

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 21 AND 28 SEPTEMBER 2020

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meetings held on 21 and 28 September 2020:

1. Contracts;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Board Appointments;
4. Hosting of the 66th Meeting of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) Commission for the Americas (CAM) June 2021;
5. Jamaica's Acceptance of the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC); and
6. Doing Business Reforms – Getting to Top Ten Doing Business Reforms Initiative.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

- (i) Novation of Agreement Between the National Road Operating and Constructing Company Limited (NROCC) and Stanley Consultants Incorporated (SCI) to SJE Consultants Limited for the Supervision of the Southern Coastal Highway Improvement Project (SCHIP)

Cabinet approved the novation of the agreement dated 20 December 2016 between the National Road Operating and Constructing Company Limited and Stanley Consultants Incorporated to transfer all rights, liabilities, and obligations under the contract to SJE Consultants Limited for the supervision of the Southern Coastal Highway Improvement Project.

This novation of agreement has been necessitated by the decision of Stanley Consultants Incorporated to exit its international, non-United States of America (USA) Federal work and close its international business division and offices outside of the continental USA.

- (ii) Renovation and Expansion of the May Pen Infant School, Clarendon

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$129,701,313.00 to Chin's Equipment Rentals and Construction Company Limited, on behalf of the Culture, Health, Arts, Sports and Education (CHASE) Fund, for the renovation and expansion of the May Pen Infant School in Clarendon.

The current school structure is in a state of disrepair and requires immediate intervention to attain the standards stipulated by the National Building Code and the Early Childhood Commission.

- (iii) Marlie Mount Infant School Expansion and Rehabilitation Project, St. Catherine

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$70,544,951.40 to Miller's Electric and Construction Company Limited, on behalf of the Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF), for the execution of the Marlie Mount Infant School Expansion and Rehabilitation Project in St. Catherine.

The works have become necessary to alleviate issues such as overcrowding as well as infrastructural disrepair.

- (iv) Follow-on Contract with HID CID Limited for the Procurement of Motor Vehicle Consumables
Cabinet the award of a follow-on contract in the amount of US\$568,500.00, approximately J\$83,685,475.00, to HID CID Limited for the provision of motor vehicle consumables (stickers, registration certificates, teslins, licence cards and laminates) for Tax Administration Jamaica.

De La Rue Limited which had exclusive rights to provide the motor vehicle consumables for for Tax Administration Jamaica, has sold these operations to HID CID Ltd. This contract rolling over to HID CID Limited will ensure the continuity of the motor vehicle licensing and related processes.

- (v) Hyper Convergence Infrastructure Solutions for eGov Jamaica Limited
Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$1,035,347.64 to Info Exchange Limited for the procurement of Hyper-Convergence Infrastructure Solutions for eGov Jamaica Limited.

eGov Jamaica (eGovJa) Limited currently makes use of Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) blade server technologies to host its services and that of the Ministries, departments and agencies it supports. HPE has announced a shift from the current enclosure technology to a newer architecture that can no longer support the model blade servers at eGovJa. Accordingly, procurement for computing power to replace the fast-becoming obsolete servers is required

2. Annual Reports

Cabinet noted the Annual Reports for the:

- (i) Broadcasting Commission for the Financial Year 2019/2020;
- (ii) Child Development Agency for the Financial Year 2016/2017;
- (iii) Culture, Health, Arts, Sports and Education Fund for Financial Year 2019/2020;
- (iv) Human Employment and Resource Training/National Service Training Agency Trust for Financial Year 2019/2020;
- (v) Office of Utilities Regulation for the Financial Year 2019/2020;
- (vi) Parole Board for the Financial Year 2018/2019;
- (vii) Spectrum Management Authority for the Financial Year 2019/2020;
- (viii) Sports Development Foundation for the Calendar Year 2018; and
- (ix) University of Technology, Jamaica for the Financial Year 2017/2018;

3. Board Appointments

- (i) Fund Committee to Administer the National Disaster Fund

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Fund Committee, for a period of three years, with effect from 28 September 2020 to 27 September 2023:

- 1) Mr. Gerald Wright – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mrs. Angella Beckford – **Deputy Chairperson**;
- 3) Mrs. Marsha Henry Martin;

- 4) Mrs. Colette Roberts Riden;
- 5) Mrs. Audrey Sewell;
- 6) Mrs. Rosemarie Henry;
- 7) Mr. Leon Anderson;
- 8) Ms. Norma McIntosh-Smith;
- 9) Mr. Peter Levy; and
- 10) Ms. Sharon Donaldson.

(ii) Rules Committee of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Rules Committee for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2023, as under:

- 1) Honourable Mr. Justice Bryan Sykes, Chief Justice – **Chairman, ex officio**;
- 2) Mr. Charles Piper, QC;
- 3) Mrs. Sandra Minott-Phillips, QC;
- 4) Mrs. Caroline Hay, QC;
- 5) Ms. Tamika Harris;
- 6) Mr. Kevin Powell;
- 7) Honourable Mr. Justice C Dennis Morrison, President of the Court of Appeal – *ex officio*;
- 8) Honourable Mrs. Justice Carol Lawrence-Beswick, Judge of the Supreme Court designated by the Chief Justice – *ex officio*;
- 9) Mrs. Marlene Malahoo Forte, QC, Attorney General – *ex officio*;
- 10) Mrs. Althea Jarrett, Director of State Proceedings – *ex officio*.

4. Hosting of the 66th Meeting of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) Commission for the Americas (CAM) June 2021

Cabinet approved Jamaica hosting the 66th meeting of the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) Commission for the Americas (CAM) at the Montego Bay Conference Centre, St. James in June 2021.

Jamaica was selected to host the 65th meeting of the UNWTO Regional CAM and the First Global Summit on Innovation, Resilience and Crisis Management. Due to COVID-19 pandemic that meeting was postponed and later held virtually on 18 June 2020, at which time the UNWTO requested that Jamaica, as Chair of the Commission for the Americas, host its 66th meeting in June 2021.

5. Jamaica's Acceptance of the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Cabinet approved Jamaica's acceptance of the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

The Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol adopted in December 2012 entails new commitments for Annex I Parties including a second commitment period from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2020; a revised list of greenhouse gases to be reported by Parties in the second commitment period; and amendments to several Articles of the Kyoto Protocol that specifically referenced

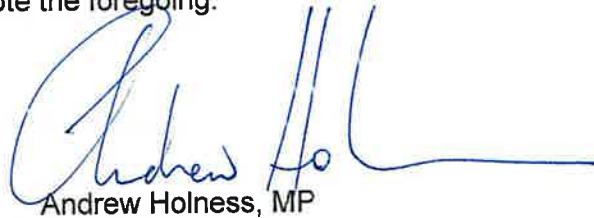
issues pertaining to the first commitment period and which required updating in the second commitment period.

6. Doing Business Reforms – Getting to Top Ten Doing Business Reforms Initiative

Cabinet approved the Doing Business Reforms – Getting to Top Ten Doing Business Reforms Initiative in the amount of US\$15 million, for inclusion in the Public Sector Investment Programme, which comprised a US\$10 million loan from the World Bank and US\$5 million in counterpart funding from the Government of Jamaica.

The project will support activities designed to boost Jamaica's investment climate by improving the ease with which firms can do business with the Government, while enhancing the country's ability to secure a top 10 ranking in the Doing Business Report (DBR). The implementation of the project will be under the existing Foundations of Competitiveness and Growth Project (FCGP), which is being implemented by the Planning Institute of Jamaica under the auspices of the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.

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Andrew Holness, MP

Prime Minister

4 December 2020