

THE CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT

CABINET DECISION

16th and 22nd November, 2022

Cabinet Meeting – 16th November, 2022

His Excellency, the Governor Mr. John J. Rankin, CMG, chaired the Meeting on 16th November, 2022, which was held at the Financial Services Commission's Resource Centre, Jones Building.

All Members were present, with the exception of the Minister for Natural Resources and Labour, who was overseas on duty travel.

Cabinet:

1. Reviewed and approved the Magistrate's Court (Electronic Litigation Filing and Service Procedure) Rules, 2022; and decided that the Magistrate's Court (Electronic Litigation Filing and Service Procedure) Rules, 2022 be tabled at the next convenient Sitting of the House of Assembly.
2. Considered and approved the proposed amendments to the Virgin Islands Deposit Insurance Act, 2016 and decided that the Ministry of Finance instruct the Attorney General's Chambers to make the proposed amendments to the Act.
3. Approved one Non-Belongers Land Holding Licence application.

Cabinet Meeting – 22nd November, 2022

His Excellency, the Governor Mr. John J. Rankin, CMG, chaired the Special Meeting on 22nd November, 2022, which was held at Premier's Conference Room, Cutlass Tower.

All Members were present with the exception of the Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports, who was overseas on duty travel.

Cabinet:

1. Approved the amendments to the Second Schedule of the Magistrate's Code of Procedure, Chapter 44 of the Law of the Virgin Islands; decided that the Deputy Governor's Office instruct the Attorney General's Chambers to make the requisite amendments and thereafter re-submit for Cabinet's consideration before being forwarded to the House of Assembly.
2. Decided that the Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports be allowed to use Single Source procurement according to Section 8(3)(c)(i) of the Public Procurement Act, 2021, (No. 39 of 2021) to obtain a three-year contract for licenses for the Houghton Mifflin Online Journeys Reading Programme at a cost of one hundred fourteen thousand, six hundred twenty-two dollars and forty cents (\$114,622.40).
3. Considered and approved the Draft Recurrent Budget Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure and Capital Development Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure in 2023; decided that the Bill entitled, Appropriation (2023) Act, 2022, to provide servicing of the Recurrent and Capital Budget Expenditure in the 2023 financial year, be introduced for its first reading in the House of Assembly at the next convenient Sitting.
4. Considered and approved, the Bill entitled, Virtual Assets Service Providers Act, 2022 and decided that the Bill be introduced for its first reading in the House of Assembly at the next convenient Sitting.
5. Accepted the 2019 Annual Report of the British Virgin Islands Electricity Corporation, inclusive of the audited accounts and decided that the Report be laid on the table in the House of Assembly at the next convenient Sitting in accordance with Section 22(2) of the British Virgin Islands Electricity Ordinance, Cap 277.

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