

## CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 23 NOVEMBER 2020

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 23 November 2020:

1. Contracts;
2. Legislation;
3. Annual Reports;
4. Board Appointments; and
5. Provision of 500,000 Microsoft Office 365 Education Software Licences Free of Cost to Students in Jamaica.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Supply of the Elhydro Kleenoil Bypass Filtration System to the Jamaica Urban Transit Company Limited

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$251,550,000.00 to Elhydro Limited, for the provision of technical and professional advice, materials, and to perform all attendant operations in the implementation of Phase 3 of the Elhydro Kleenoil Bypass Filtration System project with respect to 150 Jamaica Urban Transit Company (JUTC) buses.

The Elhydro Bypass Filtration System eliminates water and particles from oil, eliminates corrosion, removes dirt and contaminants without removing desirable elements, resulting in a reduction in time required for servicing and engine wear, and an extension of oil drain intervals. This environmentally friendly system leads to overall improved performance of the engines and cooling systems in the units.

(ii) Procurement and Distribution of Textbooks Under the National Textbook Loan Scheme for 2020-2021

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$64,836,264.04 to Kingston Bookshop Limited, for the procurement and distribution of textbooks to be provided for students at the secondary level under the National Textbook Loan Scheme of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information of 2020-2021.

The National Textbook Loan Scheme was established in 1988 through an agreement between the Governments of Jamaica and Britain. The Scheme provides textbooks in the major subject areas to thousands of students at Grades 7-11 at high schools and Grades 7-9 at primary and junior high and all age schools.

(iii) Supply and Delivery of Fire Truck for the Jamaica Defence Force

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$751,082.58, approximately J\$112,662,387.00 at a rate of J\$150.00 to US\$1.00, to National Supply Limited, for the provision of a fire truck for the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF).

The roles and responsibilities of the JDF have evolved to meet the demands of safeguarding Jamaica's national security, the nation's interests and the well-being of its citizens. These changing responsibilities have been accompanied by a commensurate increase in the demand for resources to enhance efficiency and effectiveness.

(iv) Establishment of a Framework Agreement for the Award of Contracts for Meats for the Jamaica Defence Force

Cabinet approved the establishment of a Framework Agreement for the award of contracts for the provision of meats to the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) for a period of one (1) year, with the following selected companies:

Lot	Selected Company	Meat Kind	Total Amount
1	Best Dressed Chicken	Chicken	\$140,625,000.00
2	Lilian Limited	Fish	\$52,344,000.00
	Nation Choice Limited		\$49,680,000.00
3	Lilian Limited	Liver	\$4,950,000.00
	Nation Choice Limited		\$5,092,500.00
4	Lilian Limited	Mutton	\$26,179,200.00
	Nation Choice Limited		\$26,190,648.00
5	Lilian Limited	Pickled Mackerel	\$4,836,000.00
	Nation Choice Limited		\$5,262,989.04
6	Nation Choice Limited	Pig's Tail	\$4,612,800.00
7	Lilian Limited	Salted Fish	\$4,836,000.00 (at a rate of \$6,500.00 per box)
	Nation Choice Limited		\$4,981,563.60 (at a rate of \$6,695.65 per box)

The establishment of the proposed Framework Agreement is intended to secure a contractual arrangement with select companies for the various meats consumed by the JDF.

(v) Provision of Security Guard Services at the Passport, Immigration and Citizenship Agency Locations

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$152,200,364.85 to Marksman Limited, for the provision of security guard services at the 10 Passport, Immigration and Citizenship Agency (PICA) locations island wide.

The nature of the services for the contract include maintenance of order at the main entrance and exit doors and gates, watch and control duty, and reception duty.

## 2. Legislation

### (i) The National Housing Trust (Amendment) (Special Provisions) Act, 2020

Cabinet gave approval for the Bill entitled "The National Housing Trust (Amendment) (Special Provisions) Act, 2020" to be introduced into the Houses of Parliament.

