

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 6 JANUARY 2020

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 6 January 2020:

1. Annual Reports;
2. Board Appointments;
3. Proposed Ensigns for Use Onboard Jamaica Registered and Jamaican Government Vessels;
4. Regional Meeting for the 1970 Illicit Trafficking Convention and the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention; and
5. Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Annual Reports

Cabinet noted the Annual Reports of the:

- (i) eGov Jamaica Limited for the Financial Year 2018/2019;
- (ii) HEART Trust/NTA for the Financial Year 2018/2019;
- (iii) Petrojam Limited for the Financial Year 2017/2018;
- (iv) Spectrum Management Authority for the Financial Year 2018/2019; and
- (v) Women's Centre of Jamaica Foundation for the Financial Year 2015/2016.

The Reports will be tabled in Parliament .

2. Board Appointments

(i) Generation Procurement Entity

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 6 January 2020 to 5 January 2022:

- 1) Dr. Andrew Isaacs – **Chairman**;
- 2) Dr. Wayne Henry;
- 3) Mrs. Rosemarie Pilliner;
- 4) Mrs. Helene Davis Whyte; and
- 5) Mr. Mark Williams.

(ii) Montego Bay Conference Centre

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of one (1) year with effect from 6 January 2020 to 5 January 2021:

- 1) Mr. John Lynch – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Godfrey Dyer;
- 3) Mr. Robert Russell;
- 4) Dr. Andrew Spencer; and
- 5) Ms. Andrea Lyle.

(iii) Postal Corporation of Jamaica Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of Professor Felix Oluwole Akinladejo as Chairman of the Board of Directors with effect from 6 January 2020 to 21 July 2021, when the tenure of the Board will expire.

(iv) Trade Board Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of Ms. Daenia Ashpole and Mr. Donald Henry as members to the Board of Directors with effect from 6 January 2020 to 8 April 2020, when the tenure of the Board will expire.

3. Proposed Ensigns for Use Onboard Jamaica Registered and Jamaican Government Vessels

Cabinet gave approval for the adoption and implementation of a distinct and distinguishing civil maritime ensigns classification for Jamaica, for use onboard Jamaica registered vessels and Jamaican Government vessels as follows:

- (i) the Jamaica Red Ensign for use by the owners of Jamaica registered yachts; and
- (ii) the Jamaica Blue Ensign for use by Jamaican Government vessels.

A potential exists for the mushrooming of the Yacht Registry; however, this is dependent on the existence of an ensign that symbolizes quality and pedigree which is associated with the special yacht ensign with which the discerning yacht owner can associate.

4. Regional Meeting for the 1970 Illicit Trafficking Convention and the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention

Cabinet approved Jamaica hosting a United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Regional Meeting for the following Conventions to be held during the period 24 to 27 February 2020 in Kingston:

- (i) 1970 UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (1970 Illicit Trafficking Convention); and
- (ii) the 1995 International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects (1995 UNIDROIT Convention).

Jamaica and the international community face the threat of illicit trading in cultural objects, which has contributed to the looting and destruction of many archaeological sites, museums and collections worldwide. The meeting will focus on how countries use both the 1970 UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (1970 Illicit Trafficking Convention), and the 1995 International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects (1995 UNIDROIT Convention) to mitigate against this kind of activity.

5. Reports

(i) Electronic Document Management for Cabinet Meetings

Cabinet considered a report from the Cabinet Office in connection with the proposed electronic document management platform for Cabinet Meetings.

The report advised that the Cabinet would be transitioned to an electronic document management platform in January 2020 which aimed at reducing costs and improving efficiencies in its strategic function. This platform, which was already in use in the support of the Cabinet Office advanced document and information management function, would be the framework utilised for secure, cost-effective management and distribution of documents associated with the decision-making process of the Cabinet.

The report further advised that, as the Cabinet Office was responsible for providing policy and administrative support to the Cabinet, it had embarked on several initiatives to transform into a centre of excellence with respect to the adoption of advanced information and communication technologies.

(ii) Report on the Meeting of the Advisory Council of the VII Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas and the Caribbean (RP20), Panama City, Panama

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development in connection with the outcome of the meeting of the Advisory Council of the VII Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas and the Caribbean (RP20) held over the period 2 to 6 September 2019 in Panama City, Panama.

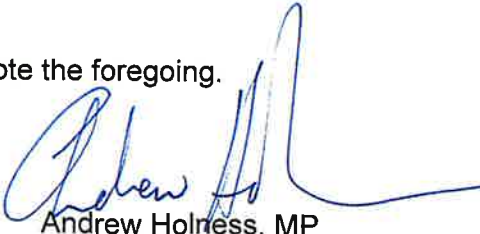
The report provided an overview of the meetings attended, including with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF); the International Federation of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent Societies (IFRC); the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO); the UN Women; the UN Environment Programme; the Advisory Council; and the outcomes of the each meeting. It also noted the meeting regarding the RP20 Progress Review.

(iii) Update on the 65th Meeting of the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) Commission for the Americas and Global Summit on Innovation, Resilience and Crisis Management, 28–29 May 2020, Montego Bay Convention Centre Jamaica

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Tourism in connection with a status update on the planning for the hosting of the 65th meeting of the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) Commission for the Americas and Global Summit on Innovation, Resilience and Crisis Management scheduled for 28 to 29 May 2020 at the Montego Bay Convention Centre in Jamaica.

The report provided updates on the Summit Programme; the programme of activities; the Promotion of the Summit; the establishment of an Inter-Ministerial Planning Committee; the registration process; the UNWTO Reconnaissance Visit; the Commission for the Americas (CAM) budget; and the next steps.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.


Andrew Holness, MP
Prime Minister
13 May 2020

