

## CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 2 NOVEMBER 2020

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 2 November 2020:

1. Contracts;
2. Legislation;
3. Board Appointments;
4. Sale of Land at Cumberland Pen, St Andrew by the Urban Development Corporation to Tank Weld Metals Limited;
5. Medium-Term Strategic Priorities 2021/2022 to 2024/2025; and
6. Report.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Expansion of the MyHR+ System for the Government of Jamaica

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$1,048,160.00 to Quidgest Consultores de Gestao S.A., for the expansion of the MyHR+ system for the Government of Jamaica.

The expansion of the MyHR+ system will ensure that the Human Resource Shared System (HRSS) processes and functions can be successfully and efficiently executed through the interfacing of various ICT systems which enable the system. The expansion will also enable the provision of additional software modules and accompanying maintenance to accommodate the work of the HRSS.

(ii) Replacement of Uninterruptible Power Supply at e-Gov Jamaica Limited

Cabinet approved the award of contract in the amount of \$606,856.61 to Accupower Jamaica Limited, for the replacement of the redundant Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) at the e-Gov Jamaica Limited.

eGovJa currently has two (2) UPSs which provide critical power to its Data Centre operations. These UPS units are 160 kVA each and are utilising approximately 92.67% of their capacity, which equates to 139kVA. However, with ongoing and future implementation of several shared service systems that are deemed critical to the nation's development, it is imperative to increase the capacity of eGovJa's power infrastructure. Both existing UPSs are to be replaced with two (2) kVA units.

The two (2) replacement UPSs are adequately sized and have the requisite capacity to meet the demand for the current and future ICT project implementation.

## 2. Legislation

### (i) The Shipping (Amendment) Act, 2020

Cabinet gave approval for the Bill entitled "The Shipping (Amendment) Act, 2020" to be introduced into the Houses of Parliament.

The Bill seeks to amend the Act to make more complete provisions for the rights of seafarers in line with the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, which provides a comprehensive framework for the rights seafarers, and ensures decent working conditions for seafarers.

### (ii) The Revenue Administration (Amendment) Act, 2020

Cabinet gave approval for the Bill entitled "The Revenue Administration (Amendment) Act, 2020" to be introduced into the Houses of Parliament.

The Bill seeks to amend the Act to implement the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters to improve international tax compliance by enabling the exchange of financial and other tax information among the State parties to the Convention. It also seeks to implement the Standard for Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information in Tax Matters developed by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), to create a single platform for the administration of the automatic exchange of tax information under the Convention.

### (iii) The Bank of Jamaica (Amendment) Act, 2020

Cabinet gave approval for the Bill entitled "The Bank of Jamaica (Amendment) Act, 2020" to be introduced into the Houses of Parliament.

The Bill seeks to amend the Bank of Jamaica Act and make consequential amendments to the Banking Services Act and the Public Bodies Management and Accountability Act, in an effort to strengthen the governance structure of the Bank and to provide for its modernisation, in keeping with international best practices.

## 3. Board Appointments

### (i) Jamaica Tourist Board

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 2 November 2020 to 1 November 2022, as under:

- 1) Mr. John Lynch – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr John Byles – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Mrs. Nicola Madden-Greig;
- 4) Mr. Bertram Wright;
- 5) Mr Adam Stewart;
- 6) Mr Clifton Reader;
- 7) Mr. Josef Forstmayr;
- 8) Mr. Fred Smith;
- 9) Mr. Phillip Hofer;
- 10) Ms. Hyacinth Lightbourne;
- 11) Mrs. Tanikie McClarty Allen; and

12) Mr. Donovan White, Director of Tourism – *ex officio*.

(ii) Jamaica Vacations Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years with effect from 2 November 2020 to 1 November 2022, as under:

- 1) Mr. Bertram Wright – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr Wayne Cummings – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Mr. John Lynch;
- 4) Ms. Tricia Ann Bicarrie;
- 5) Mr Shane Munroe;
- 6) Mr Lloyd Barnett;
- 7) Mr. John Byles; and
- 8) Mrs. Shirley McLean Brown.

(ii) National Health Fund

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years from 2 November 2020 to 1 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Mr. Gregory Mair – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Michael Stern;
- 3) Mr. Duke Holness;
- 4) Dr. Tonya Toyloy;
- 5) Mrs Cecile Watson;
- 6) Ms. Nicole Ebanks;
- 7) Mr. Shane Dalling;
- 8) Mr. Ian Murray;
- 9) Dr. Kamal Mars; and
- 10) Mr. Everton Anderson, Chief Executive Officer, National Health Fund – *ex officio*.

