

THE CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT

CABINET DECISIONS

22nd June, 2022

Cabinet Meeting – 22nd June, 2022

His Excellency, the Governor John J. Rankin, CMG, chaired the Meeting held at the Premier's Office Conference Room on 22nd June, 2022.

All Members were present, with the exception of the Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs and Sports, and the Attorney General, who were overseas on official travel and on annual leave, respectively.

Cabinet:

1. Decided that the DYAS Industrial Softball League will be named the Terrence "Chinno" Chinnery Industrial Softball League.
2. Decided:
 - a. that the House of Assembly Members' Assistance Grants and the Government Ministries' Assistance Grants that provide financial assistance to individuals and households in need be transferred to the Social Development Department with effect from 30th June, 2022;
 - b. that the Social Development Department be authorised to implement a temporary Transition Grant Programme from 1st July to 30th September, 2022 for recipients of monthly grants that are being transferred from the House of Assembly;
 - c. that the Social Development Department conduct an assessment of each beneficiary of the Transition Grant Programme to determine eligibility under the provisions of the Public Assistance Act, 2013, for integration into the Public Assistance Programme with effect from 1st October, 2022;

- d. that funding of not more than two million, two hundred fourteen thousand, five hundred and thirty-two dollars (\$2,214,532.00) be transferred to the relevant Heads and Subheads in the Ministry of Health and Social Development, and the Social Development Department, to include covering of expenses related to the transfer of Assistance Grants programmes to year end, in accordance with the provisional budget developed by the Ministry of Health and Social Development; and instructed
 - e. the Ministry of Health and Social Development to develop a multi-agency coordination mechanism to ensure the smooth implementation on the transitional arrangements, and a contingency plan, inclusive of emergency funding arrangements, to strengthen the shock-responsiveness of the Territory's social protection system, in consultation with other relevant ministries.
3. Considered and approved the COVID-19 Control and Suppression (Entry of Persons) Regulations, 2022 and decided that the amended Regulations be published in an extraordinary issue of the Official Gazette, and thereafter be laid in the House of Assembly at the next convenient Sitting.

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