

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 9 MARCH 2020

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 9 March 2020:

1. Contracts;
2. Annual Report;
3. Board Appointments;
4. Approval of the COVID-19 National Response Implementation Plan.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Supply and Delivery of Ductile Iron Pipes and Fittings for the Mason Hall/White River Water Supply Project, St. Mary

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$74,068,060.15 to Deryck A. Gibson Limited, on behalf of the Rural Water Supply Limited (RWSL), for the supply and delivery of ductile iron pipes and fittings for the Mason Hall/White River Water Supply Project in St. Mary.

The objective of the project is to provide an adequate water supply system to meet demands in the areas of Canoe Pond, Airy Hill, Barriffe Hall, Bando, Days Mountain, Salmon Hall, Kic Land, Fire Fly and Villa Road.

(ii) Supply of the Elhydro Kleenoil Bypass Filtration System to the Jamaica Urban Transit Company Limited

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$251,550,000.00 to Elhydro Limited, on behalf of the Jamaica Urban Transit Company (JUTC) Limited, for the provision of technical and professional advice, materials and the performance of all attendant operations in the implementation of Phase 2 of the Elhydro Kleenoil Bypass Filtration System project.

The System eliminates water and particles from oil, eliminates corrosion, removes dirt and contaminants without removing desirable elements. There is therefore a resultant reduction in time required for servicing, and reduced engine wear

(iii) Procurement for the Supply and Installation of Office Furniture

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$755,872.98 to Neveast Supplies Limited for the supply and installation of office furniture.

Under component 3 of the Public Sector Transformation Programme, resources have been allocated for the outfitting of offices at Saxthorpe Avenue, St Andrew with furniture for the staff of the Transformation Implementation Unit.

(iv) Provision of Security Guard Services to the Mandeville Regional Hospital

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$127,492,800.20, inclusive of General Consumption Tax, to Shalk Electronic Security Limited, by the Southern Regional Health Authority, for the provision of security guard services to the Mandeville Regional Hospital for a period of three (3) years.

A private security company is utilised in an effort to ensure the safety of employees, customers, property and assets of the Mandeville Regional Hospital.

(v) Provision of Janitorial and Porter Services at the Mandeville Regional and May Pen Hospitals

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the total amount of \$489,688,056.70 to Milestone Environmental Limited for a period of three years, by the Southern Regional Health Authority for the provision of janitorial and portering services, broken down as follows:

- a) Mandeville Regional Hospital - \$240,446,665.69, inclusive of General Consumption Tax; and
- b) May Pen Hospital - \$249,241,391.01, inclusive of General Consumption Tax.

The contract is to ensure and maintain a clean, sanitary and safe environment with appropriate infection control procedures/standards for the hospitals.

(vi) Supply of Tablets for Public Sector Teachers Island Wide

Cabinet approved the award of contracts for the supply of tablets for public sector teachers island wide in the amount of US\$4,429,388.25, as follows:

- a) Productive Business Solutions Limited for the provision of 15,000 tablets and cases in the sum of US\$2,472,188.25 for lots 1, 2 and 3; and
- b) Royale Computers and Accessories Limited for the provision of 10,000 tablets and cases in the sum of US\$1,957,200.00 for lots 4 and 5.

In 2018 the Ministry of Finance and Public Service entered into a Heads of Agreement with the Jamaica Teachers' Association (JTA) to provide tablet devices to public sector teachers island-wide as part of the 2017 - 2021 contract period.

(vii) Supply of Tablets for Infant and Primary Schools Island Wide

Cabinet approved the award of contracts for the supply of tablets and cases for Infant and Primary Schools island wide, in the amount of US\$6,915,440.00, as follows:

- a) Royale Computers and Accessories Limited for the provision of three lots of tablets and cases in the sum of US\$3,495,000.00; and
- b) Smart Mobile Solutions Jamaica Limited for the provision of two lots of tablets and cases in the sum of US\$3,420,440.00.

The Tablets in Schools Roll-out Project aims at equipping all project schools with shared tablets, age appropriate content, laptops and projectors.