The Bill seeks to provide for the continuation of annual transfers not exceeding \$11.4B from the National Housing Trust to the central government in support of its fiscal consolidation programme over the five-year fiscal period 2021/2022 through to 2025/2026.

### (ii) The Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Act, 2020 and the Evidence (Amendment) Act, 2020

Cabinet gave approval for the Bills entitled "The Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Act, 2020" and "The Evidence (Amendment) Act, 2020" to be introduced into the Houses of Parliament.

The Bills seek to enable drug samples and photographs of evidence to be meticulously procured and curated for admission and acceptance in court proceedings, as evidence of the existence of a larger exhibit.

### (iii) The Tobacco Control Act, 2020

Cabinet gave approval for the Bill entitled "The Tobacco Control Act, 2020" to be introduced into the Houses of Parliament.

The Bill seeks to introduce the legislative framework for the adoption and implementation of tobacco control policies in accordance with the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) to deal with tobacco control, taking into account the current market practices relating to the advertising and promotion of tobacco products and relevant products and smoking generally.

## 3. Annual Reports

Cabinet noted the Annual Reports for the:

- (i) Department of Correctional Services for the Calendar Year ended 31 December 2015;
- (ii) Jamaica National Agency for Accreditation for the Financial Year 2019/2020;
- (iii) Micro Investment Development Agency for the Financial Year 2019/2020; and
- (iv) Tourism Enhancement Fund for the Financial Year 2019/2020.

## 4. Board Appointments

### (i) Airports Authority of Jamaica

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 23 November 2020 to 22 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Mrs. Fay Hutchinson – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Mr. Denton Campbell – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Mrs. Epsi Cooper-Morgan;
- 4) Ms. Pauline Bowla;

- 5) Mr. Ricardo Lynch;
- 6) Mr. Canute Sadler;
- 7) Mr. Ian Deer;
- 8) Mrs. Natalee Mirander; and
- 9) Deputy Commissioner of Police Clifford Blake.

(ii) Anti-Dumping and Subsidies Commission

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Commission for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 23 November 2020 to 22 November 2022, as under:

- 1) Mr. Derrick McKoy – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Dorothy Lightbourne, QC, CD;
- 3) Mr. Clyde Jacks;
- 4) Mr. Karl Reid; and
- 5) Ms. Gaunique Williams.

(iii) Board of Supervision

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 23 November 2020 to 22 November 2022, as under:

- 1) Dr. Lee Martin;
- 2) Councillor Tosha Schwapp;
- 3) Mr. Matthew Smith Barrett;
- 4) Dr. Maureen Irons-Morgan;
- 5) Mrs. Elaine Walker;
- 6) Reverend Astor Carlyle;
- 7) Mrs. Annette Irving;
- 8) Miss Sheryl Hamilton; and
- 9) Miss Carol Charles.

(iv) Charities Appeal Tribunal

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Tribunal for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 23 November 2020 to 22 November 2022, as under:

- 1) Honourable Mr. Justice Ferdinand Algernon Smith (retired) – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Robert Collie;
- 3) Mrs. Yvette Sutherland-Reid;
- 4) Mr. Nigel Jones; and
- 5) Ms. Velma Ricketts.

(v) Companies Office of Jamaica

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Advisory Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 23 November 2020 to 22 November 2022, as under:

- 1) Mr. Peter Goldson – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Donovan Walker;
- 3) Mr. Eric Hosin;

- 4) Mr. Clifford Spencer;
- 5) Ms. Andrea Cowan; and
- 6) Ms. Kathryn Lewis.

(vi) Creative Production and Training Centre

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 23 November 2020 to 22 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Mr. Lenford Salmon – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Delroy Morgan – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Mr. Elon Parkinson;
- 4) Mrs. Shirley McLean-Brown;
- 5) Mr. Livingston White;
- 6) Mr. Oral McCook;
- 7) Mr. Lennox Turner;
- 8) Mr. Alex Morrissey;
- 9) Mr. Oliver Fagan;
- 10) Mrs. Yvonne Chin Irving;
- 11) Ms. Belinda Williams;
- 12) Ms. Shaneek Clacken;
- 13) Mr. Martin Lewis; and
- 14) Ms. Lorna Napier, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Creative Production and Training Centre – *ex officio*.

