

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 3 AND 10 FEBRUARY 2020

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meetings held on 3 and 10 February 2020:

1. Contracts;
2. Legislation;
3. Annual Reports;
4. Board Appointments; and
5. Jamaica's Sixth National Report to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

- (i) Road Rehabilitation Works from Fairfield to Point (Fairfield to Hurlock Crossing), St. James
Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$114,416,750.00 to Construction Solutions Limited to undertake road rehabilitation works from Fairfield to Point (Fairfield to Hurlock Crossing) in St. James.

The road has fallen into a state of disrepair and poses numerous challenges for its users inclusive of a severe dust nuisance and travel delays, due to difficulties in traversing the roadway.

- (ii) Rehabilitation of Parochial Road, Fording to Somerton Square, St. James
Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$65,955,000.00 to S&G Road Surfacing Materials Limited for the rehabilitation of the parochial road, Fording to Somerton Square, St. James.

The roadway to be rehabilitated is approximately 2km in length and the works will include drainage works, base works and asphaltic concrete works.

- (iii) Design and Construction of Accommodation Facilities at Moneague Training Camp, St. Ann
Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$530,936,129.00 to M&M Jamaica Limited for the design and construction of accommodation facilities at the Moneague Training Camp in St. Ann for the Jamaica Defence Force.

This new development will facilitate an increase in the numbers of persons to undergo military training based on the current demand.

- (iv) Procurement of Thirty Fire Trucks (Pumpers) for the Jamaica Fire Brigade
Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$23,823,835.15 to National Safety Limited for the supply of 30 fire trucks (pumpers) to the Jamaica Fire Brigade (JFB).

This procurement forms a part of the thrust of the JFB to properly equip the organisation to effectively respond to emergencies as they arise.

(v) Consultancy Services – Communications and Visibility to Support the Energy Management and Efficiency Programme

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$90,870,000.00, inclusive of General Consumption Tax, to Panmedia Limited for the provision of communications and visibility support to the Petroleum Corporation of Jamaica (PCJ) and the programme funding agencies, namely, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Japan International Cooperation Agency, and the European Union Caribbean Investment Facility for stakeholders of the Energy Management and Efficiency Programme (EMEP).

The EMEP is a part of the Government of Jamaica effort to diversify the energy mix and curtail dependence on imported petroleum products.

(vi) Additional MyHR+ Licences and Maintenance for Public Employees' Pension Administration System (PEPAS) Integration

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$486,400.00, excluding taxes, to Quidgest Consultores de Gestao, S.A for the purchasing of additional MyHR+ licences and associated maintenance for three (3) years to facilitate further integration of the MyHR+ system with the Public Employees' Pension Administration System (PEPAS), a new pension administration system, and the replacement of the pension payment processing system used by the Accountant General's Department.

The Pensions Administration Unit (PAU) under the Strategic Human Resource Management Department (SHRM) of the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service has implemented the PEPAS. To allow the system to function effectively, there is a need for further integration with MyHR+ HRM system for core HR and payroll data. This integration will facilitate increased efficiency in the delivery of pensions administration through easier workflow management, and benefits processing across the public service.

(vii) National Housing Trust Renewal of General Insurances for the 2020/2021 Contract Year

Cabinet approved the renewal of insurance coverage for the risk portfolio of the National Housing Trust (NHT) for the financial year 2020/2021 as follows:

- (i) the renewal of insurance coverage in the total sum of J\$2,028,309,516.00, exclusive of General Consumption Tax (GCT), for quoted premiums of US\$14,151,415.00 and J\$101,452,850.00 for the NHT's risk portfolio for the financial year 2020/2021; and
- (ii) the premiums for the 2020/2021 contract year which were recommended by Allied Insurance Brokers (AIB), brokers for the NHT's General Insurance Portfolio, as follows:
 - (a) Houseowners Comprehensive with British Caribbean Insurance Company Limited (BCIC) fronting for a panel of overseas Insurers led by Lloyd's Syndicate SII 1945, at a cost of US\$14,043,765.00, excluding GCT;
 - (b) Excess General Liability (Public, Employers and Motor Third Party Liability) with Lloyds Syndicate AXIS Capital Holding 1686 at a cost of J\$315,000.00, excluding GCT;
 - (c) Comprehensive Crime & Cyber Crime and Directors and Officers Liability with Lloyds via Coverholder DUAL Corporate Risks for premium of US\$107,650.00, excluding GCT; and
 - (d) Combined Property and Business Interruption All Risks, Computers and Art Work, Loss of Money & Fidelity Guarantee, Employers and General Liability and

Motor with British Caribbean Insurance Company Limited at a cost of J\$101,137,850.00, excluding GCT.

2. Legislation

Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Act, 2020

Cabinet gave approval for the Bill entitled "Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Act, 2020" to be introduced into the Houses of Parliament.

The Bill seeks to amend the Third Schedule of the Act to reflect a change in portfolio responsibility, from the Minister responsible for industry to the Minister with responsibility for special economic zones.

3. Annual Reports

Cabinet noted the Annual Reports for the:

- (i) Financial Institutions Services Limited for the Financial Year 2018/2019; and
- (ii) Petroleum Corporation of Jamaica for the Financial Years 2015/2016 and 2016/2017.

The Reports will be tabled in Parliament at a later date.

4. Board Appointments

(i) Jamaica Deposit Insurance Corporation (JDIC)

Cabinet approved the appointment of members of the Board of Directors; and gave approval for the appointment of Chairman of the Board of Directors and *ex officio* Directors for a period of three (3) years, from 10 February 2020 to 9 February 2023:

- 1) Mrs. Myrtle Halsall, OD – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Mrs. Antoinette McKain, Chief Executive Officer, JDIC – *ex officio*;
- 3) Dr. Jide Carlton Lewis, Nominee, Governor, Bank of Jamaica – *ex officio*;
- 4) Mrs. Aisha Wright, Nominee, Financial Secretary – *ex officio*.

Cabinet also approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board of Directors for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 10 February 2020 to 9 February 2022:

- 5) Mr. Vernon McLeod;
- 6) Ms. Lisa Lewis; and
- 7) Mr. Herbert Hylton.

(ii) Jamaica Urban Transit Company Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. Kenute Hare to the Board with effect from 3 February 2020 to 12 May 2022, when the tenure of the Board will expire.

(iii) Montego Bay Metro Company Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mrs. Taniquea Callam to the Board, with effect from 3 February 2020 to 12 May 2022, when the tenure of the Board will expire.

(iv) National Housing Trust

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. Martin Miller, as an *ex officio* member to the Board of Directors, with effect from 10 February 2020 to 8 September 2022, when the tenure of the Board will expire.

5. Jamaica's Sixth National Report to the Convention on Biological Diversity

Cabinet approved Jamaica's Sixth National Report to the Convention on Biological Diversity and its formal submission to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

On 6 April 1995, Jamaica became a Party to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Article 26 of the Convention, requiring Parties to present to the Conference of the Parties (COP) reports on measures for the implementation of the provisions of the Convention and their effectiveness in meeting the Convention objectives.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Andrew Holness, MP
Prime Minister
13 May 2020