

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 9 NOVEMBER 2020

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 9 November 2020:

1. Contracts;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Board Appointments; and
4. Naming of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security, St Ann Parish Office in Honour of the Late Mrs. Shahine Robinson; and
5. Approval for the Modernisation of the Agriculture Sector Programme of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Implementation of the Recommendation for Rationalisation of Public Bodies

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$143,042,490.00 to PricewaterhouseCoopers Tax and Advisory Services, for the implementation of the recommendations for the rationalisation of public bodies.

The Government of Jamaica has signalled that in order to support the growth agenda and continue to ensure the country's economic resilience, it is necessary to accelerate the pace of the public body rationalisation agenda under the Public Sector Transformation Programme.

(ii) Provision of Private Security Guard Services at the National Health Fund Facilities

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$125,741,868.48 to Modern Investigation and Security Company Limited, for the provision of private security guard services at thirty-one (31) National Health Fund (NHF) facilities for a period of two (2) years.

The contractor will be required to provide security at the NHF facilities in order to ensure the safety of all personnel, equipment, materials and property. A total of thirty-one (31) NHF facilities are to be protected.

(iii) Upgrade and Modification of the Wastewater Treatment Facilities, Phase IV at the Ebony Park HEART Academy, Toll Gate, Clarendon

Cabinet approved the award of contract in the amount of \$126,533,288.90 to Chin's Equipment Rentals and Construction Company Limited, for the upgrade and modification of the wastewater treatment facilities, Phase IV, at the Ebony Park HEART Academy located in Toll Gate, Clarendon.

As a part of the infrastructure improvement programme being undertaken at several institutions of the Human Employment and Resource Training/National Service Training Agency Trust, the upgrade and modification of the wastewater treatment facilities at the Ebony Park HEART Academy was selected for expansion and renovation.

- (iv) Replacement of Redundant Emergency Power Generators at eGov Jamaica Limited
Cabinet approved the award of contract in the amount of US\$792,037.25 to Y.P Seaton and Associates Company Limited, for the replacement of redundant power generators at eGov Jamaica Limited.

eGov Jamaica Limited (eGovJa) currently has two (2) Prime Rated Generators (600 Kilovolt-amps (kVA) and 550k VA, respectively). These emergency power generators are beyond end-of-life and have resulted in occasional power failures and breakdown of key components. The eGovJa Data Centre is currently utilising approximately 70% of the generators' capacity. With the ongoing and future implementation of several shared service systems that are deemed critical to the nation's development, it has become imperative to improve the eGovJa power infrastructure by replacing the two (2) outdated generators with two (2) 750 kVA units. These new generators are adequately sized and have the requisite capacity to meet the demand for current and future project implementation.

- (v) Laptops for High Schools Programme of Advancement Through Health and Education Students Grades 10-13
Cabinet approved the award of contract in the amount of US\$8,521,500.00 to Royale Computers and Accessories Limited, for the provision of 15,000 laptops for high school students in Grades 10 to 13 who are on the Programme of Advancement Through Health and Education (PATH).

Distance learning was introduced in schools utilising live, recorded and digital content with the physical closure of all educational institutions island wide since 13 March 2020, as a result of the adverse effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of the students on PATH do not have access to Information and Communications Technology (ICT) resources.

2. Annual Reports

Cabinet noted the Annual Reports for the:

- (i) Consumer Affairs Commission for the Financial Years 2018/2019 and 2019/2020;
- (ii) Fair Trading Commission for the Financial Year 2014/2015; and
- (iii) Jamaica National Agency for Accreditation for Financial Year 2018/2019.

3. Board Appointments

(i) Administrator General's Department Advisory Board

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Advisory Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 9 November 2020 to 8 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Reverend Rennard White – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Henry Pratt;
- 3) Mrs. Marie Wint-McKenzie;
- 4) Mrs. Marlene Aldred;
- 5) Mrs. Rose Phillips; and
- 6) Ms. Nadine Wilkins.

(ii) Bank of Jamaica

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 9 November 2020 to 8 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Mr. Richard Byles, Governor, Bank of Jamaica – **Chairman** – *ex-officio*;
- 2) Dr. Wayne Robinson, Senior Deputy Governor, Bank of Jamaica – *ex-officio*;
- 3) Ms. Darlene Morrison, Financial Secretary, Ministry of Finance and the Public Service – *ex-officio*;
- 4) Dr. Christine Clarke;
- 5) Dr. Wayne Henry;
- 6) Mr. Weiden Daley;
- 7) Ms. Andrea Coy; and
- 8) Mr. Gary Hendrickson, OD.

(iii) Devon House Development Company Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 9 November 2020 to 8 November 2022, as under:

- 1) Mr. Geoffrey Messado – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Minion Jean Wright – **Deputy Chairperson**;
- 3) Ms. Dorothy Carter-Bradford;
- 4) Mrs. Thalia Lyn;
- 5) Mrs. Diana Stewart;
- 6) Mrs. Debbie-Ann Gordon-Crawford;
- 7) Mr. Errol Jones;
- 8) Mr. Stephen Facey;
- 9) Ms. Ann Hodges;
- 10) Ms. Dawn Hyde;
- 11) Mrs. Rose Tavares-Finson;
- 12) Mr. Donovan Betancourt; and
- 13) Ms. Anna Kay Newell.

(iv) Jamaica Aircraft Refuelling Services Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 9 November 2020 to 8 November 2022, as under:

- 1) Mr. Lennox D. Elvy – **Chairman**; and
- 2) Mr. Stephen Rampair.

