

CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS **POST MEETING STATEMENT**

CABINET DECISIONS

5th, 12th and 19th September, 2018

His Excellency the Governor Augustus J. U. Jaspert chaired the Wednesday, 5th, 12th and 19th September, 2018 meetings at the Premier's Office Conference Room.

All Ministers were present at the meeting of 5th September, 2018, with the exception of the Minister for Communications and Works Hon. Mark Vanterpool who was absent on private business. The Attorney General Hon. Baba Aziz was on annual leave and Ms. Fikile Dlamini acted in the office of the Attorney General.

All Members were present at the meeting of 12th September, 2018, with the exception of Deputy Premier and Minister for Natural Resources and Labour Hon. Kedrick Pickering and Minister for Health and Social Development Hon. Ronnie W. Skelton, who were overseas on travel duty.

All Members were present at the meeting of 19th September, 2018.

At the 5th September meeting, Cabinet:

1. Accepted the Eighth Annual Report and Financial Report for 2016 of the Office of the Complaints Commission for the year ending 31st December, 2016 and approved that both reports be tabled in the House of Assembly at its next convenient sitting. **(Action: Governor's Office)**
2. Approved the implementation arrangements for the Country Assessment of Living Conditions (CALC) in the Virgin Islands and approved that the Chief Planner be appointed as a member of the National Assessment Team. **(Action: Ministry of Health and Social Development)**
3. Approved the re-appointment of Mr. Paul Thomas III, Mrs. Helen Frett, and Pastor Gregory George as members of the Public Assistance Committee for a period of two (2) years with effect from 3rd February, 2018 to 2nd February, 2020 pursuant to Section 3 (2) of the Public Assistance Act, 2013. **(Action: Ministry of Health and Social Development)**

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4. Noted that Public Service Week 2018 will be held from 8th to 15th October under the theme, “Transforming Together”; and that the chairmanship of the week will be held by the Premier’s Office. (**Action: Deputy Governor’s Office**)

At the 12th September meeting, Cabinet:

1. Received an update on the Territory’s readiness activities for the 2018 Atlantic Hurricane Season. (**Action: Deputy Governor’s Office**)
2. Approved the waiving of the tender process for the engagement of Legal Counsel Mr. Michael Furness, QC for up to \$400,000 to draft legislation on economic substance, which the Government has committed to bring into force by the end of 2018. (**Action: Premier’s Office**)
3. Approved the proposal for the Virgin Islands Ships Registry (VISR), as the Maritime Administration for the Government of the Virgin Islands, to become an Associate Member of the Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control in the Caribbean Region (CMOU) for the years 2019 and 2020. (**Action: Premier’s Office**)
4. Approved the proposal for the VISR, as the Maritime Administration for the Government of the Virgin Islands, to become a full Member of the Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control for the Caribbean Region from the year 2021 onwards. (**Action: Premier’s Office**)
5. Approved that Resolutions in support of Schedule of Additional Provision No. 3 of 2007 (2018), Schedule of Additional Provision No. 2 of 2008 (2018), Schedule of Additional Provision No. 3 of 2009 (2018), Schedule of Additional Provision No. 3 of 2010 (2018), and Schedule of Additional Provision No. 3 of 2011 (2018) be introduced in the House of Assembly at its next convenient sitting. (**Action: Ministry of Finance**)
6. Approved the Segregated Portfolio Companies (BVI Business Company) (Amendment) Regulations, 2018 and the Segregated Portfolio Companies (Mutual Funds) (Amendment) Regulations, 2018 (hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Regulations”). (**Action: Ministry of Finance**)
7. Approved the re-appointment of Ms. Linnell M. Abbott as member of the British Virgin Islands Ports Authority for a period of three (3) years with effect from 25th July, 2018 until 24th July, 2021. (**Action: Ministry of Communications and Works**)
8. Approved the re-appointment of Mr. Walford Farrington as member of the British Virgin Islands Ports Authority for a period of two and one half (2½) years with

retroactive to 16th January, 2018 until 15th June, 2021. (**Action: Ministry of Communications and Works**)

9. Approved the re-appointment of Ms. Pearl Smith as member of the British Virgin Islands Electricity Corporation for a period of three (3) years with effect from 1st September, 2018 until 31st August, 2021. (**Action: Ministry of Communications and Works**)
10. Approved the Cabinet Office implementing of the ExcoTrack software, a web-based document management tool to streamline Cabinet processes, which would also support the digitisation and greening objectives under the Public Service Transformation Initiative. (**Action: Cabinet Office**)

At the 19th September meeting, Cabinet:

11. Accepted the recommendations from the 2015 General Elections Report, which were adopted by the House of Assembly. (**Action: Deputy Governor's Office**)
12. Approved the use of the DS 200 Precinct Scanner and e-poll books for use in the next General Elections and decided that the Territory move to a single ballot process for the next General Elections. (**Action: Deputy Governor's Office**)
13. Recommended Mr. Thor Downing to the Governor for reappointment to the Building Authority as a Member for a period of three (3) years with effect from 1st January 2018 until 31st December, 2020. (**Action: Ministry of Communications and Works**)
14. Recommended Mr. Ashton Baronville to the Governor for reappointment to the Building Authority as a Member for a period of three (3) years with effect from 1st July 2018 until 30th June, 2021. (**Action: Ministry of Communications and Works**)
15. Recommended Mr. Dion Stoutt to the Governor for appointment to the Building Authority as a Member for a period of two and one half (2½) years with effect from 1st October 2018. (**Action: Ministry of Communications and Works**)

Further information on these matters will be provided by the Premier and Ministers in due course.

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