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CABINET AGENDA ISSUES - 5 OCTOBER 2020

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 5 October 2020:

- 1. Annual Reports;
- 2. Report.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Annual Reports

Cabinet noted the Annual Reports for the:

- (i) Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority for the Financial Year 2018/2019;
- (ii) Jamaica Deposit Insurance Corporation for the Financial Years 2017/2018 and 2018/2019;
- (iii) National Social Protection Committee of the Planning Institute of Jamaica for the Financial Year 2019/2020;
- (iv) National Task Force Against Trafficking in Persons for the Financial Year 2019/2020; and
- (v) Planning Institute of Jamaica for the calendar year ended 31 December 2018

2. Report

The 2020 Ceremony of Investiture and Presentation of National Honours and Awards

Cabinet considered a report from the Office of the Prime Minister in connection with the format for the 2020 Ceremony of Investiture and Presentation of National Honours and Awards.

The report informed that, consequent on the extenuating circumstances in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic and the prevailing protocols under the Disaster Risk Management (Enforcement Measures) Order, 2020, the Governor-General considered the options for the delivery of the national ceremony and expressed the necessity to forgo a physical National Honours and Awards Investiture and Presentation Ceremony. The proposal for a virtual awards ceremony was informed by the report of the duly empanelled Inter-Ministerial Planning Committee and the related presentation prepared by the Inspector General's Department of the Jamaica Defence Force.

The report further informed that the format of the virtual ceremony would include each Honouree being photographed in advance, wearing his/her decoration to enable the inclusion of suitable images in a pre-recorded production, recognising the moment of investiture; and the ceremony would be broadcast across mainstream television and social media networks on National Heroes Day on Monday, 19 October 2020, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.

Andrew Holness, MP Prime Minister

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