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

### **CABINET DECISIONS**

10<sup>th</sup> October, 2018

His Excellency the Governor Augustus J. U. Jaspert chaired the meeting on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 at the Premier's Office Conference Room.

All Members were present at the meeting.

#### **Cabinet:**

1. Noted the progress on the Public Service Management Bill and agreed to the consultation strategy with key stakeholders on the Bill to be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2018. **(Action: Deputy Governor's Office)**
2. Discussed the Recovery and Development Act, 2018 (Regulations) and
  - (a) approved the following principles to form the basis of the final drafting instructions for regulations for the Recovery and Development Act:
    - (i) framework for interaction, responsibilities and exchange of information between the Ministries and the Recovery and Development Agency;
    - (ii) guidelines for capacity building during recovery and development for the immediate and long-term benefit of the Territory and that the threshold for international bidding be set at two million dollars (\$2M);
    - (iii) guidelines and procedures for procurement of goods and services;
    - (iv) provide for Cabinet (Ministries) to set out its three (3) year priorities (consistent with the Plan) and an annual letter of expectations for RDA's implementation, and which should be considered and reflected in an Implementation Schedule to be developed by the RDA;

- (v) provide that Cabinet can re-assess its priorities for projects and initiatives (consistent with the Plan) on an annual basis, for RDA's implementation;
- (vi) require that the RDA develops, in consultation with the Ministries, an Implementation Schedule setting out the most economic, efficient and effective manner of implementing the initiatives of the Plan, and which should reflect the priorities set by Cabinet; and
- (vii) set out that the Lead Minister may convene a committee of the whole House of Assembly to discuss and agree any aspects of RDA's implementation schedule, work plan and budget.

(b) agreed that the draft RDA Procurement Handbook, as amended, be advanced as the substantive procurement regulations incorporating the principles proposed; and

(c) agreed that regulations be developed expeditiously and be submitted for Cabinet's decision by 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2018. **(Action: Premier's Office)**

3. Reviewed and approved the revised version of the Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Plan and decided that the Plan be tabled in the House of Assembly at the next convenient sitting. **(Action: Premier's Office)**

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

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