

THE CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT

CABINET DECISIONS

25th August, 2021

Cabinet Meeting – 25th August, 2021

His Excellency, the Governor Mr. John J. Rankin, CMG, chaired the Meeting held on 25th August, 2021, which was held at the Financial Services Commission's Conference Room.

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

The Cabinet:

1. Decided that the Government of the Virgin Islands enter into a lease agreement with Anghel George for accommodation on Virgin Gorda for the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force for one (1) year, with the option to renew.
2. Ratified the payment for accommodation of BVI prisoners, while in St. Lucia due to the impact of Hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017, and agreed that payment is made to the Accountant General, Government of St. Lucia, in the amount of two hundred and sixty-nine thousand, nine hundred and forty dollars (\$269,940.00).
3. Reviewed and accepted the evaluation report submitted by the Central Tenders Board (CTB) technical evaluation sub-committee, which was approved by the CTB on 27th July, 2021, and accepted the CTB's recommendation to award Lawrence Wheatley Construction the contract for Construction of New Social Home, The Settlement, Anegada in the amount of one hundred and eighty-three thousand, three hundred and one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$183,301.25).

4. Noted:
 - a. that the 2019 Annual Review of the Implementation of the Exchange of Notes (EoN) on Beneficial Ownership between the UK, Crown Dependencies and Overseas Territories indicates that the EoN arrangements are functioning well and continue to provide valuable tools for UK law enforcement agencies; and
 - b. the recommendations from the 2019 Review and how each recommendation applies to the BVI.
5. Reviewed and accepted the 2019 Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries, and Agriculture's Annual Report and decided that it be laid on the table in the House of Assembly at the next convenient Sitting.
6. Reviewed and approved the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports' 2020 Annual Report and decided that it be laid on the table in the House of Assembly at the next convenient Sitting.
7. Approved two Non-Belonger Land Holding Licence applications and one application to use the seabed for a mooring buoy at Soper's Hole.

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