Mr. Jahraski Young – *ex-officio*;
- 23) Mrs. Corrine Richards – *ex-officio*;
- 24) Mrs. Clyde Evans – *ex-officio*;
- 25) Mrs. Davia Ramgeet-Robinson – *ex-officio*;
- 26) Dr. Maureen Nelson – *ex-officio*;
- 27) Mr. Howard Isaacs – *ex-officio*;
- 28) Mrs. Claudeth Haughton – *ex-officio*;
- 29) Mr. Philmore McCarthy – *ex-officio*;
- 30) Dr. Dosseth Edwards-Watson – *ex-officio*; and
- 31) Mrs. Pauleen Reid – *ex-officio*.

(ii) Entertainment Advisory Board

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. Kingsley Cooper to the Advisory Board, with effect from 2 December 2019 to 10 November 2021, when the tenure of the Board of Directors will expire.

(iii) Jamaica National Commission for United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mrs. Florette Blackwood to the Board of Directors, with effect from 2 December 2019 to 25 August 2022, when the tenure of the Board will expire.

(iv) Medical Council of Jamaica

Cabinet:

- a. approved the appointment of the following persons thereto for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 2 December 2019 to 1 December 2022:
 - 1) Dr. William Aiken;
 - 2) Dr. Althea Aquart;
 - 3) Dr. Guyan Arscott;
 - 4) Dr. Winston De La Haye;
 - 5) Dr. Ray Fraser;
 - 6) Dr. Milton Hardie;
 - 7) Dr. Edwin Tulloch-Reid;
 - 8) Dr. Earl Wright;
 - 9) Dr. Dainia Baugh;
 - 10) Dr. Kenneth Vaughan;
 - 11) Mr. Colin Virgo;
 - 12) Mr. Wentworth Charles;
 - 13) Professor Kent Pantry;
 - 14) Dr. Jacqueline Bisasor-McKenzie – *ex officio*; and
 - 15) Dr. Tomlin Paul – *ex-officio*.
- b. noted that the Council would elect its Chairman from among the registered medical practitioners.

(v) Rural Agricultural Development Authority

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of Dr. Derrick Deslandes to the Authority, with effect from 2 December 2019 to 10 June 2021, when the tenure of the Authority will expire.

3. Acquisition of Parcels of Land Required for the Montego Bay Perimeter Road Project

Cabinet approved the acquisition of approximately 567 parcels of registered and unregistered land with 126 structures and an estimated area of take of 2,700,000 square metres which were likely to be needed for the implementation of the Montego Bay Perimeter Road Project in the parish of St. James by the National Road Operating and Constructing Company. Cabinet also authorised that the acquisition be carried out in consultation with the Commissioner of Lands, utilising the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act.

In 2017, the Government of Jamaica implemented the Montego Bay Perimeter Road Project through a Design Build Contract with China Harbour Engineering Construction Company. The aim of the Project is to reduce traffic congestion within the city of Montego Bay in St. James which is caused by flooding and the influx of tourists on cruise ship days.

4. Bid to Host the Made in Americas Global Services Summit 2021

Cabinet gave approval for Jamaica to submit a bid to host the *Made in Americas Global Services Summit* in June 2021.

The Summit is one of the few regional events geared towards the outsourcing sector, bringing together key industry leaders, global services small-to-medium enterprises, and entrepreneurs from around the world, as well as government representatives from over 15 investment promotions agencies in the region.

5. Membership in the International Coconut Community

Cabinet gave approval for Jamaica's full membership in the International Coconut Community (ICC); and the signing of the Instrument of Accession to the ICC.

The objectives of the ICC are to promote, coordinate and harmonize all activities of the coconut industries to achieve maximum economic development in the member countries. Jamaica was previously an associate member of the Asian and Pacific Coconut Community which has since been transformed into the ICC, which is a global institution and hence, Jamaica can now become a full member.

6. Sale of Lot 1 (Formerly Lot 5), Naggo Head Industrial Estate, St. Catherine by Factories Corporation of Jamaica (FCJ) to Associated Brands Industries Limited

Cabinet approved the sale of 10,850.85m² (1.09 hectares/ 2.68 acres) of land at Lot 1 (formerly Lot 5), Naggo Head Industrial Estate in St. Catherine by the Factories Corporation of Jamaica to Associated Brands Industries Limited in the amount of \$75 million.

The property is registered at Volume 1079, Folio 113 in the Register Book of Titles to the FCJ and is located at the intersection of Cookson and Henderson Avenues in Portmore, St. Catherine.

7. Report

Export Max III: Enterprise Development for Export Growth Programme

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries in connection with the Export Max III: Enterprise Development for Export Growth Programme.

The report advised that Export Max III formed part of a national programme to facilitate deeper penetration of the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, the Caribbean and other markets, ultimately for increased export sales at the national level; the Programme would objectively identify a group of 50 companies for intensive capacity building and market penetration support over a three-year period; and the Export Max III would be executed during the period November 2019 to October 2022 at a cost of \$127 million.

The report further advised that the overarching goal of the Programme was to enable the companies to be competitively positioned to take advantage of market opportunities and ultimately make a greater contribution to the overall performance of the Jamaican economy; and that the Programme had highlighted and sought to fix many of the challenges being faced by exporters and export-ready firms, particularly internal challenges related to finance and management.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.


Andrew Holness, MP
Prime Minister
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