

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 30 NOVEMBER 2020

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 30 November 2020:

1. Contract;
2. Legislation;
3. Annual Reports;
4. Board Appointments;
5. Project to Strengthen the Intellectual Property Ecosystem to Increase Innovation, Competitiveness and Growth in Jamaica; and
6. Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contract

Stabilisation Works Along the Chovey Road Section, St. Mary

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$321,347,655.60 to Surrey Paving and Aggregate Company Limited, for the provision of stabilising works along the Chovey road section, St. Mary.

The scope of works include construction of a U-drain, earthworks, excavation works, river protection, and construction of a reinforced-concrete retaining wall. The contract duration is six (6) months, and the works are expected to commence in December 2020.

2. Legislation

The Financial Administration and Audit (Amendment) Act 2020

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

The Bill seeks to amend the Act to allow for the pursuit of a reduced adjustment path alongside a more gradual economic recovery in the light of the fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic.

3. Annual Reports

Cabinet noted the Annual Reports for the:

- (i) Devon House Development Company Limited for the Financial Year 2019/2020;
- (ii) Financial Investigations Division for the Financial Year 2016/2017; and
- (iii) Runaway Bay Water Company Limited for the Financial Year 2013/2014.

4. Board Appointments

(i) Air Jamaica Limited and Air Jamaica Holdings Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Joint Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 30 November 2020 to 29 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Honourable Dennis Lalor, OJ, ACII – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Dennis Chung;
- 3) Mr. Hassim Fulton;
- 4) Mrs. Viralee Bailey-Latibeaudiere; and
- 5) Ms. Carlene O'Connor.

(ii) Caribbean Maritime University Council

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Council for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 30 November 2020 to 29 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Professor the Hon. Gordon Shirley, OJ – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Dwain Powell;
- 3) Ms. Belinda Ward;
- 4) Mrs. Corah Ann Robertson-Sylvester;
- 5) Mr. Trevor Riley;
- 6) Dr. Delroy Chevers;
- 7) Dr. Therese Chambers;
- 8) Mr. Mark Hart;
- 9) Rear Admiral Peter Brady, CD;
- 10) Dr. Marshall Hall, CD;
- 11) Mr. Donovan Perkins;
- 12) Mrs. Mitzie Gordon Burke-Green;
- 13) Mr. Andrew Issa;
- 14) Mr. Peter McCarthy;
- 15) Mrs. Teisha Walker-Brown;
- 16) Professor Noel Brown;
- 17) Professor Evan Duggan, President (Interim), Caribbean Maritime University (CMU) – *ex officio*;
- 18) Professor Ibrahim Ajagunna, Deputy President, CMU – *ex officio*;
- 19) Ms. Patricia Harrison, University Treasurer, CMU – *ex officio*;
- 20) Ms. Kerry-Ann Tulloch, President, Alumni Association, CMU – *ex officio*; and
- 21) Mr. Glenardo Simpson, President, Students' Union, CMU – *ex officio*.

(iii) Hazardous Substances Regulatory Authority

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Authority for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 30 November 2020 to 29 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Professor Ishenkumba Kahwa – **Chairman**;
- 2) Dr. Deon Dick;
- 3) Dr. Beverley Wright;
- 4) Dr. Anthony Greenaway;
- 5) Dr. Leary Myers;

- 6) Mrs. Yvette Sutherland-Reid;
- 7) Mr. Peter Knight – *ex officio*;
- 8) Dr. Jacqueline Bisasor-McKenzie, Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Health and Wellness – *ex officio*; and
- 9) Ms. Maxine Russell, Director General, Hazardous Substances Regulatory Authority – *ex officio*.

