



CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT

CABINET DECISIONS **24th April, 2019**

Deputy to Governor Mr. David Archer, Jr. chaired the Meeting held on 24th April, 2019 in the absence of Governor Augustus Jaspert, who was on annual leave. The meeting was held at the Premier's Conference Room, Central Administration Building.

All Members were present.

Cabinet Meeting – 24th April, 2019

The Cabinet:

1. Decided that due to the numerous mechanical issues being experienced with the Premier's official vehicle and the related safety concerns, the formal tendering process be waived for the purchasing of a new vehicle, a 2019 Cadillac Escalade, from Virgin Islands Motors, Ltd. in the amount of \$115,600.00, which includes all costs related to fees, taxes, wharfage, custom duties and landing.
2. Considered and approved the Bill entitled, Consumer Protection Act, 2019 for establishing the legal framework for consumer protection and decided that the Bill be introduced in the House of Assembly for its first reading at the next convenient meeting.
3. Reviewed and approved the Business Licence Policy for Business, Professions & Trade, which seeks to repeal and replace the Business Profession & Trade Licence Act (CAP 200) 1989; decided to adopt the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC), Rev. 4 as the structure for identifying and classifying all economic activities within the Virgin Islands and that the existing trade licence structure and fees schedule be replaced with the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC), as outlined in the Business Licence Re-classification; decided that the economic activities identified as 'RESERVED' and "Joint Venture" should be reserved for or require joint ownership with Belongers; decided on the implementation of the proposed administration fees and that the Premier's Office instruct the Attorney General's Chambers to draft the appropriate instruments.

4. Decided that the following membership of the Virgin Islands Climate Change Trust Fund Board be revoked effective 24th April, 2019: Mr. Edward Childs (Chairman); Mr. John Klein (Deputy Chairman) and Members: Ms. Shelly Bends, Dr. Shannon Gore, Mr. Ronnie Lettsome and Dr. Katherine Smith.
5. Decided that in ensuring and maintaining the National Security of the Territory of the Virgin Islands, approved the amendment of the Immigration and Passport Act (CAP. 130) Section 24 by adding a new section 24(a), which would enable the Minister, in his discretion, to grant any person permission to land and remain in the Territory for such period, as he may determine, in cases where a person does not qualify to land and remain in the Territory under section 23(1)(g) in cases such as, but not limited to, religious leaders, entertainers, activists, national heroes, sports personalities, motivational speakers and persons who would boost the Territory's tourism product and can add to the substance of the Virgin Islands in the areas of religion, education, sports, culture and tourism. The Premier's Office would instruct the Attorney General to draft the relevant amendment to the Immigration and Passport Amendment Act.

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