

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 29 JUNE 2020

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 29 June 2020:

1. Contracts;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Board Appointment;
4. Update of Nationally Determined Contribution of Jamaica to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; and
5. Establishment of the Secretariat for Special Commemorative Activities.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Consulting Services for Design and Construction Supervision of Agricultural Infrastructure Buildings in the Essex Valley Project Area

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$500,000.00, approximately J\$65,690,000.00, exclusive of General Consumption Tax or any other related taxes, to Politecnica Ingegneria ed Architettura Società Cooperativa and GDM Associates Limited for the provision of consultancy services for the design and construction supervision of agricultural buildings in the Essex Valley Project Area.

This consultancy will provide complete detailed designs of the proposed administrative building, packhouse/processing facility and associated external works, including landscaping.

(ii) Loan Management Information System for the Students' Loan Bureau

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$2,354,023.17, inclusive of General Consumption Tax, to Fujitsu Caribbean (Jamaica) Limited for the supply, customisation and implementation of a loan management information system (LMIS) at the Students' Loan Bureau (SLB).

The acquisition of the software will significantly improve the business process of the SLB by providing better functionality.

(iii) Provision of Change Management Consulting Services for the Government of Jamaica

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$1,199,413.00, exclusive of General Consumption Tax, to Ernst and Young Services Limited for the provision of change management consulting services under the Transformation Programme for the Government of Jamaica.

The consultant will provide change management expertise to facilitate the achievement of the objectives of the Public Sector Transformation Programme.

2. Annual Reports

Cabinet noted the Annual Reports for the:

- (i) Aeronautical Telecommunications Limited for the Financial Year 2018/2019; and
- (ii) Consolidated Fund for the Financial Year 2019/2020

The Annual Reports will be tabled in Parliament.

3. Board Appointment

Jamaica Bauxite Institute Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. Angus Gordon as Deputy Chairman of the Board, with effect from 29 June 2020 to 30 June 2021, when the tenure of the Board will expire.

4. Update of Nationally Determined Contribution of Jamaica to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Cabinet approved the submission of the Update of the Nationally Determined Contribution of Jamaica to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in line with the 2020 deadline for submission to meet the country's obligation under the Paris Agreement.

Jamaica submitted its Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) on 25 November 2015 and in May 2017 ratified the Paris Agreement. Under the terms of the Paris Agreement, countries are expected to update their NDC every five years. In line with the requirements of the Paris Agreement, Jamaica intends to increase its ambition of the mitigation component of the NDC and is taking important steps at integrating opportunities to lower its carbon intensities in the country's development planning and decision-making processes.

5. Establishment of the Secretariat for Special Commemorative Activities

Cabinet gave approval for the establishment of the "Secretariat for Special Commemorative Activities" within the Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport with responsibility for:

- (a) the planning, implementation and monitoring of activities to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of Jamaica's Independence in 2022 (Jamaica's Diamond Jubilee);
- (b) the monitoring of the completion of the "Jamaica 55" Legacy Projects; and
- (c) the planning and execution of the activities in Jamaica for the observance of the International Decade for People of African Decent – 2015 to 2024;

The Secretariat will spearhead several special projects for which the Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport will require additional human resources to ensure the successful implementation of the activities within the established timeframe.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Andrew Holness, MP
Prime Minister

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