

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 24 FEBRUARY 2020

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meetings held on 24 February 2020:

1. Contracts;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Board Appointments;
4. Jamaica's Candidature to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
5. Instruments Adopted by the International Labour Organisation, 2019;
6. The Major Organised Crime and Anti-Corruption Agency (Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulations, 2020;
7. First Open Government Partnership National Action Plan and Governance Changes;
8. Hosting of Regional Seminar on Physical Security and Stockpile Management of Small Arms and Light Weapons; and
9. Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Marketing and Sales Representation for the Latin American Market

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$168,000.00 per annum to Global Marketing and Sales Inc for the provision of marketing and sales representation services for the Latin American market to the Jamaica Tourist Board (JTB) for a three-year period 1 March 2020 to 28 February 2023.

The contractor will plan and execute programmes that will increase general awareness of the country and result in increased arrivals from the designated territories.

(ii) Procurement of Pipes and Appurtenances under the Duhaney Park Sewer Force Main Replacement Project, St. Andrew

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$77,213,118.24 to Isratech Jamaica Limited for the supply and delivery of pipes and appurtenances under the Duhaney Park Sewer Force Main Replacement Project, St. Andrew.

The National Water Commission intends to replace the sewage force main from the Duhaney Park Wastewater Pumping Station to an existing manhole located along a section of the Washington Boulevard, St. Andrew (identified as the Duhaney Park Sewer Force Main Replacement Project). The sewage main is currently in disrepair and requires considerable restoration.

(iii) Procurement of Security Guard Services for the University of Technology, Jamaica

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$205,720,465.00 to King Alarm Services Limited for the provision of security guard services at the University of Technology, Jamaica for a period of two (2) years.

The contractor will be required to provide security services across the University campus.

2. Annual Reports

Cabinet noted the Annual Reports for the:

- (i) Jamaica Business Development Corporation for the Financial Year 2017/2018;
- (ii) Jamaica Mortgage Bank for the Financial Year 2018/2019; and
- (iii) Rural Water Supply Limited for the Financial Year 2017/2018.

The Reports will be tabled in Parliament.

3. Board Appointments

(i) Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mrs. Beverley Williamson to the Board of Management with effect from 24 February 2020 to 25 August 2022, when the tenure of the Board will expire.

(ii) Housing Agency of Jamaica Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. Seyon Tennyson Hanson and Ms. Toni-Kaye A. Madura to the Board of Directors with effect from 24 February 2020 to 13 May 2021, when the tenure of the Board will expire.

(iii) Kingston Free Zone Company Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. Denver McDonald and Ms. Danielle Shereen Archer to the Board of Directors with effect from 24 February 2020 to 25 May 2020, when the tenure of the Board will expire.

(iv) National Fisheries Advisory Council

Cabinet approved the appointment of Dr. Vincent Wright as Chairman of the Advisory Council, with effect from 24 February 2020 to 17 November 2021, when the tenure of the Advisory Council will expire.

(v) National Insurance Fund

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Advisory Board of the National Insurance Fund, with effect from 24 February 2020 to 10 June 2020, when the tenure of the Board would expire:

- 1) Mr. Hugh Wayne Powell;
- 2) Mr. Hugh Morris;
- 3) Miss Jhanelle-Rae Bowie;
- 4) Mr. Lissant Mitchell; and
- 5) representative from the Attorney General's Chambers.

(vi) National Insurance Fund Resort Management Company Limited (NIFRML)

Cabinet approved the Board of Directors for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 24 February 2020 to 23 February 2022, as under:

- 1) Mr. Barrington Chisholm – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mrs. Nesta Claire Smith-Hunter;

- 3) Mr. Kavan Gayle;
- 4) Ms. Gianna Fakhourie;
- 5) Mr. Peter Thompson;
- 6) Mr. Hugh Wayne Powell;
- 7) Miss Tiva Forbes;
- 8) Miss Jhanelle-Rae Bowie; and
- 9) Mrs. Camille Bennett-Campbell, Director, Legal Services, Ministry of Labour and Social Security – *ex officio*.

(vii) Rent Assessment Board

Cabinet approved the Board of Directors for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 24 February 2020 to 23 February 2023, as under:

- 1) Mrs. Rose Bennett Cooper – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Mrs. Gloria Langrin – **Deputy Chairperson (Kingston)**;
- 3) Mr. George Clue – **Deputy Chairman (Clarendon)**;
- 4) Mr. Albert Morgan – **Deputy Chairman (St. James)**;
- 5) Mr. Oneil Brown – **Deputy Chairman (Westmoreland)**;
- 6) Mr. Evol Lyn Cook – **Deputy Chairman (St. Ann)**;
- 7) Mr. Nicholas Chambers – **Deputy Chairman (Portland)**;
- 8) Mrs. Authrine Scarlett;
- 9) Ms. Patricia Hamilton;
- 10) Mrs. Marvalyn Campbell;
- 11) Mr. John Jacobs;
- 12) Mr. Michael Hylton;
- 13) Mr. Otis Roberts;
- 14) Mr. Able-Don Foote.

4. Jamaica's Candidature to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
Cabinet approved the submission of Senator Dr. Floyd Morris as Jamaica's candidate to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities for the period 2021–2024.

As signatory to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the opportunity exists for States' parties to nominate a potential candidate to the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

5. Instruments Adopted by the International Labour Organisation, 2019

Cabinet approved the tabling in Parliament of a Ministry Paper, outlining the Instruments that were adopted at the Annual Labour Conference of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) held in Geneva, Switzerland in June 2019.

