

THE CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT

CABINET DECISIONS
9th and 16th February, 2022

Cabinet Meeting – 9th February, 2022

His Excellency, the Governor John J. Rankin, CMG, chaired the Meeting held virtually on 9th February, 2022.

All Members were present, with the exception of the Attorney General, who was on annual leave.

The Cabinet:

1. Considered and approved the Bill entitled, Mutual Legal Assistance (Tax Matters) (Amendment) Act, 2022 and decided that the Bill be introduced for its first reading in the House of Assembly at the next convenient Sitting.
2. Decided that the tender process, with respect to the selection of the following contractors, undertake the provision of security services, meals and temporary lodging, for persons held in detention by the Immigration Department, be waived:
 - a. Alfred Christopher *dba* "Hotel Castle Maria"
 - b. Top Priority Security Services Limited
 - c. D'Urville O. Carty *dba* "Top Brass Security Services"
 - d. Triple A Security Inc.
 - e. Elton Leonard *dba* "Bobby's Market Place"
 - f. Thecla Hopkins *dba* "Freedom Book Café"; and
 - g. noted that requesting a waiver of the tender process in these instances is unavoidable as they occur spontaneously and are therefore unforeseeable and unplanned; and
 - h. decided that the funding for associated costs for temporary lodging, security services and meals be provided via Supplementary Appropriations, in the amount of one million, three hundred and sixty-eight thousand, seven hundred dollars (\$1,368,700.00), which is to be regularised in the next Scheduled of Additional Provision.

3. Noted the main findings of the report COVID-19 HEAT Report - Human and Economic Assessment of Impact - British Virgin Islands.
4. Approved two applications to use the seabed for the installation of mooring buoys in the following areas: Saba Rock (North Sound) by S.R.-R. Limited (formerly known as Saba Rock Resort Company Ltd.) and Mooney Bay Blue Ocean, Limited.
5. Reviewed and accepted the 2020 Annual Report for the Land Registry Department and decided that it be laid on the table in the House of Assembly at the next convenient Sitting.
6. Considered and approved the Bill entitled, Non-Profit Organisations Act, 2022 and decided that the Bill be introduced in the House of Assembly for its first reading at its next convenient Sitting.
7. Approved eight Non-Belonger Land Holding Licence applications.

Cabinet Meeting – 16th February, 2022

His Excellency, the Governor John J. Rankin, CMG, chaired the Meeting held virtually on 16th February, 2022.

All Members were present, with the exception of the Attorney General, who was on annual leave.

The Cabinet:

1. Approved the re-appointment of Mr. Jasen Fahie and Ms. Pearl Smith to serve as members on the BVI Electricity Corporation Board in accordance with Section 6(1) of the British Virgin Islands Electricity Corporation Ordinance (CAP 277), for a period of one (1) year with effect from 23rd February, 2022 to 22nd February, 2023.
2. Approved an amendment of the COVID-19 Economic Stimulus: Waiver of Stamp Duty on the Sale or Transfer of Property to Belongers on the instrument of sale or transfer to a first-time property owner for a period of not less than one (1) year; and
 - a. decided that the Ministry of Finance instruct the Attorney General's Chambers to amend the CAP 212 Stamp Duties Act and the Statutory Rates, Fees and Charges Act, 2005, as appropriate, and draft the requisite Resolution; and

- b. instructed the Financial Secretary to submit a report to the Cabinet on the "Special Exemptions" on Stamp Duties in one year's time after implementation.
3. Noted the information provided as it relates to shark research currently ongoing in the waters of the British Virgin Islands.
4. Approved three Non-Belonger Land Holding Licence applications.

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