

THE CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT

CABINET DECISIONS

6th March, 2024

Cabinet Meeting – 6th March, 2024

His Excellency, the Governor Daniel Pruce, chaired the meeting held on 6th March, 2024 at the Premier's Conference Room.

All Members were present.

Cabinet:

1. Decided that the old Clarence Thomas Building, Pasea Estate, be declared a Magistrate's Court; and that the Deputy Governor's Office instruct the Attorney General's Chambers to prepare the relevant Order.
2. Reviewed and accepted the 2018 Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Agency Annual Report and Audited Financial Statement; and decided that the report be tabled in the House of Assembly at the next convenient sitting.
3. Reviewed and approved the Ministerial Updated Action Plan Matrix for the implementation of the remaining recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry.
4. Approved application for permission for Clarence Thomas Holdings Limited to sublease to the Government of the Virgin Islands (Internal Audit Department).
5. Approved an application for the relief of accumulated penalty/interest on property on Tortola in accordance with Property Tax Act (CAP 207), Section 13(a) taxes.
6. Reviewed and considered, as a framework the Policy Brief on Governance of Grants to Institutions – Elements, which was commissioned by the Ministry of Health and Social Development, in fulfilment of Commission of Inquiry (CoI) Recommendation B7; and decided that the ministry request the Ministry of Finance to finalise and implement the comprehensive "Governance of Grants to Institutions" policy; and that it be laid on the table at the next convenient sitting of the House of Assembly.

7. Supported and endorsed the establishment of the Virgin Islands Sanctions Unit to begin operation on 1st March 2024 to fulfill its obligation under the Caribbean Financial Action Task Force recommendation to ensure greater efficiency in dealing with all sanctions related matters; and endorsed the scope, structure, timeline and costs associated with the unit for a period of two (2) years, to be reviewed in March 2026.

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