

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 27 SEPTEMBER 2021

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 27 September 2021:

1. Contracts;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Board Appointments; and
4. National Housing Trust Special Benefit Order.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Port Royal Potable Water Transmission Main Upgrade

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$312,472,713.66 to Ashtröm Building Systems Limited, for the Port Royal transmission main upgrade.

The transmission main, which is required to support the capital investments already made in Port Royal, is inefficient and unreliable and has to be replaced urgently. The scope of work includes the supply and installation of 8,600m of 315mm (12") diameter HDPE pipes together with various air and wash out valves.

(ii) Follow-On Contract for the Procurement of Motor Vehicle Consumables

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$598,500.00 or J\$92,790,990.00 to HID CID Limited, for the provision of motor vehicle consumables for a period of one (1) year, 2021 to 2022.

The scope of work includes the provision of 150,000 teslin driving licence cards; 150,000 driver's licence laminates; 750,000 motor vehicle registration certificates; 750,000 motor vehicle registration stickers; and 100,000 motor vehicle certificates of title.

(iii) Renovation of Restrooms at the Jamaica Conference Centre

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$115,088,755.00 to Geecho Consultants & Construction Limited, to undertake renovation works on the restrooms at the Jamaica Conference Centre located at 14 to 20 Port Royal Street, Kingston.

The scope of work includes, but is not limited to, demolition and site clearance as necessary, installation of tiles, doors, partitions, ceilings, vanity counters, sanitary fixtures, wall finishes, as well as glazing and painting, plumbing and electrical infrastructure as specified.

(iv) Supply of Clinical Chemistry Systems for General Chemistry and Immunochemistry to the Cornwall Regional Hospital

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of US\$2,229,521.23 to Facey Commodity Limited, for the supply of clinical systems for general chemical and immunochemistry for the Cornwall Regional Hospital (CRH) for a period of three (3) years.

The Western Regional Health Authority (WRHA) utilizes chemistry reagents in the conducting of a range of screening and diagnostic testing in the delivery of services at the Cornwall Regional Hospital. Such testing is applicable to identifying conditions such as diabetes and hyperthyroidism during clinical diagnosis and as part of regular health check-ups.

2. Annual Reports

Cabinet noted the Annual Reports for the:

- (i) Montego Bay Free Zone Company Limited for the Financial Year 2019/2020;
- (ii) National Task Force Against Trafficking in Persons for the Financial Year 2020/2021; and
- (iii) Police (Civilian Oversight) Authority for Financial Years 2015/2016 and 2016/2017.

3. Board Appointments

(i) Teachers' Services Commission

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Commission for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 27 September 2021 to 26 September 2024, as under:

- 1) Reverend Conrad Pitkin, CD – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Marigold Naar;
- 3) Mrs. Viralee Laibeaudiere, CD;
- 4) Mr. Garfield Higgins;
- 5) Mr. Marc Ramsay;
- 6) Mrs. Patricia Sinclair McCalla, CD;
- 7) Dr. Vivette Milson-Whyte;
- 8) Mrs. Dona Ann Lafayette-Foster;
- 9) Ms. Marcine Witter;
- 10) Mr. Byron Farquharson;
- 11) Dr. Charmaine Gooden-Monteith;
- 12) Dr. Mark Nicely;
- 13) Mr. Patrick Smith;
- 14) Mr. Howard Isaacs;
- 15) Mr. Jasford Gabriel;
- 16) Dr. Elaine Cunningham;
- 17) Reverend Merlyn Hyde-Riley;
- 18) Dr. Margaret Brissett-Bolt; and
- 19) Dr. Sherlette Rookwood Brown.

(ii) Visitors for Adult Correctional Centres

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Boards, with effect from 27 September 2021 to 9 May 2023, when the tenure of the Boards will expire:

- a. Richmond Farm Adult Correctional Centre – Mr. Clement Lloyd Clunis; and
- b. Horizon Adult Remand Adult Correctional Centre – Ms. Danielle Stewart.

(iii) Visitors for the South Camp Juvenile Correctional and Remand Centre

Cabinet approved the appointment Ms. Merdina Callum, JP to the Board, with effect from 27 September 2021 to 16 May 2023, when the tenure of the Board will expire.

4. National Housing Trust Special Benefit Order – Hummingbird Meadows, Phase 1, Housing Development, Clarendon

Cabinet approved the promulgation of a Special Benefit Order, effective 30 July 2021 to facilitate the allocation of sixteen (15) housing solutions at the Hummingbird Meadows, Phase 1, Housing Development in Clarendon, to contributors to the National Housing Trust who meet the specified criteria; and the issuance of drafting instructions to the Chief Parliamentary Counsel to facilitate the promulgation of the said Special Benefit Orders:

The Special Benefit Order will facilitate the allocation of 16 housing solutions to varying numbers of persons representing contributors from the Jamaica Constabulary Force, Jamaica Defence Force, Jamaica Teachers' Association, Nurses Association of Jamaica, Jamaica Civil Service Association, and the Jamaica Confederation of Trade Unions.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Andrew Holness, MP

Prime Minister

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