(iv) Tourism Enhancement Fund

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years from 2 November 2020 to 1 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Mr. Godfrey Dyer – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. John Issa – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Dr. Carey Wallace;
- 4) Mr. Ian Dear;
- 5) Mr. Clifton Reader;
- 6) Mr. Omar Robinson;
- 7) Ms. Judy Schoenbein;
- 8) Mr. Jordon Samuda;
- 9) Mr. Marc Williams;
- 10) Ms. Beverley Russell;
- 11) Mr. Donovan White;
- 12) Mr. David Dobson; and
- 13) Ms. Carolyn Campbell.

(v) Tourism Product Development Company Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 2 November 2020 to 1 November 2022, as under:

- 1) Mr. Ian Dear – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Laura Heron – **Vice Chairman**;
- 3) Mr. Chris Jarrett;
- 4) Mrs. Marilyn Burrowes;
- 5) Ms. Vana Taylor;
- 6) Mr. Johnny Gourzong;
- 7) Mr. Robin DeLisser;
- 8) Ms. Tess Marie Leon;
- 9) Ms. Latoya Harris;
- 10) Mr. Christopher Whyms-Stone;
- 11) Mr. Michael Baugh;
- 12) Mr. Matthew Robinson;
- 13) Mr. Oludiad Brown; and
- 14) Mr. Brian Wallace.

(vi) Urban Development Corporation

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years from 2 November 2020 to 1 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Senator Ransford Braham – **Chairman**;
- 2) Dr. the Honourable Glen Christian, OJ, OD, JP – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Ms. Patsy Kelly;
- 4) Mr. Vernon McLeod;
- 5) Mr. Roger Blake;
- 6) Ms. Marilyn Burrowes;
- 7) Ms. Patricia Henry;
- 8) Mr. Michael Shaw;
- 9) Mr. L. Robert Honeyghan;
- 10) Mr. Norman Brown;
- 11) Ms. Claudette Bryan;
- 12) Colonel Murphy Pryce;
- 13) Mr. Peter Schroeter; and
- 14) Mr. Dale Delapenha.

4. Sale of Lands at Cumberland Pen, St Andrew by the Urban Development Corporation to Tank Weld Metals Limited

Cabinet approved the sale of 4.066 hectares (10.047 acres) of land registered at Volume 1342, Folio 915, part of Lot 5 Cumberland Pen also known as Ferry in St Andrew by the Urban Development Corporation to Tank Weld Metals Limited in the amount of \$202.2 million or \$20.22 million per acre.

The sale is to facilitate the westward expansion of Tank Weld's existing Cumberland Pen Industrial Estate Development complex which adjoins the property. The Government of Jamaica has undertaken a Feasibility Study of the lands identified for the Caymanas Special Economic Zone (CSEZ), and the proposed use and expansion of the land was in keeping with the planning guidelines of the area under the Special Economic Zone Act 2016.

5. Medium-Term Strategic Priorities 2021/2022 to 2024/2025

Cabinet approved the Medium-Term Strategic Priorities for the period 2021/2022 to 2024/2025.

The Medium-Term Strategic Priorities, which represent broad policy issues applicable across Government, are: (i) Macro-economic Stability and Fiscal Sustainability; (ii) Inclusive Sustainable Economic Growth and Job Creation; (iii) Rule of Law and Timely Justice Outcomes; (iv) Social Protection; (v) Human Capital Development; and (vi) Healthcare and Wellness.

6. Report

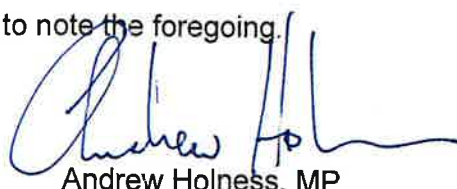
Ananda Alert Secretariat Report for January to June 2020

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information in connection with the Missing Children Intervention Report for the period January to June 2020.

The report informed that the Ananda Alert System is within the purview of the Child Protection and Family Services Agency (CPFSA) which has been developed to place emphasis and focus on the particulars relating to missing children; and the Ananda Alert System is a Child Recovery Strategy in Jamaica which has been modelled off the Amber Alert System in the United States of America.

The report provided an overview of the Ananda Alert System and informed that the Ananda Alert Secretariat is engaged in various solutions and intervention services in its approach to locate missing children and to sensitise the general public; reports of missing children were made at police stations island wide, after which the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) would activate an Ananda Alert and inform the Secretariat, who in turn ensured that a wide cross-section of the public was also made aware of the disappearance of a child through email blasts and missing children posters; and when the Secretariat was informed of the case of a missing child, the expectation was for contact to be made with the family within one working day.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Andrew Holness, MP  
Prime Minister

26 January 2021

