



CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETINGS STATEMENT

CABINET DECISIONS **25th and 30th October, 2019**

His Excellency the Governor Augustus Jaspert chaired the Meeting held on 25th October, 2019, which was held at the Premier's Conference Room, Central Administration Building.

All Members were present, with the exception of the Deputy Premier and Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration Hon. Vincent Wheatley, who was overseas on official business.

Cabinet Meeting – 25th October, 2019

The Cabinet:

1. Reviewed and accepted the report of the Department of Disaster Management for the year ending 31st December, 2018 and decided that the report be laid on the table at the next convenient Sitting of the House of Assembly in accordance with the Disaster Management Act, 2003.
2. Reviewed and accepted the Ninth Annual Report and Financial Report for 2017 of the Office of the Complaints Commissioner and decided that both reports be tabled at the next convenient Sitting of the House of Assembly.
3. Decided that Mr. Elvis Harrigan, nominated by the Leader of the Opposition, be appointed as a member of the Planning Authority for a period of two (2) years with effect from 1st September, 2019 to 31st August, 2021 pursuant to Schedule 1 of the Physical Planning Act, 2004.
4. Decided that direct deposits and/or payments by public officers be limited to two Financial Institutions, without an administrative cost and decided that an administrative fee of five dollars (\$5) will be charged per transaction to public officers once payment or deposit is being made to more than two Financial Institutions.

5. Decided that the tender process be waived to procure the goods and services needed for mould remediation in the Central Administration Complex's (CAC) basement, where the goods and services are of a specialised field and urgently needed to perform a full mould remediation service to improve the CAC's overall indoor air quality and maximise the preservation of the Government's files, and:
 - a. that the contract be awarded to INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS of San Juan, Puerto Rico for a sum not to exceed one hundred, fifty-one thousand dollars (\$151,000.00) to cover the cost of cleaning contaminated materials, inclusive of materials disposal cost, in accordance with the Guidelines on Assessment and Remediation of Fungi in Indoor Environments, and the IICRC S520 Standard and Reference Guide for Professional Mold Remediation; and
 - b. that a contract be awarded to INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS of San Juan, Puerto Rico for a sum not to exceed thirty-nine thousand dollars (\$39,000.00) to cover the cost of mould remediation related services of training and equipping the CAC building maintenance staff, decontamination of the CAC basement and post remediation verification testing.
6. Decided that the tender process be waived to procure the goods and services needed for a digital water meter with capability to be read automatically thereby replacing the existing analog meters, where the required goods and services are needed for a drastic potable water sales revenue increase, and decided that a contract be awarded to Kamstrup Water Metering LLC of Roswell, Georgia USA for a sum not to exceed eight hundred forty-two thousand six hundred eighty-seven dollars (\$842,687.00) to cover the cost of 5,325 ultrasonic water meters and a wireless automatic meter reading system on the basis of the company's performance in digital water meters.
7. Decided that section 12 of the First Schedule of the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College Act be amended to provide for up to two (2) Vice Presidents.
8. Reviewed and approved the grant of Certificates of Residence and Belonger Status to four hundred applicants, who, have met the legal requirements of Section 2 (4) and Section 3 of the Immigration and Passport Amendment Act, 2019.
9. Approved a number of Non-Belongers land holding licence applications and sales of Crown land for commercial purposes.

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

His Excellency the Governor Augustus Jaspert chaired the Meeting held on 30th October, 2019, which was held at the Premier's Conference Room, Central Administration Building.

All Members were present, with the exception of the Premier and Minister of Finance Hon. Andrew Fahie and the Deputy Premier and Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration Hon. Vincent Wheatley, who were overseas on official business.

Cabinet Meeting – 30th October, 2019

The Cabinet:

1. Noted that the accreditation period for the Virgin Islands Disaster Management Programme will expire in April 2020 and approved the Department of Disaster Management's recommendation for the Programme to be re-assessed for accreditation by the Emergency Management Accreditation Programme from 24th to 28th February, 2020.
2. Decided that the Hotel Aid Licence for Bitter End Yacht Club Limited be amended to include an additional list of items for duty free importation in accordance with the Hotel Aid Ordinance (Cap 290).
3. Noted the BVI Health Services Authority's Major Incident Management Plan for the management of operations of public health facilities during a disaster/emergency.
4. Approved a number of Non-Belongers land holding licence applications.

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