

THE CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT

CABINET DECISIONS

23rd August, 2023

Cabinet Meeting – 23rd August, 2023

His Excellency, the Governor John, J. Rankin, CMG, chaired the meeting held on 23rd August, 2023, which was held at the Premier's Conference Room, Cutlass Tower.

All Members were present.

Cabinet:

1. Approved the extension of the Constitutional Review Commission (CRC) from 8th July, 2023 to 31st December, 2023; decided that Mrs. Lisa Penn Lettsome's contract as the CRC Chairman be extended for the same period; and amended its previous decision regarding payment of stipends to commission members so that they can be paid 70 percent of their stipends now, and 30 percent upon submission of the report based on the amounts that the chairman has recommended.
2. Decided that the Hotel Aid Licence for Peter Island (2000) Limited be amended to include an additional list of items, in accordance with the Hotel Aid Ordinance (CAP 290).
3. Noted the national priority areas of study submitted by the Human Resources Department and the Deputy Governor's Office; and approved the Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports' national priority areas of study in keeping with the 2022 Virgin Islands Scholarship Programme Policy as follows:
 - i. Education professions (secondary school specific, guidance counselling, educational psychology, measurement and evaluation, curriculum, etc.)
 - ii. Medical professions (medicine, nursing, medical technology, and any other related fields)
 - iii. Technical skills (plumbing, electrical, mechanics, etc.)
 - iv. Law (inclusive of criminal justice (professional certificate programmes)
 - v. Hospitality
 - vi. Architecture/engineering and related fields

- vii. Artistic/creative skills (e.g. music)
 - viii. Information technology (software development, IT analysis, database architecture, etc.)
 - ix. Agriculture and fisheries (bio-marine, agricultural economics, biochemistry, ecology, etc.)
 - x. International relations, policy analysis, global affairs and related fields.
4. Noted and endorsed the BVI Scholarship Committee's suggestions regarding the recommendation and non-recommendation of applicants for scholarships for Fall 2023 to Spring 2024; and approved the recommendations of the BVI Scholarship Committee to award Government Scholarships to twenty-five (25) applicants to pursue studies in the academic year, Fall 2023 to Spring 2024.
5. Approved one Non-Belongers Land Holding Licence application.

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