



CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT

CABINET DECISIONS **25th October, 2018**

His Excellency the Governor Augustus J. U. Jaspert chaired the meeting on Thursday, 25th October, 2018 at the Premier's Office Conference Room.

All Members were present, with the exception of the Deputy Premier and Minister for Natural Resources and Labour Dr. the Hon. Kedrick Pickering and Minister for Communications and Works Honourable Mark Vanterpool, who were absent due to official overseas business and private business, respectively.

Cabinet:

1. Noted the report from the Planning Committee on Government's Involvement for the Official Funeral for Mr. Elton Georges, CMG, OBE, and agreed:
 - (a) to the establishment of a Committee, comprising of officials from various ministries/departments, to review the Planning Committee's recommendations, as well as the related 2006 guidelines; and
 - (b) that the Committee, under the chairmanship of a designated official in the Premier's Office, be tasked with recommending updated guidelines to be submitted for Cabinet's consideration within three (3) months.
2. Noted the Auditor General's Special Report into the Elmore Stoutt High School Wall project and that the Report would be laid in the House of Assembly no later than 27th November, 2018 by the Premier, on behalf of the Governor.
3. Received and considered the Financial Services Commission's 2017 Annual Report, 2019 Strategic Work Plan, 2019 Revenue and Expenditure Budget, and pursuant to section 24 of the Financial Services Commission Act, 2001, approved the 2019 Budget and Work Plan of the Financial Services Commission.
4. Authorised the BVI Tourist Board to pay fifty thousand, seven hundred and forty-five dollars (\$50,745.00) to VI Airlink Inc. for services provided for the period 1st June 2016 to 31st December, 2016.

5. Discussed the Elmore Stoutt High School – L-Shaped Building Restoration Project and decided that:
 - (a) the tender process be waived for consultancy services, in the form of management services, for the Elmore Stoutt High School – L-Shaped Building restoration project due to the familiarity with and urgency of the project and that the contract be awarded to SA Architect for the sum not to exceed one hundred and thirty-two thousand, one hundred and forty-two dollars and forty-five cents (\$132,142.45); and
 - (b) the contract amount of \$132,142.45 be approved in the next Schedule of Additional Provision.
6. Discussed the introduction of a Digital Textbook for Public Secondary Schools – Grade 9 and decided:
 - (a) to waive the tender process to allow the Government of the Virgin Islands to continue its agreement for five (5) years with FortunaPIX under for the provision of digital textbooks for Grade 9 students; and
 - (b) that parents/guardians of Grade 9 students be required to pay an annual rental fee of one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125) for the use of the tablet with all the textbooks for the 2018/2019 school year.

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