



CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT

CABINET DECISIONS **13th and 22nd November, 2019**

His Excellency the Governor Augustus Jaspert chaired the Meeting held on 13th November, 2019, which was held at the Premier's Conference Room, Central Administration Building.

All Members were present with the exception of the Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley, who was overseas on official business.

Cabinet Meeting – 13th November, 2019

The Cabinet:

1. Decided, in principle, that the Definitive Stamps (Flowers) Order, 2019 be issued and noted that approval of the designs will be sought from Buckingham Palace, via the Royal Household Section in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.
2. Considered and approved the Draft Recurrent Budget Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure, as amended; approved the Draft Capital Budget Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure, as amended; and approved that the Appropriation Act, 2020 ("the Appropriation Bill"), to provide servicing of the Recurrent and Capital Budget Expenditure in the 2020 financial year be introduced at the next convenient Sitting of the House of Assembly.
3. Reviewed and approved Draft A of the Medium Term Fiscal Plan (MTFP) of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the 2020-2022 time period, as amended, and decided that the amended Draft B of the 2020-2022 Medium Term Fiscal Plan be forwarded to the Minister of the Overseas Territories.
4. Decided that the tendering process be waived for a new contract to LMM Dynamic Enterprise Limited to be engaged as a Consultant for a period of one (1) year, retroactively from 1st June, 2019 to 31st May, 2020, to provide services on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation, Works and Utilities for short-term infrastructure projects to be specified at sundry places and decided that the contract is not to exceed sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00).

Her Excellency the Acting Governor Mrs. Rosalie Adams chaired the Meeting held on 22nd November, 2019 in the absence of Governor Augustus Jaspert, who was overseas on annual leave. The Meeting was held at the Premier's Conference Room, Central Administration Building.

All Members were present, with the exception of the Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities Hon. Kye Rymer and the Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley, who were overseas on official business.

Cabinet Meeting – 22nd November, 2019

The Cabinet:

1. Approved the retention of Martin Kenney & Co Solicitors to represent the Government of the Virgin Islands in the arbitration claim brought by Colchester Aviation Inc. and BV Airways filed on 14th June, 2019 in New York City before the International Centre for Dispute Resolution of the American Arbitration Association.
2. Noted:
 - (a) the draft Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Regulations which provide for:
 - i. the framework interaction, responsibilities and exchange of information between the Ministries and the Agency;
 - ii. guidelines for capacity building during recovery and development for the immediate and long-term benefit of the Territory; and
 - iii. guidelines and procedures for procurement of services and goods; and
 - (b) decided that the Premier's Office (sponsoring agency) instruct the Attorney General's Chambers to make amendments to the draft Recovery and Development Agency Regulations.
3. Decided that the tender process be waived to extend the contract of Ms. Patlian Johnson who continues to play an integral role in the recovery efforts after the 2017 storms, and decided that the extension of the contract in respect of Ms.

Johnson be renewed for a period of 12 months with effect from 1st May, 2019 to 30th April, 2020.

4. Reviewed and accepted the Evaluation Report submitted by the Central Tenders Board Technical Sub-Committee, which was approved by the Central Tenders Board and accepted the recommendation of the Central Tenders Board to award:
 - (a) Tortola Auto Group Ltd. the contract to supply and deliver Government vehicles in Lot 1 in the amount of one hundred and thirty seven thousand, nine hundred and sixty-one dollars and thirteen cents (\$137,961.13) and Lot 2 in the amount of twenty-nine thousand, seven hundred and twenty-seven dollars (\$29,727.00); and
 - (b) Motor Ventures Ltd *dba* International Motors the contract to supply and deliver Government vehicles in Lot 3 in the amount of two hundred and thirteen thousand, four hundred and twenty-nine dollars (\$213,429.00) in Table 1 listed below.
5. Decided, in principle, that the Revenue Stamps (Birds) Order, 2019 be issued and noted that approval of the designs will be sought from Buckingham Palace, via the Royal Household Section in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.
6. Decided on a new contract between Grace Consulting and the Government of the Virgin Islands for twelve (12) months with effect from 18th September 2019 to 17th August 2020 and approved:
 - (a) the request for waiver of the tender process in favour of Grace Consulting, that is deemed to be a suitable company having successfully executed deliverables in a just concluded contract and provided evidence of the same; and
 - (b) fee at the rate of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) per month in accordance with the draft contract, and to be payable periodically upon presentation of invoices, and accompanied with status reports of the deliverables under the consultancy.
7. Reviewed and approved the grant of Certificates of Belonger Status and Certificates of Residence and Belonger Status for a number of applicants, who have met the legal requirements of Section 2 (4) and Section 3 of the Immigration and Passport Amendment Act, 2019.
8. Approved a number of Non-Belongers land holding licence application and two applications for the lease of Crown land for commercial purposes only.

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

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