2. Annual Report

Cabinet noted the Annual Reports for the Housing Agency of Jamaica Limited (HAJL) Annual Report for the Financial Year 2017/2018.

3. Board Appointments

(i) Bath Corporation

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 9 March 2020 to 8 March 2022:

- 1) Mr. Michael McLeod – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Kadian Francis – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Mr. James Palmer;
- 4) Ms. Melvina Phidd;
- 5) Ms. Judy McKenzie Lawrence;
- 6) Mr. Denton Edwards; and
- 7) Mr. Julian Patrick.

(ii) Financial Sector Adjustment Company Limited and the Financial Institutions Services Limited Joint Board

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 9 March 2020 to 8 March 2023:

- 1) Mrs. Viralee Latibeaudiere – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Patrick Chin;
- 3) Mr. Clive Nicholas;
- 4) Mrs. Tiva Russell-Forbes; and
- 5) Ms. Nadine Wilkins.

(iii) Jamaica Social Investment Fund

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 9 March 2020 to 8 March 2023:

- 1) Dr. Wayne Henry – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Brian Bennett-Easy;
- 3) Mr. Jason Smith;
- 4) Mr. Robert Lawrence;
- 5) Ms. Devita McLaren;
- 6) Mr. Stephen Newland;
- 7) Pastor Herro Blair, Jr.;
- 8) Mrs. Kedesha Campbell;
- 9) Ms. Kaysia Kerr;
- 10) Mr. Omar Frith; and
- 11) Mr. Hugh Faulkner.

(iv) National Education Trust

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 9 March 2020 to 8 March 2023:

- 1) Mr. Norman Reid – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Lennon Richards;
- 3) Mrs. Joy Roberts;
- 4) Mr. Marvin Hall;
- 5) Mr. Elon Parkinson;
- 6) Mr. Stephen Edwards;
- 7) Mr. Johan Rampair;

- 8) Mr. Darren Virtue;
- 9) Mr. Hidran McKulsky;
- 10) Mr. Davor Bailey;
- 11) Mr. Marlon Morgan;
- 12) Mr. Rohan Grant;
- 13) Mr. Errol Holmes;
- 14) Ms. Barbara Allen; and
- 15) Mrs. Carol Rose-Brown.

(v) Public Accountancy Board

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 9 March 2020 to 8 March 2023:

- 1) Mr. Colin Maxwell – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Clive Nicholas;
- 3) Dr. Wayne Henry;
- 4) Mr. Raphael Gordon;
- 5) Mr. Linval Freeman;
- 6) Mrs. C. Patricia Hayle;
- 7) Ms. Carlene O'Connor;
- 8) Mr. Eric Scott;
- 9) Mr. Leighton McKnight; and
- 10) Mrs. Cynthia Lawrence.

(vi) Universal Service Fund

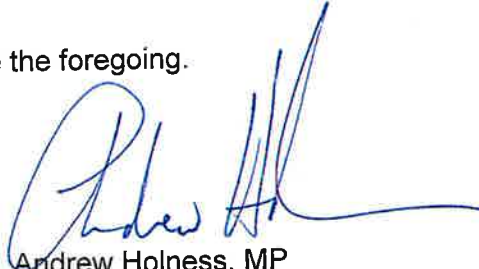
Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. Andrew Foreman to the Board of Management with effect from 9 March 2020 to 12 May 2021, when the tenure of the Board will expire.

4. Approval of the COVID-19 National Response Implementation Plan.

Cabinet approved the COVID-19 National Response Implementation Plan approved by the National Disaster Risk Management Council. Cabinet also approved the budget of \$2 billion for the COVID-19 National Response Implementation Plan.

Based on the COVID-19 infection rate and the Declaration of a Public Health Emergency of International Concern by the World Health Organization, the Ministry of Health and Wellness had developed a plan of action to delay, contain, manage, and communicate with the Jamaican public

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Andrew Holness, MP

Prime Minister

23 July 2020