(vii) Department of Cooperatives and Friendly Societies Appeals Tribunal

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Tribunal for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 23 November 2020 to 22 November 2022, as under:

- 1) Mrs. Yvette Sutherland-Reid – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Mr. Franklyn Taylor; and
- 3) Mr. Stanley Moore.

(viii) Housing Agency of Jamaica Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 23 November 2020 to 22 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Mr. Norman Brown – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Sylvester Tulloch;
- 3) Mrs. Faye Hutchinson;
- 4) Mr. John Valentine;
- 5) Mr. Kedon Clarke;
- 6) Reverend Conrad Pitkin;
- 7) Ms. Sonia McFarlene;
- 8) Mr. Robert Lawrence;
- 9) Mr. Steven Fong-Yee;
- 10) Mrs. Doreen Prendergast;
- 11) Mr. Wayne Strachan;
- 12) Mr. Ian Johnson;

- 13) Mr. Andrew Warwar;
- 14) Mr. Seyon Hanson;
- 15) Mr. Sean Shelton;
- 16) Ms. Taj-Marie Osbourne;
- 17) Ms. Toni-Kaye Maduro; and
- 18) Ms. Naresha Jackson.

(ix) International Centre for Environmental and Nuclear Sciences

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 23 November 2020 to 22 November 2022, as under:

- 1) Mr. Parris Lyew-Ayee – **Chairman**;
- 2) Professor Michael Taylor;
- 3) Professor Wayne McLaughlin;
- 4) Ms. Lilyclaire Bellamy;
- 5) Mr. Lyndon Nugent;
- 6) Dr. Andre Gordon;
- 7) Ms. Allison Rangolan;
- 8) Professor David Bradley;
- 9) Professor Helen Asemota;
- 10) Mr. Leonard Francis;
- 11) Professor Mitko Vouchkov; and
- 12) Dr. Therese Chambers.

(x) Jamaica Business Development Corporation, Micro Investment Development Agency, and Self Start Fund

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the joint Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 23 November 2020 to 22 November 2022, as under:

- 1) Dr. William Lawrence – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Stephen Fong-Yee – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Mr. Oral Shaw;
- 4) Mr. Hugh Johnson;
- 5) Mr. Donovan Wignal;
- 6) Ms. Yvonne Davis;
- 7) Ms. Keisha Lewis;
- 8) Ms. Adonia Chin;
- 9) Ms. Valerie Veira;
- 10) Ms. Ida-Gaye Warburton;
- 11) Mr. Bernard Henry;
- 12) Ms. Danielle Terrelonge; and
- 13) Mr. Mario Thomas.

(xi) Jamaica National Agency for Accreditation

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 23 November 2020 to 22 November 2022, as under:

- 1) Mr. Simon Roberts – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Wayne Hays – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Mr. Leo Williams;
- 4) Ms. Jennifer Williams;
- 5) Ms. Sharonmae Shirley;
- 6) Professor Ishenkumba Kahwa;
- 7) Mr. Stephen Dawkins;
- 8) Miss Renee Brooks;
- 9) Mrs. Joan Thomas Edwards; and
- 10) Mr. Lynden Nugent.

(xii) Jamaica Ultimate Tyre Company Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 23 November 2020 to 22 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Ms. Merlene Daley – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Mr. Saleem Lazarus;
- 3) Mr. Paul Abrahams;
- 4) Mrs. Henrece James;
- 5) Ms. Sandra Samuels; and
- 6) Mr. Ewan Simpson.

