



CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT

CABINET DECISIONS

4th March, 2020

His Excellency, the Acting Governor David D. Archer, Jr. chaired the Meeting held on 4th March, 2020, in the absence of Governor Augustus Jaspert, who was overseas on personal leave. The Meeting was held at the Ralph T. O'Neal Administration Complex.

All Members were present.

The Cabinet:

1. Decided on payment of the retiring allowance to former Speaker of the House of Assembly, Mrs. Ingrid Moses-Scatliffe, in accordance with Section 3 of the Retiring Allowances (Legislative Services) Act (Cap 139).
2. Decided on the following interim Public Service Travel Policy in response to the 2019 Novel Corona-virus:
 - i. there should be no business travel for public officers and officials to high risk areas within countries that have been designated by the World Health Organisation as having confirmed cases of corona-virus;
 - ii. pressing business needs to any of these jurisdictions must be approved by the Cabinet;
 - iii. persons who have travelled to an affected area for business or personal travel or believe they have been in contact with someone who has been infected by the virus while travelling, should adhere to the following procedures immediately upon their return to the Territory:
 - a. complete and submit the public health declaration form provided at ports of entry to the designated public officer at the port of entry;

- b. present themselves to a designated Public Health Facility for a medical assessment and a determination as to if they should undergo testing for Coronavirus;
 - c. follow all procedures and instructions of the medical personnel at the designated Public Health Facility; and
 - d. do not report to the office during this period of time and until they are able to present a medical certificate of health completed by a licensed physician from the designated Public Health Facility confirming that they have been deemed medically cleared to return to the workplace.
3. Approved the Leader of the Opposition's nomination of Mr. Lloyd Black to be appointed as a non-executive Director to the Prospect Reef Management Company Board for a period of one (1) year, effective 4th March, 2020.
4. Noted the Preliminary Report of the Financial and Business Impact of Covid19 virus on the British Virgin Islands.
5. Decided that Mr. Arnold C. Smith be appointed as member of the Taxi and Livery Commission, representing Taxi-Cab Operators in Tortola, pursuant to s. 3(1)(h) of the Road Traffic (Taxi and Livery Commission) Regulations, 1997, as amended, for a period of three (3) years with effect from 1st February, 2020 to 31st January, 2023 and that Mr. Kenrico Wheatley, Sr., be re-appointed as member representing the Livery Service Operators in the Territory, pursuant to s. 3(1)(j) of the Road Traffic (Taxi and Livery Commission) Regulations, 1997, as amended, for the unexpired period of his one and one-half (1 1/2) year tenure, effective 1st February, 2020.
6. Approved a number of Non-Belongers land holding licence applications and one Bank charge on Crown land leased for commercial purposes.

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