

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 4 MAY 2020

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 4 May 2020:

1. Contracts;
2. Annual Report;
3. Board Appointment;
4. Citizen Security Plan (CSP) for Jamaica; and
5. Public Health Responsibility for Managed Controlled Re-Entry Programme.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Procurement for the Design, Supply and Installation of Laboratory Environmental Control Systems and Training for Metrology Laboratories of the Bureau of Standards Jamaica

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$986,494.00 to Precision Environments, Inc. for the design, supply and installation of laboratory environmental control systems and to provide training for the Metrology Laboratories of the Bureau of Standards Jamaica (BSJ).

Under Component 5 of the Jamaica Strategic Public Sector Transformation Project (SPSTP), the BSJ will be supported in the re-engineering of the business processes related to the importation, exportation, and transit of goods in participating agencies with the aim of simplifying and automating them.

(ii) Cathodic Protection System Rehabilitation, Petrojam Limited

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$119,941,412.64 to Synergy Engineering Limited for the rehabilitation of the Cathodic Protection System at Refinery Zones 4, 5 and 8 of Petrojam Limited.

The Contractor will furnish all labour, equipment and materials to provide a cathodic protection system to mitigate corrosion on the tank floor plates.

(iii) Supply and Installation of Pumping Equipment under the White Hall/New Market Water Supply System Project, St. Elizabeth

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$74,478,803.83 to Champion Industrial and Equipment Supplies Limited, on behalf of the Rural Water Supply Limited, for the supply and installation of pumping equipment under the White Hall/New Market Water Supply System Project in the parish of St. Elizabeth.

The National Water Commission (NWC) intends to undertake the development of a water supply system for the White Hall/New Market area (including Middle Quarters, Happy Grove and Lewisville) in St. Elizabeth. This area is well populated and has been without a reliable water supply system for many years.

(iv) Tiber River Bridge Jacking Project, St. Mary

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$95,035,085.00 to Dwight's Construction Limited, on behalf of the National Works Agency, for the Tiber River Bridge Jacking Project in St. Mary.

The Tiber River Bridge is situated along the Rio Nuevo to Lambkin Hill road section, close to the township of Gayle in St. Mary. The bridge is impassable due to the partial collapse of one of the abutments.

2. Annual Report

Cabinet noted the Annual Report for the Universal Service Fund for the Financial Year 2018/2019.

3. Board Appointment

Teachers' Appeals Tribunal

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Tribunal for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 4 May 2020 to 3 May 2022:

- 1) The Honourable Mr. Justice (Retired) Mahadev Dukharan, CD – **Chairman;**
- 2) Ms. Dorothy Lightbourne, CD, QC; and
- 3) Mr. Cyril Lebert.

4. Citizen Security Plan for Jamaica

Cabinet approved the Citizen Security Plan (CSP) for Jamaica.

The overarching strategic direction for citizen security supports the vision and policy intent of the Government of Jamaica to create a safe and secure environment, placing systematic focus and a more robust framework on efforts for crime prevention and community safety, particularly in vulnerable communities. The CSP is being pursued within that context, and is designed to ensure suitable policy approaches in response to Jamaica's current threat environment.

5. Public Health Responsibility for Managed Controlled Re-Entry Programme

Cabinet approved the protocols for the public health management of the Controlled Re-Entry Programme.

The Controlled Re-Entry Programme was aimed at facilitating the return of Jamaicans nationals stranded overseas. It aimed to balance the control of the spread of the SARS-CoV2 whilst meeting the obligation to facilitate the return of Jamaicans. The re-entry will be done under clear rules of quarantine and the Programme was linked to the launch of a newly developed immigration portal on the www.jamcovid19.moh.gov.jm website which would facilitate the applications of Jamaicans seeking to return to the country.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.


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Prime Minister
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