

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 1 MARCH 2021

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 1 March 2021:

1. Contracts;
2. Legislation;
3. Annual Reports;
4. Board Appointments;
5. Transportation Subsidy for the Movement of Sugar Cane for the 2020/2021 Crop Year; and
6. Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Procurement of Determine HIV Test Kits

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$415,527.32, or approximately J\$58,126,704.00, to Abbott Rapid Dx International (formerly Alere International Limited), for the procurement of 4,000 Determine HIV Test Kits for the National HIV/STI Programme.

The Determine HIV test is the approved test for screening for HIV in Jamaica and is part of the National Public Health Laboratory's rapid test algorithm for screening. Each Determine HIV Test Kit contains one hundred (100) individual single use tests.

(ii) Establishment and Management of a Small and Medium Enterprise Fund

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$1,300,000.00, to Actus Partners Limited, to establish and manage the Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Fund under the World Bank Access to Finance for Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Project, which is being implemented by the Development Bank of Jamaica.

The objective of the SME Fund is to provide risk capital financing to established small and medium enterprises that have high growth potential and operations in Jamaica but have not been targeted by private equity funds.

(iii) Insurance Broking Services for 2021/2022 to 2023/2024

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$7,528,176.00 and J\$3,900,551.00 to Fraser, Fontaine and Kong Limited, for the provision of insurance broking services to Petrojam Limited, for the first year (2021/2022) of the three-year brokerage contract (2021/2022 to 2023/2024).

The insurance portfolio comprises risks denominated in United States Dollars (US\$) for All Risk Property Damage including Machinery Breakdown and Business Interruption, Sabotage and Terrorism, Comprehensive General Liability and Marine Cargo; and Jamaican Dollars (J\$) for Computer All Risks, Employers Liability, Fidelity Guarantee, Loss of Money, Motor and Motor Contingent Liability.

## 2. Legislation

### The Urban Renewal (Tax Relief) (Amendment) Act, 2021

Cabinet gave approval for the Bill entitled "The Urban Renewal (Tax Relief) (Amendment) Act, 2021" to be introduced into the Houses of Parliament.

The Bill seeks to amend the Urban Renewal (Tax Relief) Act to:

- a) clarify that the tax incentives granted under the Act during an incentive period order cannot endure beyond the expiry date of the incentive period order;
- b) protect existing anomalous approvals that are stated to expire on a date beyond the termination of an incentive period order by the grandfathering of those existing approvals, whether or not an order is made renewing the incentive period;
- c) allow for the continued enjoyment of the tax incentives by grandfathered entities for the balance of their unexpired development approval; and
- d) empower the Minister to consider applications that, at the commencement date of this amendment, had been approved by the Incentive Recommendation Committee/Urban Development Corporation for periods extending beyond the end of the relevant incentive periods.

## 3.

### Annual Reports

Cabinet noted the Annual Reports for the:

- (i) National Irrigation Commission for the Financial Year 2017/2018; and
- (ii) SCJ Holdings Limited for the year ended 30 September 2011 and the six-month period ended 31 March 2012.

## 4.

### Board Appointments

- (i) Human Employment and Resource Training/National Service Training Agency Trust

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 1 March 2021 to 28 February 2023, as under:

- 1) Mr. Edward Gabbidon – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mrs. Georgia Gibson Henlin, QC;
- 3) Senator Kavan Gayle, CD;
- 4) Mr. Wayne O. Robertson;
- 5) Colonel Martin Rickman;
- 6) Dr. Eleasia Charles;
- 7) Dr. Kofi Nkrumah-Young;
- 8) Mr. Clement Lawrence, CD;
- 9) Mr. Brian Bennett-Easy;
- 10) Mr. Marlon Morgan; and

11) Ms. Kathryn Williams.