(xiii) Jamaica Urban Transit Company Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 23 November 2020 to 22 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Mr. Russell Hadeed – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Shane Dalling;
- 3) Mr. Neville Whittaker;
- 4) Mr. Bilton Graham;
- 5) Mr. Sean Azan;
- 6) Ms. Theresa Turner;
- 7) Ms. Natasha Williams;
- 8) Dr. Gavin Daley;
- 9) Ms. Danielle Mills;
- 10) Ms. Sashana-Lee Edwards;
- 11) Mr. Everett Hyatt;
- 12) Ms. Natalie Mirander;
- 13) Mr. Fitz Bailey; and
- 14) Mr. Kenute Hare.

(xiv) Montego Bay Metro Company Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 23 November 2020 to 22 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Mr. Colin Murray – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Sandra Molyneaux – **Deputy Chairperson**;
- 3) Mr. Conroy Smith;
- 4) Mr. Dwayne Gayle;
- 5) Mr. Calvin Samuels;
- 6) Ms. Patrice Clarke;
- 7) Mr. Tony Ward;
- 8) Mr. Paul Abrahams; and
- 9) Ms. Crystal Smalling.

(xv) National Export-Import Bank of Jamaica Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 23 November 2020 to 22 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Mr. Gary Hendrickson, CD – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Bevan Callam;
- 3) Mr. Geoffrey Ziadie;
- 4) Mr. Norman Reid;
- 5) Mrs. Lisa Bell;
- 6) Ms. Lacey Ann Bartley;
- 7) Ms. Raquel Brown;
- 8) Mr. Albert Webb;
- 9) Mr. Wade Mars; and
- 10) Dr. Guna Muppuri.

(xvi) National Health Fund

Cabinet approved:

- 1) the appointment of Mr. Howard Mitchell as Chairman and Ms. Hermine Metcalfe as a member of the Board of Management, with effect from 23 November 2020 to 1 November 2023, when the tenure of the Board of Management will expire; and
- 2) the appointment of Mr. Shane Dalling as Deputy Chairman of the Board of Management.

(xvii) National Library of Jamaica

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 23 November 2020 to 22 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Ms. Joy Douglas, OD – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Ms. Lydia Rose – **Deputy Chairperson**;
- 3) Professor Edward Baugh;
- 4) Mrs. Dawn Henry;
- 5) Canon Michael Allen;
- 6) Dr. Paulette Kerr;



- 7) Miss Justine Henzell;
- 8) Mr. Mark-Jeffery Deans;
- 9) Mr. Rolforde Johnston;
- 10) Mr. Vivian Crawford, CD, Executive Director, Institute of Jamaica– *ex officio*;  
and
- 11) Mrs. Beverley Lashley, National Librarian, National Library of Jamaica– *ex officio*.

(xviii) Overseas Examination Commission

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Commission for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 23 November 2020 to 22 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Mr. Brian Bennett-Easy – **Chairman**;
- 2) Senator Kavon Gayle, CD – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Ms. Karen Sutherland;
- 4) Mr. Rohan Walsh;
- 5) Dr. Maurice McNaughton;
- 6) Dr. Garfield Young;
- 7) Dr. Vivienne Quarrie;
- 8) Dr. Carol Granston;
- 9) Mr. Wayne Robinson;
- 10) Mrs. Keeva Ingram;
- 11) Ms. Jennifer Williams;
- 12) Mrs. Prim Lewis;
- 13) Mr. Cheslan Douglas;
- 14) Mr. Garth Anderson;
- 15) Dr. Donna Powell-Wilson; and
- 16) Dr. Kasan Troupe, Nominee, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Youth and Information – *ex officio*.

(xix) Petrojam Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 23 November 2020 to 22 November 2022, as under:

- 1) Mr. Wayne Chen – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Metry Seaga, CD – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Mr. Dennis Chung;
- 4) Ms. Alicia Bish;
- 5) Ms. Deborah Newland;
- 6) Mr. Dennis May;
- 7) Ms. Rowena Coe;
- 8) Mr. Todd Johnson;
- 9) Ms. Rayharna Wright; and
- 10) Mr. Danny Roberts, CD.

