

THE CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT

CABINET DECISIONS

7th June, 2023

Cabinet Meeting – 7th June, 2023

His Excellency, the Governor Mr. John J. Rankin, CMG, chaired the Meeting held on 7th June, 2023 at the Premier's Conference Room.

All Members were present.

Cabinet:

1. Noted the receipt by the Governor of the Audit Report on the Examination of the House of Assembly's COVID-19 Assistance Grants and that a copy of the Report be laid on the table at the next convenient Sitting of the House of Assembly in accordance with Section 20 of the Audit Act, 2023.
2. Approved that Mrs. Floresa Manulita George and Mr. Evelyn Hodge be awarded a grant of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) each in recognition of their 100th birthday.
3. Decided:
 - a. that the annual rental box fee:
 - i. for one (1) year or less expiring 31st December would be \$80.00; or
 - ii. for six (6) months or less expiring 30th June or 31st December would be \$45.00 and takes effect 1st January, 2024;
 - b. that the key deposit fee of \$20.00 takes effect 1st January, 2024;
 - c. that the Ministry of Finance instruct the Attorney General's Chambers to draft the necessary amendment to effect the new rates and to vet and revise the letterbox agreement and application form; and
 - d. noted that the Post Office and the Ministry of Finance will conduct a public relations campaign informing the general public as to the letterbox service.

4. Decided that, subject to the approval of the Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office, the proposal for one (1) coin, 70th Anniversary of the Inauguration of Dwight Eisenhower, be minted by Pobjoy Mint Ltd, in accordance with the five (5) year agreement between Pobjoy Mint Ltd. and the Government of the Virgin Islands.
5. Decided:
 - a. that Mr. Sheldon Scatliffe be appointed as Chairman of the BVI Electricity Corporation's Board, in accordance with section 4 (1)(a) of the British Virgin Islands Electricity Corporation Ordinance (Cap. 277), with effect from the date that approval for such appointment has been obtained by a Resolution passed by the House of Assembly and subject to section 5 of the British Virgin Islands Electricity Corporation Ordinance (Cap. 277), for a period of three (3) years and may be reappointed for any further period of three (3) years;
 - b. that the Ministry of Communications and Works instruct the Attorney General's Chambers to draft the Resolution;
 - c. that the Resolution be approved by the House of Assembly at the next convenient Sitting in accordance with Section 4 (1)(a) of the British Virgin Islands Electricity Ordinance, Cap 277; and
 - d. noted that the Chairman of the Board would be paid one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per month by attendance for his services on the BVI Electricity Corporation's Board;

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