(ii) Institute of Jamaica

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Council for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 1 March 2021 to 29 February 2024, as under:

- 1) Mr. James Moss Solomon, CD – **Chairman**;
- 2) Honourable Marigold Harding CD, JP – **Vice Chairperson**;
- 3) Bishop Dr. the Honourable Herro Blair, OJ, OD, JP – **Vice Chairman**;
- 4) Mr. Steven Golding;
- 5) Professor Ronald Young;
- 6) Mr. Stephen Facey, CD;
- 7) Dr. Pamela Appelt, OD;
- 8) Professor the Honourable Denise Eldemire Shearer, OJ, CD;
- 9) Mr. Patrick Stanigar, OD;
- 10) Mrs. Laleta Davis Mattis, CD;
- 11) Senator the Honourable Thomas Tavares-Finson, OJ, CD, QC, JP;
- 12) Most Rev. Kenneth Richards, CD;
- 13) Mr. Aldrick McNab, OD;
- 14) Dr. Audia Barnett;
- 15) Ambassador Marcia Gilbert Roberts, CD, JP;
- 16) Mr. Maurice Wilson, OD;
- 17) Mr. Sydney Bartley;
- 18) Ms. Joan Andrea Hutchinson, OD;
- 19) Mr. David Brown;

Ex officio

- 20) Mr. Orville Hill, JP, Chairman, Jamaica National Heritage Trust;
- 21) Ms. Mexine Bisasor, JP, Chairperson, Jamaica Cultural Development Commission;
- 22) Mr. Vivian Crawford, OD, Executive Director, Institute of Jamaica; and
- 23) Ms. Joy Douglas, OD, Chairperson, National Library of Jamaica.

(iii) Licensing Authority in Each Parish of Jamaica

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Authority in each parish for a period of one (1) year, with effect from 1 March 2021 to 28 February 2022, as under:

Kingston

- 1) Mr. Edward Barbar – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mrs. Norma Brown-Bell, OD – **Vice Chairperson**;
- 3) Mrs. Lorraine Bruce-Reid;
- 4) Mr. Keron Burrell;
- 5) Mr. Richard King;
- 6) Mr. Wilburn Berry; and
- 7) Ms. Tracey Parkinson.



- St. Andrew
- 1) Ms. Doreen Buchanan – **Chairperson**;
  - 2) Mr. Dennis Kelly – **Vice Chairman**;
  - 3) Mrs. Maria Morgan;
  - 4) Mrs. Marlene Rodriguez-Rowe; and
  - 5) Mr. George Stephens.

- St. Thomas
- 1) Mr. Norman Huggins – **Chairman**;
  - 2) Ms. Arlene Davidson;
  - 3) Mr. Dennis Cowie;
  - 4) Mr. Rupert Scott;
  - 5) Mr. Michael Haik;
  - 6) Miss Norma Heywood; and
  - 7) Mrs. Eileen Bell Durrant.

- Portland
- 1) Mr. Gregory Davis – **Chairman**;
  - 2) Mr. Richard Williams;
  - 3) Mrs. Beverley Dryden;
  - 4) Mr. Garry Wilson;
  - 5) Mrs. Ida Williams;
  - 6) Mr. Maxwell Hamilton; and
  - 7) Mrs. Angella Francis Blake.

- St. Mary
- 1) Mr. Paul Williams – **Chairman**;
  - 2) Ms. Lamar Robinson – **Vice Chairperson**;
  - 3) Ms. Joyce Edwards;
  - 4) Ms. Pat Steele;
  - 5) Mr. Norris Maragh;
  - 6) Mr. Ruben Morgan; and
  - 7) Mr. Leslie Oldfield.

- St. Ann
- 1) Mr. Aston Keith Rowe – **Chairman**;
  - 2) Mr. Berresford Anthony Carr – **Vice Chairman**;
  - 3) Mr. Rupert Anderson;
  - 4) Mr. Cargill Brown;
  - 5) Ms. Charmaine Deane;
  - 6) Ms. Sharon Sinclair; and
  - 7) Mrs. Marsha Henry Johnson.

#### Trelawny

- 1) Mr. Melbourne Jarrett – **Chairman**;
- 2) Miss Sharon Hall;
- 3) Mr. Garland McDonald;
- 4) Mr. Carlton Gordon;
- 5) Mr. Roy Buchanan; and
- 6) Miss Genille Atta.

#### Hanover

- 1) Ms. Lorraine Rosetta Allen – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Mr. Collin George Wright – **Vice Chairman**;
- 3) Mr. John Ishmael Davy;
- 4) Ms. Krystal-Gae Chapman;
- 5) Mr. Bryan Alphanso Miller;
- 6) Mr. Delroy A. Dewar; and
- 7) Ms. Delphina Louise Parkinson.

