



CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
POST MEETING STATEMENT

CABINET DECISIONS
18th October, 2018

His Excellency the Governor Augustus J. U. Jaspert chaired the meeting on Thursday, 18th October, 2018 at the Premier's Office Conference Room.

All Members were present at the meeting.

Cabinet:

1. Discussed the Classification of Risk Officers in the Department of Waste Management and

(a) decided that the following Waste Management Officers be classified as Risk Officers and that they be provided full National Health Insurance coverage:

- (i) Assistant Manager (Incinerator)
- (ii) Executive Officer
- (iii) Custodial Worker- (Incinerator)
- (iv) Heavy Equipment Operator II
- (v) Heavy Equipment Operator III
- (vi) Incinerator Plant Foreman
- (vii) Incinerator Plant Manager
- (viii) Plant Maintenance Officer
- (ix) Plant Maintenance Programme Supervisor
- (x) Programme Supervisor
- (xi) Plant Operator Technician
- (xii) Recycling Officer
- (xiii) Sanitation Officer
- (xiv) Senior Plant Operator Technician
- (xv) Senior Executive Officer
- (xvi) Waste Management Officer
- (xvii) Waste Management Trainee

(b) decided that payments be made retroactive to 1st January, 2017 and paid by 1st December, 2018 and onwards; and

(c) decided that the Minister for Health and Social Development further review and submit other roles that could be classified as Risk Officers to be eligible for remuneration. **(Action: Ministry of Health and Social Development)**

2. Approved the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Virgin Islands Shipping Registry and the United Kingdom Hydro Graphic Office and decided that the Attorney General review the draft MOU and finalize its content and structure for signing accordingly. **(Action: Premier's Office)**

3. Noted the submission, dated 18th September, 2018, made on behalf of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the Inquiry of the Foreign Affairs Committee on the future of the UK Overseas Territories. **(Action: Premier's Office)**

4. Decided that, subject to the approval of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the proposal for one (1) coin, *Bi-Centenary of the Birth of Queen Victoria*, be minted by Pobjoy Mint Ltd., in accordance with the five (5) year agreement between Pobjoy Mint Ltd. and the Government of the Virgin Islands. **(Action: Ministry of Finance)**

5. Decided that the Government of the Virgin Islands enters into a Tenancy Agreement for storage accommodation for the Department of Immigration and the Magistrate's Court **(Action: Deputy Governor's Office)**.

6. Granted an exemption of Customs duty for two (2) farmers for agricultural equipment valuing over \$100,000 to restore their poultry farms that were devastated by Hurricanes Irma and Maria. This is in accordance with section 54(3) of the Customs Management Duties Act, 2010. **(Action: Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour)**.

7. Agreed that approval be given to leasing office space from Road Town Wholesale Trading Limited (RTW) to accommodate the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force (RVIPF) for a period of one (1) year retroactively from 1st April, 2018 until 31st March, 2019. **(Action: Deputy Governor's Office)**

8. Discussed the Grant of Land – Stevens Estate Subdivision and

(a) noted the provisions on the distribution of lands in Stevens Estate as recommended by the Stevens Land Subdivision Committee;

(b) agreed on the sale of Crown property identified as Parcel 338, Block 3440B, East End Registration Section, measuring 0.29 of an acre;

(c) decided on the sale of Crown property identified as Parcel 255, Block 3240A, Long Look Registration Section, measuring 0.1828 of an acre;

- (d) agreed that the applicant be given the option of a lump sum payment or a payment plan not exceeding a five (5) year period;
- (e) decided that the property shall be used for residential purposes only;
- (f) agreed that the covenants for the Stevens Estate Subdivision be included in the Instrument of Transfer; and
- (g) agreed that the temporary water treatment plant located at the center of the registered public right-of-way servicing Parcels 255 and 379, Block 3240A, Long Look Registration Section be relocated, within eighteen (18) months after the completion of the EE/LL National Sewerage Project.
(Action: Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour)

9. Approved that the Bill entitled, Nurses and Midwives Act, 2018, which seeks to bring it in line with modern practices and to strengthen the framework for nursing in the Territory, be introduced for its first reading in the House of Assembly at its next convenient sitting. **(Action: Ministry of Health and Social Development.)**

10. Approved the appointment of Dr. Ronald Georges as Chief Executive Officer, BVI Health Services Authority. **(Action: Ministry of Health and Social Development.)**

11. Decided that Regulation 14 of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicle Registration and Operation, and Driver and Vehicle Licensing) Regulations, 2009 be amended to increase the limitation from six (6) motor vehicle registration plates up to twenty (20) per cent (rounded up to the nearest whole number) of the fleet size of livery service operators in the categories of T–Tour, S–Shuttle and L–Limousine for a grace period of two (2) years from the date on which the Regulations come into effect. **(Action: Ministry of Communications and Works)**

12. Decided to appoint the following members to the Prison Visiting Committee for a period of three (3) years, effective 1st November, 2018 to 31st October, 2021:

- (i) Mr. William Georges;
- (ii) Mr. Sean Palmer;
- (iii) Mrs. Marva Martin; and
- (iv) Mrs. Yolanda McCoy

and re-appointed the following members for three (3) years:

- (i) Mrs. Berenice Donovan; and
- (ii) Mrs. Annie Malone-Frett or designate.

(Action: Ministry of Education and Culture)

13. Cabinet also decided on a number of Non-Belonger Land Holding Licenses

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

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