

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 11 MAY 2020

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 11 May 2020:

1. Contract;
2. Annual Report;
3. Board Appointments;
4. Sale of Government of Jamaica Property at 2 Musgrave Avenue to Guardian Life Limited (GLL);
5. Establishment of the Marcus Garvey Public Sector Graduate Scholarship Programme;
6. Provision and Publication of Beneficial Ownership Information on Companies Awarded Procurement Contracts Related to COVID-19 Expenditure;

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contract

Supply of Ventilators and Monitors to Hospitals for the Treatment of Patients with COVID-19

Cabinet approved the award of the contract to Medical Link Limited, at a total contract cost of US\$1,698,436.18 or J\$234,384,193.35 (inclusive of General Consumption Tax), with a breakdown as follows:

Description	Unit Cost (US\$)	Quantity	Total Cost (US\$)	*J\$ Equivalent
PB ventilators colour screen with flex arm, humidifier, and accessories	\$48,399.1064	30	\$1,451,973.19	\$200,372,300.50
Physiological monitors offering ETCO2	\$5,288.9054	40	\$211,556.21	\$29,194,757.81
General Consumption Tax			\$34,906.78	\$4,817,135.04
Total			\$1,698,436.18	\$234,384,193.35

*Rate of Exchange - US\$1.00 to J\$138.00

Ventilators are used as an important part of the treatment for some persons that have contracted COVID-19.

2. Annual Report

Cabinet noted the Annual Report for the Petrojam Limited for the Financial Year 2018/2019.

3. Board Appointments

(i) Jamaica Energy Council

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mrs. Sagynych Perdebaeva-Haughton, as a member, to the Jamaica Energy Council.

(ii) Pharmacy Council of Jamaica

Cabinet approved the appointment of the members to the Council, for a period of three (3) years with effect from 11 May 2020 to 10 May 2023:

- 1) Dr. Eugenie Brown-Myrie – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Rohan McNellie;
- 3) Mrs. Cynthia Lewis-Graham;
- 4) Ms. Lilyclaire Bellamy;

- 5) Dr. Ernestine Watson;
- 6) Dr. Lisa Bromfield;
- 7) Dr. Michelle Russell;
- 8) Dr. Winsome Christie;
- 9) Dr. Diane Newman-McKenzie; and
- 10) Mr. Hughroy Thomas.

4. Sale of Government of Jamaica Property at 2 Musgrave Avenue to Guardian Life Limited (GLL)
Cabinet approved the sale of premises located at 2 Musgrave Avenue, Kingston 10 owned by the Government of Jamaica to Guardian Life Limited (GLL) for the amount of \$401 million.

The subject property adjoins lands owned and slated for development by Guardian Life Limited. The company approached the Government of Jamaica regarding the acquisition of the property with the aim of incorporating the site into its development plans.

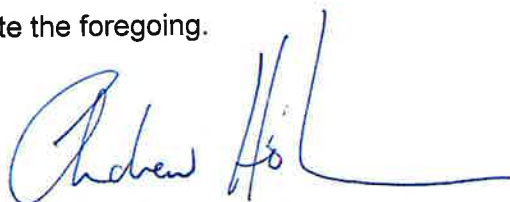
5. Establishment of the Marcus Garvey Public Sector Graduate Scholarship Programme
Cabinet approved the establishment of the Marcus Garvey Public Sector Graduate Scholarship Programme for public sector employees, and authorised the utilisation of funds from the Students' Loan Bureau to finance the Scholarship Programme over five years.

The objective of the Programme is to offer high-potential Jamaicans in the public sector the opportunity to obtain a graduate degree (Masters or higher) from competitive, appropriately accredited universities in Jamaica, Europe, and North America, in programmes of study that aligned with the national priorities and strategic objectives of Jamaica.

6. Provision and Publication of Beneficial Ownership Information on Companies Awarded Procurement Contracts Related to COVID-19 Expenditure
Cabinet approved the requirement for all companies being awarded procurement contracts for expenditure related to COVID-19, to provide beneficial ownership information on all owners of the company holding 20% or more of the company ownership, and publication of the ownership information.

Under the current request by Jamaica to access the Rapid Financing Instrument of the International Monetary Fund, the country is required to make publicly available beneficial ownership information on all procurement contracts related to COVID-19 expenditure by the Government. This is intended to provide further transparency to the use of resources for COVID-19 expenses.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Andrew Holness, MP
Prime Minister

23 July 2020