(iv) Independence Park Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 30 November 2020 to 29 November 2022, as under:

- 1) Dr. the Honourable Michael Fennell, OJ, CD – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. David Shirley – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Mrs. Annmarie Heron;
- 4) Assistant Commissioner of Police Terrence Bent;
- 5) Lieutenant Colonel Dameon Creary;
- 6) Mr. Lenford Salmon;
- 7) Mr. Carlton Dennis;
- 8) Ms. Audrey Chin;
- 9) Mr. Edward Barnes;
- 10) Dr. Peter Charles
- 11) Ms. Shaneek Clacken;
- 12) Ms. Stefani Dewar; and
- 13) Major Desmon Brown, OD, General Manager, Independence Park Limited – *ex officio*.

(v) Jamaica Bauxite Mining Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 30 November 2020 to 29 November 2022, as under:

- 1) Mr. Joseph Issa – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Donna-Marie Howe – **Deputy Chairperson**;
- 3) Mr. Robert Chung;
- 4) Mr. Delroy Granston;
- 5) Mr. Phillip Schwapp;
- 6) Miss Claudette Brown;
- 7) Mrs. Michelle Campbell-Sawyers;
- 8) Miss Shantel Triva Jarrett;
- 9) Mr. Kewien Jackson;
- 10) Mr. George Soutar; and
- 11) Mr. Mark Pinnock.

(vi) Jamaica Promotions Corporation

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 30 November 2020 to 29 November 2022, as under:

- 1) Senator Don Wehby, CD – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Metry Seaga, CD – **Vice Chairman**;

- 3) Mr. Yoni Epstein;
- 4) Mr. Christopher Williams;
- 5) Mr. Delano Seivwright;
- 6) Mr. Ian Levy;
- 7) Mr. Zachary Harding;
- 8) Ms. Lisa Soares-Lewis;
- 9) Mrs. Jacqueline Stewart-Lechler;
- 10) Mr. Harriat Maragh;
- 11) Mr. Garth Walker;
- 12) Miss Mina Robertson;
- 13) Ms. Jo-Anne Archibald;
- 14) Dr. Guna Muppuri; and
- 15) Ms. Rita Symes-Hylton.

(vii) Jamaica Railway Corporation

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 30 November 2020 to 29 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Mr. Dennis Wright – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Kellie Molyneaux – **Vice Chairperson**;
- 3) Mr. Wesley Nelson;
- 4) Mr. Winston Ennis;
- 5) Mr. Tuere Davis;
- 6) Ms. Ann Marie Chin;
- 7) Ms. Dawn Heron;
- 8) Mr. Warren Clarke; and
- 9) Ms. Kemesha Harrison.

(viii) National Compliance and Regulatory Authority Advisory Board

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Advisory Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 30 November 2020 to 29 November 2022, as under:

- 1) Dr. Derrick McKoy – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Fay Sylvester;
- 3) Mr. Marc Frankson;
- 4) Mrs. Sharonmae Shirley;
- 5) Dr. Marcia Roye;
- 6) Mr. Courtney Cole; and
- 7) Ms. Lorice Edwards-Brown, Chief Executive Officer, National Compliance and Regulatory Authority – *ex-officio*.

(ix) National Compliance and Regulatory Authority Appeal Tribunal

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Appeal Tribunal for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 30 November 2020 to 29 November 2022, as under:

- 1) Honourable Mr. Justice Ferdinand Algernon Smith (retired);

- 2) Mrs. Dolsie Allen; and
- 3) Dr. Anthony Greenaway.

(i) Ports Security Corps

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 30 November 2020 to 29 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Mr. Dennis Morgan – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Anton Young – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Mr. Newton Amos;
- 4) Mr. Granville Gause;
- 5) Ms. Novelette Grant;
- 6) Mr. Lerone Laing;
- 7) Ms. Dianne McIntosh;
- 8) Captain Sydney Innis;
- 9) Mr. Audley Deidrick;
- 10) Mr. Clifford Blake;
- 11) Mr. Stephen Case;
- 12) Mrs. Selina Clarke-Graham; and
- 13) Ms. Paula Brown.