(xx) Rent Assessment Board

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 23 November 2020 to 22 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Mrs. Rose Bennet Cooper – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Mrs. Gloria Langrin – **Deputy Chairperson**;
- 3) Mr. George Clue – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 4) Mr. Albert Morgan – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 5) Mr. Oneil Brown – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 6) Mr. Evol Lyn Cook – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 7) Mr. Nicholas Chambers – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 8) Ms. Paula Parkes;
- 9) Ms. Patricia Hamilton;
- 10) Mrs. Marvalyn Campbell;
- 11) Mr. John Jacobs;
- 12) Mr. Michael Hylton;
- 13) Ms. Patricia Ramsaran;
- 14) Mr. Able-Don Foote;
- 15) Ms. Georgia Hamilton; and
- 16) Ms. Danielle Archer.

(xxi) Scientific Research Council

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 23 November 2020 to 22 November 2022, as under:

- 1) Mr. Parris Lyew-Ayee – **Chairman**;
- 2) Professor Michael Taylor;
- 3) Professor Wayne McLaughlin;
- 4) Ms. Lilyclaire Beliamy;
- 5) Mr. Lyndon Nugent;
- 6) Dr. Andre Gordon;
- 7) Ms. Allison Rangolan;
- 8) Dr. Natwaine Gardner; and
- 9) Dr. Melissa Saurderson.

(xxii) Toll Authority

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Authority for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 23 November 2020 to 22 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Hon. William Shagoury, CD – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Stephen Edwards;
- 3) Mr. Christopher Townsend;
- 4) Dr. Clover Mattocks;
- 5) Mr. Phillip Morrison;
- 6) Ms. Charmaine Waller;
- 7) Mr. Ewan Simpson;
- 8) Mr. Patrick Cammock;
- 9) Mrs. Sasha Harjani-Hotchandani;

- 10) Mr. Patrick Rose, Representative, National Works Agency – *ex officio*; and
- 11) Ms. Tanya Bedward, Representative, Ministry of Transport and Mining – *ex officio*.

(xxiii) Trade Board Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 23 November 2020 to 22 November 2022, as under:

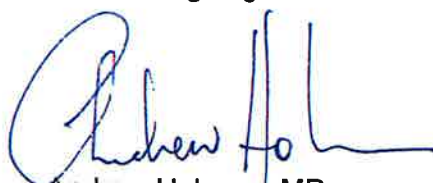
- 1) Mr. Danville Walker – **Chairman**;
- 2) Dr. Derrick Deslandes – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Mr. Wade Mars;
- 4) Ms. Kathryn Lewis;
- 5) Ms. Daenia Ashpole;
- 6) Mr. Desron Graham;
- 7) Mr. Sean Azan;
- 8) Mr. Phillip Bernard;
- 9) Mrs. Dorothy Carter-Bradford;
- 10) Ms. Keisha Lewis;
- 11) Mr. Kadian Francis; and
- 12) Mr. Nigel Phipps.

5. Provision of 500,000 Microsoft Office 365 Education Software Licences Free of Cost to Students in Jamaica

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information in connection with the provision of 500,000 Microsoft Office 365 Education Software Licences free of cost to students in Jamaica.

The report informed that the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information, in fulfilling its mandate to support the educational development of learners throughout the system, is committed to providing and facilitating access to tools, resources and other relevant support materials that serve to enhance the teaching and learning environment. The Ministry has partnered with Microsoft to provide, free of cost, 500,000 Microsoft Office 365 Education Software licences to students which will include the full Office suite with Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, Publisher, Access and services, including Teams, SharePoint, and Forms. The licence also allows 500,000 students to download the Office Pro Plus to their home personal computers; and the benefits of Office 365 to participating students.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Andrew Holness, MP  
Prime Minister

26 January 2021

