

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 16 MARCH 2020

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 16 March 2020:

1. Contracts;
2. Legislation;
3. Annual Report;
4. Board Appointment; and
5. Expansion of Actions to Curtail the Spread of COVID-19 in Jamaica.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Procurement of Security Guard Services for the Head Office of the Child Protection and Family Services Agency, Parish Offices and Residential Care Facilities

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$101,833,491.79 to Atlas Protection Limited, on behalf of the Child Protection and Family Services Agency (CPFSA), for the provision of security guard services at the head office of the CPFSA and its 14 parish offices located islandwide, as well as 10 Residential Child Care facilities.

The contractor will provide the various locations under the control of the CPFSA with one or a combination of technological security services and physical guards.

(ii) Supply and Installation of Pumping Equipment Under the Canaan/Adelphi Water Supply Project, St. James

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$74,515,264.54 to Laidmar Irrigation Company Limited, on behalf of the Rural Water Supply Limited (RWSL), for the supply and installation of pumping equipment under the Canaan/Adelphi Water Supply Project in St. James.

The National Water Commission recently re-developed the existing well in the Canaan/Adelphi area in St. James which resulted in a considerable increase in its capacity. This has led to the need for larger relift pumps and greater storage capacity to allow the NWC to serve existing and additional service areas.

2. Legislation

(i) Registration of Titles (Amendment) Act, 2020

Cabinet gave approval for the Bill entitled "The Registration of Titles (Amendment) Act, 2020" to be introduced into the Houses of Parliament.

The Bill seeks to give effect to the decision to:

- (a) implement an adjudication-centric process for proving the ownership of land;
- (b) separate the processes of planning and subdivision approval from the issuing of titles under the Registration of Titles Cadastral Mapping and Tenure Clarification (Special Provisions) Act; and
- (c) Consequentially, amending the Limitation of Actions Act to provide for where boundaries were adjudicated on and, pursuant to a systematic registration process were deemed to be acquiesced notwithstanding any enactment to the contrary and provided the parties do not object to same.

(ii) Registration of Titles, Cadastral Mapping and Tenure Clarification (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Act, 2020

Cabinet gave approval for the Bill entitled "The Registration of Titles, Cadastral Mapping and Tenure Clarification (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Act, 2020" to be introduced into the Houses of Parliament.

The Bill seeks to give effect to the decision to:

- (a) implement an adjudication-centric and driven process for proving the ownership of land;
- (b) separate the processes of planning and subdivision approval for the issuing of titles under the Registration of Cadastral Mapping and Tenure Clarification (Special Provisions) Act; and
- (c) provide for the full operations for the Land Administration and Management Programme processes to fall under the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer of the National Land Agency,

3. Annual Report

Cabinet noted the Annual Report for the National Council on Education (NCE) Annual Report for the Financial Year 2016/2017.

4. Board Appointment

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)

Cabinet approved for the appointment of the following persons to the Board of Directors, with effect from 16 March 2020 to 25 August 2022:


- 1) Dr. Kasan Troupe
- 2) Dr. Marcia Forbes;
- 3) Ms. Beverley Lashley;
- 4) Mrs. Sharon Coburn Robinson;
- 5) Mr. Oliver Watt;
- 6) Mr. Sujae Boswell; and
- 7) Mrs. Claudette Thomas.

5. Expansion of Actions to Curtail the Spread of COVID-19 in Jamaica.

Cabinet approved the implementation of additional measures to curtail the spread of COVID-19 in Jamaica.

On Wednesday, 11 March 2020, the implementation of several measures for the containment of the local spread of COVID-19 was approved to include the closure of public schools for an initial 14 days. Additional measures were now required to reduce the transmission rates and contain the spread of COVID-19 including the directing of resources to the tracing of confirmed cases; the isolation of persons with symptoms; the maintenance of a rigid testing protocol of all persons who met the case definition for COVID-19; an increase in quarantine protocols to manage the spread; and the institution of strategies to ensure that social distancing in public spaces was enforced.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Andrew Holness, MP
Prime Minister
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