(v) Jamaica Tourist Board Tribunal

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Tribunal for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 9 November 2020 to 8 November 2022, as under:

- 1) Honourable Mr. Justice Ian Forte, OJ, CD, QC, JP (retired);
- 2) Mr. Winston Dear; and
- 3) Ms. Sue McManus.

(vi) Planning Institute of Jamaica

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 9 November 2020 to 8 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Dr. Wayne Henry, Director-General – **Chairman** – *ex-officio*;
- 2) Mr. Colin Williams;
- 3) Mr. Mark Tracey;
- 4) Dr. Nadine McCloud;
- 5) Ambassador Dr. Richard Bernal;
- 6) Ms. Merle Donaldson;
- 7) Ms. Sheree Martin; and
- 8) Ms. Alyssa Chin.

(vii) Professional Engineers Registration Board

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 9 November 2020 to 8 November 2022, as under:

- 1) Mr. Omar McFarlane-Sweeney;
- 2) Mr. Orett Parker;
- 3) Mr. Colin Porter;
- 4) Mr. Gary Walters;
- 5) Mrs. Nickoe Booth Thompson;
- 6) Dr. Therese Chambers;
- 7) Mr. Michael Heron;
- 8) Mr. Graham Jervis; and
- 9) Ms. Raquel Forbes.

(viii) Public Accountancy Board

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 9 November 2020 to 8 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Mr. Colin Maxwell – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Clive Nicholas;
- 3) Ms. Annaliesa Lindsay;
- 4) Mr. Raphael Gordon;

- 5) Mr. Linval Freeman;
- 6) Ms. C. Patricia Hayle;
- 7) Ms. Carlene O'Connor;
- 8) Mr. Eric Scott;
- 9) Mr. Leighton McKnight; and
- 10) Ms. Cynthia Lawrence.

(ix) River Rafting Authority

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of one (1) year, with effect from 9 November 2020 to 8 November 2021, as under:

- 1) Mr. Fred Smith – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Michael Baugh;
- 3) Mrs. Trina Delisser;
- 4) Ms. Kerry Chambers;
- 5) Mrs. Deanne Keating Campbell;
- 6) Mr. John Lynch, Chairman, Jamaica Tourist Board – *ex officio*;
- 7) Mr. Donovan White, Director, Jamaica Tourist Board – *ex officio*;
- 8) Mrs. Nicola Madden-Greig, Director, Jamaica Tourist Board – *ex officio*;
- 9) Mr. Bertram Wright, Director, Jamaica Tourist Board – *ex officio*;
- 10) Mr. Josef Forstmayr, Director, Jamaica Tourist Board – *ex officio*;
- 11) Mrs. Tanikie McClarty Allen, Director, Jamaica Tourist Board – *ex officio*;
- 12) Mr. Philipp Hofer, Director, Jamaica Tourist Board – *ex officio*; and
- 13) Ms. Hyacinth Lightbourne, Director, Jamaica Tourist Board – *ex officio*.

(x) South East Regional Health Authority

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of Mr. Burkneil Stewart, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Kingston Public Hospital, as an *ex officio* member to the Board of Management, with effect from 9 November 2020 to 11 October 2023, when the tenure of the Board of Management will expire.

(xi) Strata Appeals Tribunal

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Tribunal for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 9 November 2020 to 8 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Honourable Mr. Justice Ferdinand Smith, CD (retired) – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Sonia McFarlane;
- 3) Mr Patrick Fletcher; and
- 4) Ms. Gail English.

(xi) Students' Loan Bureau Council

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to Council for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 9 November 2020 to 8 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Mr. Nicholas Scott– **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Sandra Glasgow;
- 3) Ms. Roxanne Miller;
- 4) Mr. Andrew Simpson;

- 5) Dr. Karelle Samuda;
- 6) Ms. Julie Thompson James;
- 7) Mr. Alexander Hill;
- 8) Ms. Nadine Williams;
- 9) Ms. Terise Kettle;
- 10) Mr. Timmy Wilson; and
- 11) Mrs. Veronica Warmington.

4. Naming of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security St. Ann Parish Office in Honour of the Late Mrs. Shahine Robinson, CD

Cabinet approved the naming of the newly constructed Ministry of Labour and Social Security Parish Office in St. Ann's Bay, in honour of the late Mrs. Shahine Robinson, CD.

The Parish Office building located at 4 Windsor Road in St Ann was acquired by the National Insurance Fund (NIF) to accommodate the operations of the National Insurance Scheme (NIS) and other social services of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security. The late Minister of Labour and Social Security was instrumental in redeveloping the property to meet the needs of the clients and staff.

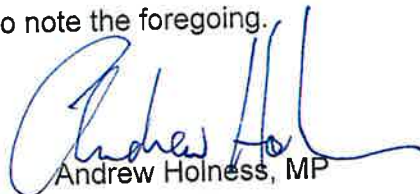
5. Approval for the Modernisation of the Agricultural Sector Programme of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

Cabinet approved the Modernisation of the Agricultural Sector Programme for inclusion in the Public Sector Investment Programme.

The competitiveness of the agricultural sector has been constrained over the past decades by low capital investment, limited application of good agricultural practices, slow uptake of improved technological practices and weak adherence to international agricultural health and food safety standards.

The Modernisation of the Agricultural Sector Programme (MASP) is one of several initiatives undertaken by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, with support from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to resolve the challenges being faced by the agricultural sector.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Andrew Holness, MP

Prime Minister

26 January 2021