

MINISTRY PAPER No. 49-2020

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 20 AND 27 APRIL 2020

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meetings held on 20 and 27 April 2020:

1. Contracts;
2. Board Appointments;
3. Sale of Land at Section 6 Pimento Terrace, Cardiff Hall Plantation, St. Ann by the Urban Development Corporation (UDC);
4. Extension of Scholarship Programme 2021/2022 to 2023/2027;
5. Use of the National Arena as a Field Hospital for the Support of the COVID-19 Mitigation Plan; and
6. Impact of COVID-19 on the School Year and the Administration of Examinations; and

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Renewal of Insurances for the 2020/2021 Contract Year for Factories Corporation of Jamaica Limited

Cabinet approved the renewal of insurance coverage for the Factories Corporation of Jamaica Limited, for the financial year 2020/2021, for total amounts of US\$391,174.00 and J\$604,820.00, excluding General Consumption Tax, for quoted premiums broken down as follows:

Type of Coverage	Insurer	Premium (excluding GCT)
Commercial all risks and consequential loss	British Caribbean Insurance Company Limited (lead); Guardian General Insurance Jamaica Limited; Advantage General Insurance Company Limited; and Key Insurance Company Limited	US\$385,124.00
Directors and Officers liability	Lloyds via Coverholder CFC Underwriting Limited	US\$2,750.00
Excess liability (public, employers, and motor third party liability)	Lloyds Syndicate XLC 2003	US\$3,300.00
Employers and public liability, loss of money and fidelity guarantee	British Caribbean Insurance Company Limited (lead); Guardian General Insurance Jamaica Limited; Advantage General Insurance Company Limited; and Key Insurance Company Limited	J\$121,250.00

Computer all risks and combined motor comprehensive	British Caribbean Insurance Company Limited	J\$483,570.00
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(ii) Novation Agreement Between De La Rue International Limited, ID Global Solutions Limited and the Electoral Commission of Jamaica

Cabinet approved a Novation Agreement between De La Rue International Limited, ID Global Solutions Limited and the Electoral Commission of Jamaica (ECJ) for the supply of secure identification card pre-prints to be issued to eligible electors.

The agreement has become necessary as De La Rue International Limited has sold the portion of its business that would execute the contract with the ECJ to ID Global Solutions Limited.

2. Board Appointments

(i) National Museum Jamaica

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years with effect from 27 April 2020 to 26 April 2023:

- 1) Mr. Patrick Stanigar – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Mark Thomas – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Ms. Melanie Subratie;
- 4) Mr. Mark McIntosh;
- 5) Professor James Robertson;
- 6) Ms. Rosemary Thwaites;
- 7) Ms. Rachel McDonald;
- 8) Mr. Jahmar Clarke;
- 9) Mr. Herbie Miller;
- 10) Mrs. Florette Blackwood;
- 11) Ms. Giselle Jones;
- 12) Dr. Jonathan Greenland; and
- 13) Mr. Vivian Crawford, Executive Director, Institute of Jamaica – **ex officio**.

(ii) Natural History Museum of Jamaica

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years with effect from 27 April 2020 to 26 April 2023:

- 1) Professor Ronald Young – **Chairman**;
- 2) Dr. Rupika Delgado-Clarke – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Professor Helen Asemota;
- 4) Dr. Marvadeen Singh-Wilmot;
- 5) Mr. Hawthorne Watson;
- 6) Ms. Patricia Lewin;
- 7) Ms. Emma Lewis;
- 8) Dr. Arthur Geddes;
- 9) Mr. Joseph Brown;
- 10) Mr. Dorrick Gray;
- 11) Ms. Carol Rose Brown;

- 12) Mrs. Merline Bardowell;
- 13) Ms. Andrea Donaldson;
- 14) Mrs. Tracy Cammock;
- 15) Mr. Vivian Crawford, Executive Director, Institute of Jamaica – **ex officio**.

(iii) Regulated Agricultural Commodities Appeal Tribunal

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Appeal Tribunal for a period of three (3) years with effect from 20 April 2020 to 19 April 2023:

- 1) Mr. Howard Mitchell – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Stacian Bennett; and
- 3) Ms. Dolsie Allen.

3. Sale of Land at Section 6 Pimento Terrace, Cardiff Hall Plantation, St. Ann by the Urban Development Corporation (UDC)

Cabinet approved the sale of 8.70 hectares (21.5 acres) of land registered at Volume 1055 Folio 361 of land by the Urban Development Corporation (UDC) located at section 6, Pimento Terrace, Cardiff Hall Plantation, Runaway Bay in St Ann to Mr. Rohan Miller in the amount of \$250 million for the development of residential units and amenities.

The property is a vacant residential sub-division situated on the southern side of the Ocho Rios to Montego Bay main road, and is within close proximity to a public beach and several hotels, namely: Jewels Runaway Bay, Jewels Paradise Cove and Franklyn D. Resort. The UDC has made several attempts to divest the property previously.

4. Extension of Scholarship Programme 2021/2022 to 2026/2027

Cabinet approved the extension of the Scholarship Programme within the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information at a cost of \$3 billion for a period of six years from 2021/2022 to 2026/2027.

Cabinet also noted that this extension would support the award of 1,230 scholarships to train additional mathematics, science (physics, biology and chemistry), technical vocational education teachers and engineers who are critically needed to meet job market demands which, once satisfied, would further drive the country's growth agenda.

Since the inception of the Scholarship Programme, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information has offered a total of 885 mathematics and science pre-service scholarships over the five-year period spanning the 2015 to 2019 academic years, with a total of 515 mathematics, 194 science and 176 TVET scholarships having been awarded.

5. Use of the National Arena as a Field Hospital for the Support of the COVID-19 Mitigation Plan

Cabinet approved the use of the National Arena as a COVID-19 Field Hospital and the associated retrofitting of the National Arena to support its use as a COVID-19 Field Hospital.

The field hospital is intended to be a temporary hospital that will be used to provide care to COVID-19 patients on-site. The facility would be used to house patients who are COVID-19 positive patients with mild symptoms, and COVID-19 positive patients with moderate illnesses with no co-morbidities.

6. Impact of COVID-19 on the School Year

Cabinet approved:

- (i) the continuance of home-schooling arrangements from 22 April 2020 to end of the school year on 3 July 2020;
- (ii) the commencement of the 2020/2021 school year on 7 September 2020; and
- (iii) the pursuance of alternative arrangements for the placement of students.

These decisions were made as a result of the dislocation caused by the current COVID-19 pandemic and the challenges posed to the educational sector. The decisions also took into consideration consultations with the key stakeholders in the sector.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Andrew Holness, MP

Prime Minister

23 July 2020