

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 16 MARCH 2015

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 16 March 2015:

1. Contracts;
2. Annual Reports;
3. Board Appointments;
4. Hosting of the International Maritime Organisation's Inaugural Conference on the Establishment of a Women in Maritime Association for the Caribbean;
5. Five-Year National Strategy for the Development of Jamaica's Outsourcing Industry;
6. Country Visit to Review Jamaica's Implementation of the Inter-American Convention Against Corruption;
7. A New Business Model for the Jamaican Ship Registry; and
8. Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Procurement of Computers

Cabinet approved the award of a contract to Fujitsu Caribbean (Jamaica) Limited in the amount of US\$690,199.56 for the procurement of 805 computers (desktops, laptops and servers) for the Jamaica Library Service.

The Jamaica Library Service provides information as well as recreational and educational services through a network of public and school libraries. The computers and related equipment are being acquired to improve access to technology at the aforementioned locations.

(ii) Driver's Licence System

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the amount of £253,449.00 to De La Rue International Limited (trading as De La Rue Identity Systems) for the provision of maintenance and support services to the Driver's Licence System operated by the Tax Administration of Jamaica (TAJ).

The Driver's Licence System operates as an end-to-end solution, that is, the supplier of the system provides all the hardware and/or software components and resources to meet the TAJ's requirement. In order for the System to work efficiently, all the component parts have to be in proper working condition to produce licences.

2. Annual Reports

Cabinet considered the Annual Reports of the:

- (i) Aeronautical Telecommunications Limited for the year ended 31 March 2014;
- (ii) Harmonisation Limited Group for the year ended 31 March 2014;
- (iii) National Road Operating and Constructing Company for the year ended 31 March 2014; and
- (iv) Transport Authority for the years ended 31 March 2008 and 2009.

These Reports will be tabled in Parliament at a later date.

3. Board Appointments

(i) Aeronautical Telecommunications Limited

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three years, with effect from 16 March 2015 to 15 March 2018:

- 1) Mrs. Maria Jones – **Chair**;
- 2) Mr. Andrew Price – **Deputy Chair**;
- 3) Mr. Johann Heaven;
- 4) Mrs. Joan-Marie Powell;
- 5) Mr. Hugh Martin;
- 6) Mr. Colin Leslie;
- 7) Mr. Jeffrey Spooner;
- 8) Mrs. Jodi Barrow; and
- 9) Mr. Nari Williams-Singh.

(ii) Bank of Jamaica

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three years, with effect from 16 March 2015 to 15 March 2018:

- 1) Mr. Brian Wynter – **Chair**;
- 2) Mr. John Robinson;
- 3) Mr. Devon Rowe;
- 4) Mr. Christopher Bicknell;
- 5) Dr. the Hon. Vincent Lawrence, OJ;
- 6) Mr. Dennis Morrison;
- 7) Dr. Christine Clarke;
- 8) Ms. Janice Holness; and
- 9) Mr. Gary 'Butch' Hendrickson.

(iii) Montego Bay Metro Company Limited

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three years, with effect from 16 March 2015 to 15 March 2018:

- 1) Mr. Gordon Brown – **Chair**;
- 2) Mr. Devon Watkis;
- 3) Mr. Collington Campbell;
- 4) Mr. Clive Antonio Peterkin;
- 5) Mr. Donald Colomathi;

- 6) Mr. Aldin Bellinfanti;
- 7) Mr. Norman Reid;
- 8) Mr. George Duncan;
- 9) Ms. Paula Brown; and
- 10) Mr. Kenneth Hay.

(iv) Ports Security Corps

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three years, with effect from 16 March 2015 to 15 March 2018:

- 1) Mr. Brian George – **Chair**;
- 2) Mr. Robert Finzi-Smith;
- 3) Mr. Mark Chisholm;
- 4) Ms. Carol Palmer;
- 5) Reverend Dr. Paul Gardner;
- 6) Ms. Michelle Bryan;
- 7) Ms. Francine Staple;
- 8) Mr. David Yee Sing;
- 9) Mr. Leo Osbourne;
- 10) Mr. Orane Bailey;
- 11) Mrs. Yvonne Barnett-Russell;
- 12) Lt. Colonel Derek Robinson;
- 13) Commissioner of Police or Nominee; and
- 14) President, Airports Authority of Jamaica or Nominee.