Member States of the ILO are obliged, under Article 19 of the ILO Constitution, to submit instruments adopted at the Annual Labour Conferences to their Competent Authority. At the Centenary session of the International Labour Conference, the Convention on the Elimination of Violence and Harassment in the World of Work, 2019 (No. 19C), and the Recommendation on the Elimination of Violence and Harassment in the World of Work, 2019 (No. 206), were adopted.

6. The Major Organised Crime and Anti-Corruption Agency (Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulations, 2020

Cabinet approved the tabling of the Major Organised Crime and Anti-Corruption Agency (MOCA) (Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulations, 2020 in Parliament.

The Regulations are required to give full effect to the establishment of MOCA as a statutory law enforcement agency with operational independence and autonomy.

7. Development of the First Open Government Partnership National Action Plan and Governance Changes

Cabinet gave approval for the implementation of the Road Map for the preparation of the Government of Jamaica's first Open Government Partnership (OGP) National Action Plan in financial year 2020/2021 for approval and submission to the OGP by 31 August 2020; and the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service replacing the Planning Institute of Jamaica as the designated Government of Jamaica OGP Lead Agency.

Jamaica became a member of this forum in December 2016, following the Government's endorsement of the Open Government Declaration. As a participating country, Jamaica is required to collaborate with civil society to develop a country action plan containing specific, concrete commitments which are to be implemented by the Government over a two-year period.

8. Hosting of Regional Seminar on Physical Security and Stockpile Management of Small Arms and Light Weapons

Cabinet approved Jamaica's hosting of the Regional Seminar on Physical Security and Stockpile Management of Small Arms and Light Weapons, during the period 31 March 2020 to 2 April 2020. Cabinet noted that the Seminar was being organized by the Department of Public Security in the Organization of American States in collaboration with the CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security and was financed by the European Union.

The aim of the seminar is to strengthen national capacities for the Physical Security and Stockpile Management (PSSM) of small arms and light weapons through the training of national authorities in PSSM best practices.

9. Reports

(i) Jamaica's Participation in the United Nations Climate Change Conference

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation in connection with the outcomes of Jamaica's participation in the 25th session of the Conference of Parties (COP25) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC) the 15th session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP15); and the 2nd session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA2), held in Madrid, Spain from 2 to 15 December 2019, and the pre-session meetings held during the period 26 to 30 November 2019.

The report informed that Jamaica became a party to the UNFCCC in 1995, the Kyoto Protocol to the Convention in 1999 and the Paris Agreement in 2017; and at the COP25,

Parties met to advance the implementation of the Paris Agreement, including work towards completing outstanding elements of the guidelines, and to advance items under the Convention.

The report also informed of the national consultations; the outcomes of COP25 where negotiations were conducted, including on, the Warsaw International Mechanism (WIM) on Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change impacts and its 2019 review, Article 6 ('markets') of the Paris Agreement, capacity building, finance, and the Gender Action Plan (GAP); the contributions by Jamaica; and the next session for COP26/CMP16/CMA3, which was scheduled for 9 to 20 November 2020.

(ii) Jamaica Day 2020

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information in connection with events surrounding the celebration of Jamaica Day 2020.

The report informed that the Jamaica Day Planning Committee has decided that Jamaica Day would be celebrated on 21 February 2020 under the theme "Celebrating Jamaica: Highlighting our Icons in the Arts, Agriculture and Technological Innovations".

The report further informed that in 2011, the Governor-General, The Most Honourable Sir Patrick Allen, had announced that Jamaica Day be celebrated annually on the last Friday of February unless there were adverse circumstances; and the decision was taken to celebrate Jamaica Day a week earlier since schools would be on Mid-Term break the last Friday, 28 February 2020, and the participation of the schools was critical to the process.

The report also informed that one of the objectives of Jamaica Day 2020 was to utilise the various activities to continue to entrench morals and values in the students, which could ultimately be manifested in the levels of trust and respect shown to each other as they aspire to become proud and productive citizens of the country; and that, whilst all schools would be individually hosting activities of the Day, the Denbigh High School was selected as the featured school to host the national event.

The report advised of the focus of Jamaica Day 2020, which was to showcase the lives and works of individuals who have made significant contributions to the development and retention of our culture through the various art forms; the proposed attendance by Cabinet Ministers; and highlighted the partnership with Fontana Pharmacy in the hosting of an inter-schools Visual and Performing Arts Competition.

(iii) Ananda Alert Secretariat Report for January-December 2019

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information in connection with children reported missing between the period January to December 2019.


The report informed that the Ananda Alert System was within the purview of the Child Protection and Family Services Agency (CPFSA), which was responsible for providing a stable and nurturing living environment for children who needed care and protection; and the Agency had also been mandated to enforce and protect the rights and best interests of

all children and, as such, the Ananda Alert System was developed to place emphasis and focus on missing children.

The report provided an overview of the Ananda Alert Report, including the preliminary figures received from the Missing Persons Monitoring Unit of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF), which indicated that 1,543 reports of missing children were received between January and December 2019; and the number of missing children for the period revealed a marginal increase of 2% when compared to 1,512 reported in the corresponding period in 2018.

The report further informed that 1,072 children had been accounted for with 466 still missing and 5 children found deceased subsequent to being reported missing; 77% of the children reported missing were girls whilst 23% were boys; and girls made up 76% of those who returned home, 79% of those still missing, and 80% of those who died under violent circumstances after being reported missing. It also advised of the intervention services to rescue missing children.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



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Prime Minister
13 May 2020