#### St. Catherine

- 1) Mr. Joseph Parker – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Vicki Hanson – **Vice Chairperson**;
- 3) Mr. Kenneth Burton;
- 4) Miss Audrey Fuller Maragh;
- 5) Mrs. Georgia Campbell Gordon;
- 6) Mr. Michael Morris; and
- 7) Mr. Earl Roberts.

#### Westmoreland

- 1) Mr. Balvin Leslie – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Collin Hitchman;
- 3) Mr. Cliff Reynolds;
- 4) Ms. Julet Kasantaroeno;
- 5) Mr. Andrew Gray;
- 6) Mrs. Keisha Chaplin; and
- 7) Mrs. Diane Gammon-Lacan.

#### St. Elizabeth

- 1) Mr. Clarence Miller– **Chairman**;
- 2) Mrs. Yvonne Morrison – **Vice Chairperson**;
- 3) Mrs. Cynthia Hill;
- 4) Mr. Lennox Thomas;
- 5) Mr. Brendon Lyslie; and
- 6) Mr. Winston Clarke.

Manchester

- 1) Mr. Luther Chantiloupe – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Kinsley Andrews – **Vice Chairman**;
- 3) Mr. Donald Wallace;
- 4) Mrs. Katherine Phillips-Lewis;
- 5) Ms. Judith Marshall;
- 6) Dr. Ansel Gilman; and
- 7) Ms. Mellissia Crawford.

Clarendon

- 1) Mr. Christopher Parcells – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Stainton Knott – **Vice Chairman**;
- 3) Ms. Shereen Bryan;
- 4) Mr. Ewan Scott;
- 5) Mr. Stanhope Porteous;
- 6) Mrs. Michelle Leiba; and
- 7) Ms. Emma Thomas.

St. James

- 1) Mr. Joseph Hyton – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mrs. Angella Whitter – **Vice Chairperson**;
- 3) Mr. Egerton Forrester;
- 4) Mrs. Myrtle Dwyer, OD;
- 5) Mr. Marlon Tingling;
- 6) Mrs. Shernett Annon-Rose; and
- 7) Mr. Leroy Gray.

(iv)

National Gallery of Jamaica

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 1 March 2021 to 29 February 2024, as under:

**Chairman;**

- 1) Senator the Honourable Thomas Tavares-Finson, OJ, CD, QC, JP –

**Chairman;**

- 2) Honourable Marigold Harding, CD, JP – **Vice Chairperson**;

- 3) Miss Susanne Fredricks;

- 4) Mr. Anthony Miller;

- 5) Ms. Annie Paul;

- 6) Mr. Josef Forstmayr, OD;

- 7) Mr. Stephen Facey, CD;

- 8) Dr. Douglas McDonald;

- 9) Mrs. Margaret Moodie-Jervis;

- 10) Mrs. Tina Spiro;

- 11) Mr. Alexander Johnson;

- 12) Ms. Tamara Williams;

- 13) Mrs. Carolyn McDonald-Riley;

Ex officio

- 14) Dr. Jonathan Greenland, Principal Administrator/Executive Director, National Gallery of Jamaica;
- 15) Mr. Vivian Crawford, OD, Executive Director, Institute of Jamaica; and
- 16) Ms. Jo-Anne Archibald, Principal Director, Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport.

(v) Negril and Green Island Area Local Planning Authority

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Authority for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 1 March 2021 to 28 February 2023, as under:

- 1) Mr. Ole Moe – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mrs. Delores O'Connor, OD;
- 3) Mr. Kevin Hammond;
- 4) Ms. Myrtle Dwyer, OD;
- 5) Mr. Richard Wallace;
- 6) Mr. Leonard Francis;
- 7) Mr. Rollin Alveranga;
- 8) Mr. Norman Biggs;
- 9) Mr. Ronald Brown;
- 10) Mr. David Gardner;
- 11) Mrs. Grace Whitley;
- 12) Miss Jillian Mason-Quarrie;
- 13) Mrs. Merna Ferguson-Campbell; and
- 14) Ms. Anna Reader.

