

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 15 JUNE 2020

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 15 June 2020:

1. Contracts;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Board Appointments;
4. Accession to the Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement for Legalisation of Foreign Public Documents (The Apostille Convention); and
5. Government of Jamaica Priority Legislation for the 2019/2020 Legislative Year.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Software Subscription and Support Renewal

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$883,126.98 or J\$128,936,539.08, inclusive of General Consumption Tax, to IBM World Trade Corporation, on behalf of eGov Jamaica Limited, for the renewal of a software subscription and support contract for a period of 12 months.

The contractor will provide data management software products which will enable eGov Jamaica Limited to provide critical computer services to several entities across the Government of Jamaica.

(ii) Variation of Building and Infrastructure Works Contract, Ruthven Road Housing Development, Phase 1, St. Andrew

Cabinet approved the award of a second variation in the amount of \$760,064,429.83, inclusive of General Consumption Tax, to a contract originally awarded by the National Housing Trust to M & M Jamaica Limited to facilitate implementation of the building and infrastructure works relating to the revised designs for the Ruthven Road Housing Development, Phase 1 in St. Andrew.

The variation has become necessary due to changes to the original scope of works for the project.

(iii) Supply and Installation of Pumping Equipment for the Well at Colbeck, Old Harbour, St. Catherine

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$62,657,566.62 to Champion Industrial Equipment and Supplies Limited, on behalf of the National Housing Trust, for the supply and installation of pumping equipment for the well located at Colbeck in Old Harbour, St Catherine.

The contractor will be required to supply and install pumping equipment to facilitate the commissioning of the well to provide potable water to the community.

2. Annual Reports

Cabinet noted the Annual Report for the

- (i) Court of Appeal for the Calendar Year 2019;
- (ii) Jamaica Bauxite Institute Limited for the Financial Year 2018/2019; and
- (iii) Registrar General's Department for the Financial Year 2018/2019.

The Reports will be tabled in Parliament.

3. Board Appointments

(i) Betting, Gaming and Lotteries and Commission

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Commission for a period of three (3) years with effect from 15 June 2020 to 4 June 2023:

- 1) Mr. Clovis Metcalfe, OD – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Wayne Chen – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Mr. Charles Heholt;
- 4) Mr. Paul East; and
- 5) Ms. Madge Ramsay.

(ii) Jamaica Racing Commission

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Commission for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 15 June 2020 to 14 June 2023:

- 1) Mr. Clovis Metcalfe, OD – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Wayne Chen – **Duty Chairman**;
- 3) Mr. Derrick Smith;
- 4) Mr. Charles Heholt;
- 5) Mr. Paul East; and
- 6) Mrs. Pamela Folkes.

(iii) Petrojam Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons, with effect from 15 June 2020 to 23 June 2021, when the tenure of the Board will expire:

- 1) Mr. Paul Aiken;
- 2) Mr. Dennis Chung; and
- 3) Mr. Todd Johnson.

4. Accession to the Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement for Legalisation of Foreign Public Documents (The Apostille Convention)

Cabinet approved Jamaica's accession to the International Convention Abolishing the Requirements for Legalisation of Foreign Public Documents, 1961, and the deposit of an instrument of accession through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade to facilitate Jamaica's accession to the Convention.

The Apostille Convention would significantly increase the ease of doing business for both Jamaicans visiting overseas and persons who sought to conduct business in Jamaica.

5. Government of Jamaica Priority Legislation for the 2019/2020 Legislative Year

Cabinet considered a report from the Cabinet Office in connection with the Government of Jamaica (GOJ) priority legislation for the 2019/2020 legislative year.

The report advised that at the commencement of each legislative year, the Cabinet Office compiled the GOJ's priority legislation programme, which would guide stakeholders' legislative priorities for the year. The Programme reflected the status of legislation as at 1 April 2019, the beginning of the legislative year, and also contained an update of the progress of items as at the end of the legislative year.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Andrew Holness, MP

Prime Minister

23 July 2020

