

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 16 FEBRUARY 2015

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

1. Contracts;
2. Legislation Matters;
3. Annual Reports;
4. Board Appointments; and
5. Third Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Latin American and Caribbean States.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contracts

(i) Construction of Caymanas Sewage Conveyance System

Cabinet approved the award of a contract by the Urban Development Corporation to Y.P. Seaton & Associates Company Limited in the amount of J\$624,000,082.48 for the construction of the Caymanas Sewage Conveyance System at Caymanas, St Catherine.

The Urban Development Corporation is responsible for putting in place the necessary infrastructure in the Caymanas Estate Development Area for the benefit of developers who acquire segments of the 9,500 acre estate in accordance with the overall land use plan for the area. The infrastructure works include the construction of a sewage conveyance system from Caymanas Estate to the National Water Commission's operations at the Soapberry Sewage Treatment Plant.

(ii) Turn Key Cancer Treatment Centres

Cabinet approved the award of contract to Varian Medical Systems for the supply of equipment and construction of Cancer Treatment Centres at two (2) public health facilities, namely the Cornwall Regional Hospital and the St. Joseph's Hospital, in the sum of US\$14,465,747.10.

Given the epidemiological evidence confirming an increase in the incidence of certain cancers in Jamaica and the significant cost and human resource burden placed on the public health sector, there is a need to enhance efficiency and quality of care for cancer patients through improved technological options and protocols.

2. Legislation Matters

(i) The Property Tax (Amendment) Act, The Land Valuation (Amendment) Act, and The Tax Collection (Amendment) Act

Cabinet approved for tabling in the Houses of Parliament the three (3) Bills entitled "The Property Tax (Amendment) Act, 2015", "The Land Valuation (Amendment) Act, 2015", and "The Tax Collection (Amendment) Act, 2015".

The Bills seek to amend these Acts so as to expand the compliance and enforcement mechanisms available in law relating to property tax, including the introduction of a procedure for the sale of property in arrears for Property Tax.

(ii) The Income Tax (Amendment) Act

Cabinet gave approval for the introduction of the Bill entitled “the Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 2015” into the Houses of Parliament.

The Bill seeks to amend the Act in order to introduce a transfer pricing regime. This regime will provide Jamaica with a substantive and robust anti-avoidance mechanism to ensure its tax jurisdiction over cross-border activities.

3. Annual Reports

Cabinet considered the Annual Reports of the:

- (i) Early Childhood Commission for the year ended 31 March 2014; and
- (ii) Public Accountancy Board for the year ended 31 March 2014.

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

4. Board Appointments

(i) Social Development Commission

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of Mr. James Walsh as Chairman, with effect from 16 February 2015 to 10 June 2015 when the tenure of the Board would expire.

(ii) Jamaica International Financial Services Authority

Cabinet gave approval for appointment of the following persons to the Authority for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 16 February 2015 to 15 February 2017:

- 1) Mr. Eric Crawford – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Peter Goldson – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Mr. Reginald Nugent;
- 4) Mr. Sezvin Hamilton;
- 5) Ms. Shauna Trowers;
- 6) Mr. Oliver Chen;
- 7) Ms. Lisa Bell;
- 8) Ms. Diane Edwards;
- 9) Mr. Andrae Blair;
- 10) Ms. Sandra Bailey;
- Ex officio members**
- 11) Mrs. Nicole Foster Pusey;
- 12) Mr. Leon Anderson; and
- 13) Representative, Bank of Jamaica.

(iii) Jamaica Mortgage Bank

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 27 February 2015 to 26 February 2018:

- 1) Mr. Howard Mollison – **Chairman**;

- 2) Ms. Lorna Phillips – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Mr. Patrick Gayle;
- 4) Mr. Ryan Reid;
- 5) Mr. Carl Tucker;
- 6) Mrs. Doreen Prendergast; and
- 7) Ms. Carlene O'Connor.

(iii) Kingston Free Zone Company Limited

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 16 February 2015 to 15 February 2017:

- 1) Mr. Clive Fagan – **Chairman**;
- 2) Dr. Eric Deans;
- 3) Mr. Jack Shirley;
- 4) Mr. Ricardo James;
- 5) Mr. Byron Clarke;
- 6) Mr. James Thomas;
- 7) Mr. Carl Blake;
- 8) Mr. Ian Kelly;
- 9) Mr. Kirk Brown;
- 10) Ms. Melissa Walters;
- 11) Ms. Leanne Phillips; and
- 12) Ms. Hilma McNeil-Daniels.

(iv) Tourism Enhancement Fund

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 27 February 2015 to 26 February 2017:

- 1) Senator Noel Sloley – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Trevor Riley – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Mr. Paul Pennicook;
- 4) Mrs. Nicola Madden-Greig;
- 5) Mrs. Maxine Henry-Wilson;
- 6) Mr. David Dobson;
- 7) Ms. Shawna Trowers;
- 8) Mr. Harry Maragh;
- 9) Mr. Gregory Lawrence;
- 10) Mr. John Lynch;
- 11) Mrs. Evelyn Smith;
- 12) Mr. Clyde Harrison – **ex officio**; and
- 13) Representative, Association of Jamaica Attractions Limited.

(v) Urban Development Corporation

Cabinet gave approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 16 February 2015 to 15 February 2018:

- 1) Senator the Honourable K.D. Knight, OJ, QC – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Norman Minott – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Mr. Ralston Hyman;

- 4) Mr. Shalman Scott;
- 5) Mrs. Marcia Edwards;
- 6) Mr. Andrew Azar;
- 7) Lt. Col. David Cummings;
- 8) Mr. Clinton Clarke;
- 9) Senator Lambert Brown;
- 10) Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson;
- 11) Mr. Derrick Webb;
- 12) Ms. Pamela Redwood;
- 13) Mr. Patrick Peterkin;
- 14) Bishop Rudolph Daley;
- 15) Mr. Reynold Scott;
- 16) Ms. Greta Bogues;
- 17) Ms. Lucille Brodber;
- 18) Mr. Robert Martin; and
- 19) Mrs. Sonia Hyman, CD.

5. Third Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Latin American and Caribbean States

Cabinet noted a report advising of the participation of a delegation led by the Prime Minister in the Third Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), held in Belén, Republic of Costa Rica, over the period 28 to 29 January 2015.

The report advised that the Third CELAC Summit was convened under the theme “Building Together”. The report also advised that the Draft Political Declaration of Belén, the Draft CELAC Action Plan for 2015 and the Draft Special Declarations submitted by Member States were adopted at the meeting.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



Portia Simpson Miller, MP  
Prime Minister  
27 February 2015