(vi) University Council of Jamaica

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Council for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 1 March 2021 to 29 February 2024, as under:

- 1) Professor the Honourable Errol Morrison, OJ – **Chairman**;
- 2) Professor Brendon Bain – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) The Most Honourable Professor Sir Kenneth Hall, ON, GCMG, OJ;
- 4) Dr. Paul Ivey;
- 5) Dr. Suzette Haughton;
- 6) Dr. Vivienne Quarrie;
- 7) Dr. Violet Wright;
- 8) Dr. Jane Dodman;
- 9) Dr. Daniel Fokum;
- 10) Dr. Andrew Spencer;
- 11) Dr. Lowell Dilworth;
- 12) Mrs. Hyacinth Knight;
- 13) Ms. Leonie Campbell;
- 14) Mrs. Barbara Cadogan;
- 15) Mr. Everton Rattray;
- 16) Dr. Phylicia Marshall;



The Report further informed of the rationale for establishing the Chair in the Department of Government at the UWI; the mandate of the Chair; and the funding.

The Report also informed that the research to be spearheaded by the Transport Chair will ensure that current trends in the sector on a global level, which may have implications for the competitiveness of the nation's economy, are researched in a proactive manner to advise the policy development process.

The Report informed that transport is a catalyst for tourism and trade, among other economic sectors. The research-based strategy is being proffered with the intention to position the Government of Jamaica to further develop all modes of the transport sector in an integrated and efficient manner.

Cabinet considered a Report from the Ministry of Transport and Mining in connection with the establishment of a Transport Research Chair at the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus.

Mona Campus

(i) Establishment of a Transport Research Chair at the University of the West Indies.

6. Reports

The closure of the sugar factories over the last five years has dislocated the sugar industry in all the affected parishes. The Government is committed to assisting the farmers affected by this dislocation, and in the absence of this subsidy farmers would incur losses in excess of \$210 million.

Cabinet approved the utilisation of existing funds within the Sugar Industry Authority and the SCJ Holdings Limited, to provide transportation and logistics subsidy support for the movement of 35,000 tonnes of sugar cane for the 2020/2021 crop year.

5. Transportation Subsidy for the Movement of Sugar Cane for the 2020/2021 Crop Year

- 26) Ms. Althea Heron, Executive Director, University Council of Jamaica.
- 25) Dr. Asburn Pinnock, President, Mico University College; and
- 24) Professor Dennis Gayle, President, University of the Commonwealth Caribbean;
- 23) Professor Evan Duggan, President, Caribbean Maritime University;
- 22) Professor Colin Gyles, President (Acting), University of Technology, Jamaica;
- Caribbean;
- 21) Reverend Dr. Roderick Hewitt, President, International University of the
- 20) Dr. Garth Anderson, Principal, Church Teacher's College;
- 19) Mr. Philmore McCarthy, Principal, Excelsior Community College;
- Campus;
- 18) Professor Dale Webber, CD, Principal, University of the West Indies, Mona
- 17) Professor Lincoln Edwards, President, Northern Caribbean University;

Ex officio



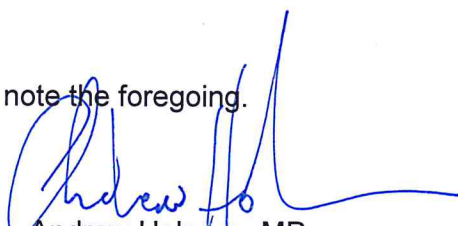
(ii) Status of Submission of Annual Reports by Government Entities as at 30 September 2020

Cabinet considered a Report from the Cabinet Office in connection with the status of the submission of Annual Reports by Government entities to Parliament for the financial year 2019/2020, as at 30 September 2020.

The Report informed of the requirement under the Public Bodies Management and Accountability Act, for public bodies to submit audited Annual Reports to the portfolio Ministers who should then have the same tabled in the Parliament; and that the Cabinet Office is currently tracking the reporting status of 158 public bodies.

The Report provided a summary of information with respect to the submission of Annual Reports for the 2019/2020 financial year, including that only one entity or (0.6%) of the 158 public bodies being tracked, is current, whilst 33 or 20% and 66 or 41% are one year and two to four years outstanding, respectively.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Andrew Holness, MP  
Prime Minister  
29 May 2021