(v) Southern Regional Health Authority

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board of Management for a period of three years, with effect from 16 March 2015 to 15 March 2018:

- 1) Mr. Michael Stewart – **Chair**;
 - 2) Mrs. Natalie Walker Rose;
 - 3) Ms. Doreen Evans;
 - 4) Mr. Hopeton McCatty;
 - 5) Mr. Seymour Stewart;
 - 6) Mrs. Claudine Heaven;
 - 7) Mr. Carlton Balley;
 - 8) Ms. Nancy Davis;
 - 9) Mrs. Grace Foster Reid;
- Ex officio Members**
- 10) Regional Director, Southern Regional Health Authority;
 - 11) Chief Executive Officer, Mandeville Regional Hospital;
 - 12) Senior Medical Officer, Mandeville Regional Hospital;
 - 13) Regional Technical Director, Southern Regional Health Authority; and
 - 14) Nominee of Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health.

4. Hosting of the International Maritime Organisation's Inaugural Conference on the Establishment of a Women in Maritime Association for the Caribbean

Cabinet gave approval for Jamaica to host the Inaugural Conference for the establishment of a Women in Maritime Association in the Caribbean, in Montego Bay, St. James over the period 13 to 17 April 2015.

The year 2015 marks the 27th year of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) gender programme, which includes strengthening maritime resource development. One of the drivers of the programme has been the establishment of formal regional linkages between women managers in the maritime and port sectors, to provide a permanent channel for the exchange of information, relating particularly to the effective implementation of international instruments governing maritime safety, security and the prevention of pollution from ships. To date, six Associations have been established in various regions under the auspices of the IMO.

5. Five-Year National Strategy for the Development of Jamaica's Outsourcing Industry

Cabinet gave approval for the Government of Jamaica to adopt for implementation, the Five-Year National Strategy for the Development of Jamaica's Outsourcing Industry.

The National Strategy seeks to coordinate and optimise the potential economic benefits of the global outsourcing industry for the country's growth and development. The initiatives contained in the Strategy are designed to fast-track growth in the industry and could result in the creation of approximately 18,000 additional jobs over the next five years.

6. Country Visit to Review Jamaica's Implementation of the Inter-American Convention Against Corruption

Cabinet gave approval for the upcoming country visit by the Organisation of American States (OAS) to review Jamaica's Implementation of the Inter-American Convention Against Corruption.

Jamaica became a Party to the Inter-American Convention against Corruption on March 16, 2001. Jamaica was reviewed during the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Rounds of review in 2005, 2008, 2011 and 2014 respectively. During those Rounds of review, several recommendations were made with respect to steps to be taken by Jamaica to improve the country's implementation of the Convention. The Convention calls for State Parties to implement modern mechanisms to prevent, detect, punish, and eradicate acts of corruption.

7. A New Business Model for the Jamaican Ship Registry

Cabinet gave approval for the Maritime Authority of Jamaica (MAJ) to identify and engage suitable private investor partners for the privatisation of the management, operation, and promotion of the Jamaica Ship Registry and related services.

Cabinet further gave approval for the establishment of an Enterprise Team/Steering Committee comprising the following persons, to oversee and manage the strategic engagement with potential investment partners:

- 1) Mr. Robert Kinlocke – **Chair**;
- 2) Mr. Patrick Atkinson, QC, MP, Attorney General or Representative;
- 3) Mr. Devon Rowe, CD, Financial Secretary or Representative;
- 4) Rear Admiral (Ret'd) Peter Brady, Director General, Maritime Authority of Jamaica;
- 5) Ms. Valerie Simpson, Director of Transport Policy, Ministry of Transport, Works and Housing; and
- 6) Mr. Milverton Reynolds, Managing Director, Development Bank of Jamaica or Representative.

Having regard to the fact that maritime administrations, such as the MAJ, are unable to generate revenue for the services rendered in discharge of its obligations, governments tend to underwrite the operations for their maritime administrations. Resource constraints and prevailing Government policies relative to public sector reform however, dictated the need for MAJ to identify and pursue activities for self-sustainability.

8. Reports

(i) Status of the Development of the Cannabis Industries

Cabinet noted a report outlining the work underway by various Government entities in relation to the development of the industrial hemp and medical marijuana industries in Jamaica.

The report provided information on the importance of developing new industries and diversifying the economy in furtherance of the Growth Agenda; the planned development of the local industrial hemp and medical marijuana industries; the key activities in progress; and further activities planned, such as research and development and public education.

(ii) International Accreditation From the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) and the Century International Quality ERA (CQE) Award – Caribbean Maritime Institute (CMI)

Cabinet noted a report on achievements by the Caribbean Maritime Institute (CMI) in international accreditation, leadership and management for programme delivery and research.

The report advised of accreditation for six degree programmes that had been received by the CMI from the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT), United Kingdom; the selection of the CMI for the Century International Quality ERA (CQE) Award, Gold Category, from Business Initiative Directions (BID), Geneva, Switzerland; the CILT and the BID; and the benefits associated with the accreditation and the award.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Portia Simpson Miller, MP
Prime Minister
2 April 2015