(ii) Quarries Advisory Committee

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Committee for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 30 November 2020 to 29 November 2022, as under:

- 1) Mr. Kevin Ingram – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Coy Roache;
- 3) Mr. Kent Gammon;
- 4) Ms. Mitsy Hudson;
- 5) Ms. Tosha Schwapp;
- 6) Ms. Gabrielle Hylton;
- 7) Mrs. Aisha Bedasse-Jureidini;
- 8) Mr. Roger Smith;
- 9) Mr. Michael Wilson; and
- 10) Mr. Dorlan Burrell.

(iii) Standards Council

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Council for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 30 November 2020 to 29 November 2022, as under:

- 1) Mr. Philip Armstrong – **Chairman**;
- 2) Miss Michelle Parkins - **Vice Chairperson**;
- 3) Mr. Michael Pryce;
- 4) Mr. Hopeton Heron;
- 5) Mr. Gregory Christian;
- 6) Mrs. Kadian Wright-Harris;
- 7) Mrs. Dolsie Allen;

- 8) Mr. Damali Thomas;
- 9) Ms. Tanikie McClarthy;
- 10) Mr. Byron Thompson;
- 11) Mr. Collin Virgo;
- 12) Mr. Parris Lyew-Ayee;
- 13) Mr. Christopher Powell; and
- 14) Ms. Katreena Barker.

(iv) Statistical Institute of Jamaica

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 30 November 2020 to 29 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Professor David Tennant – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Carol Coy;
- 3) Mr. Livingston Morrison;
- 4) Dr. Fabian Lewis;
- 5) Mr. Robert Stennett;
- 6) Mr. James Stewart;
- 7) Dr. Karelle Samuda;
- 8) Ms. Nadine Williams; and
- 9) Mr. Colin Williams.

5. Project to Strengthen the Intellectual Property Ecosystem to Increase Innovation, Competitiveness and Growth in Jamaica

Cabinet approved the Strengthening of the Intellectual Property Ecosystem to Increase Innovation, Competitiveness and Growth in Jamaica Project to be included in the Public Sector Investment Programme (PSIP).

The creation, protection and utilisation of intellectual property rights plays an important role in the national ecosystem and promoting national competitiveness. The Project is part of a broader effort of the Government of Jamaica to improve the local business climate and to increase support for promoting an increase in the number of innovative micro, small and medium-sized enterprises contributing to economic growth.

The Project proposes to strengthen the intellectual property ecosystem in Jamaica by helping to create the conditions for monetisation of intellectual property, especially collateralisation. The Project will be executed by the Inter-American Development Bank and Complete Caribbean and will be implemented by the Jamaica Intellectual Property Office.

6. Reports

(i) Evaluation Report: Pilot of the Phased Reopening of Schools for Face-to-Face Teaching and Learning and the Way Forward

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information in connection with an evaluation report on the pilot of the phased reopening of schools for face-to-face teaching and learning.

The report informed that in October 2020, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information, after extensive consultation and thorough examination of the issues, identified 73 schools that are capable of reopening with the least probability of infection spikes.

The report further informed that the reopening of schools was being done on a phased basis and the resumption pilot lasted for two weeks, over the period 9 to 20 November 2020, in 17 schools (14 primary schools and three secondary schools) across nine parishes; and on Tuesday, 10 November 2020, 15 of the 17 schools reopened for face-to-face teaching under a pilot programme.

(i) Protocol for School Inspectorate Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information in connection with amendments to the mandate of the National Education Inspectorate (NEI).

The report informed that the NEI is tasked with assessing the standards attained by the students in primary and secondary schools as they progress through school; and to make recommendations to support improvement in the quality of the provision and outcomes for all learners.

The report further informed that the NEI has established a protocol that reflects the new Standard Operating Procedures for school inspections during the period of the COVID-19 pandemic; and the NEI will adhere to the directives of the Ministry of Health and Wellness and the provisions of the Disaster Risk Management Act whilst in the field.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Andrew Holness, MP

Prime Minister

26 January 2021

