

THE CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT

CABINET DECISIONS 23rd and 30th March, 2022

Cabinet Meeting – 23rd March, 2022

His Excellency, the Governor John J. Rankin, CMG, chaired the Meeting held at the Financial Services Commission's Resource Centre on 23rd March, 2022.

All Members were present.

The Cabinet:

1. Decided that the Government of the Virgin Islands enter into a new lease agreement with Union Property Company Limited for a period of two (2) years in the first instance, and that the Office of the Deputy Governor instruct the Attorney General's Chambers to vet the leases prepared by the landlord.
2. Decided:
 - a. that the draft Resolution requesting the following be introduced, by way of a motion, for approval at the next convenient Sitting of the House of Assembly:
 - i. Recurrent expenditure of four million, six hundred, thirty-six thousand, eight hundred dollars (\$4,636,800) to be expended in excess of the appropriated amount from the Consolidated Fund of the Territory;
 - ii. Capital Acquisition Expenditure of forty-nine thousand, nine hundred dollars (\$49,900) to be expended in excess of the appropriated amount; and
 - iii. Capital Expenditure of seven hundred and thirty-two thousand dollars (\$732,000) to be expended in excess of the appropriated amount from the Development Fund of the Territory;

- b. that the Financial Secretary instruct the Attorney General to vet and approve the draft Resolution.
3. Examined the Schedule of Reallocation Warrants approved for the year 2021; and decided that the Report be laid on the table of the House of Assembly at the next convenient Sitting, in accordance with the requirements of Section 24 of the Public Finance Management Act, No. 2 of 2004, as amended.
4. Decided:
 - a. that the draft Resolution requesting the following be introduced, by way of a motion, for approval at the next convenient Sitting of the House of Assembly:
 - i. Recurrent expenditure of eleven million, five hundred and sixty-four thousand, five hundred dollars (\$11,564,500) to be charged against the Consolidated Fund of the Territory;
 - ii. Capital Acquisition Expenditure of seven hundred, forty-six thousand dollars (\$746,000) (which includes the sum of five hundred eighty-six thousand dollars (\$586,000) from the Reserve Fund and the sum of one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000) to be charged against the Development Fund of the Territory by way of funds transferred from the Consolidated Fund; and
 - iii. Capital Expenditure of twenty million, five hundred twenty-five thousand, five hundred dollars (\$20,525,500) (which includes the sum of five million, forty-seven thousand, six hundred dollars (\$5,047,600) from the Reserve Fund; and eight hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$850,000) from the Transportation Network Improvement Fund) to be charged against the Development Fund of the Territory;
 - b. that the Financial Secretary instruct the Attorney General to vet and approve the draft Resolution.

5. Reviewed and accepted the evaluation report submitted by the Central Tenders Board (CTB) evaluation sub-committee, which was approved by the CTB; accepted the CTB's recommendation to award 5W PR the contract for the National Tourism Plan for the British Virgin Islands in the amount of one million, nine hundred and seventy-one thousand, five hundred and fifty-six dollars (\$1,971,556.00) to be paid in three (3) equal installments of six hundred and fifty-seven thousand, one hundred and eighty-five dollars (\$657,185.00) for a duration of three (3) years; and decided that the Premier's Office instruct the Attorney General's Chambers to vet the relevant agreement.
6. Noted the update on the status of public procurement reform in the Virgin Islands.
7. Noted the amendment made to the Education (Amendment) Act, 2014, Division 3, Section 10, Subsection (2) to include all categories in Subsection 2(b) by the Attorney General's Chambers; considered and approved the Bill entitled, Education (Amendment) Act, 2022 and decided that the Bill be introduced for its first reading in the House of Assembly at the next convenient Sitting.
8. Endorsed:
 - a. the re-appointment by the Governor, acting on the advice of the Minister, the following persons as members of the Scholarship Trust Fund Board in accordance with Section 5 (2) of the Scholarship Trust Fund Act (Cap. 118) for a period of three (3) years, effective from 1st December, 2021:
 - i. Deon Vanterpool – Chairman;
 - ii. Everett Fraser;
 - iii. John Lewis;
 - iv. Manager, National Bank of the Virgin Islands or designate;
 - v. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education and Culture or designate;
 - b. the appointment by the Governor, acting on the advice of the Minister, the following persons as members of the Scholarship Trust Fund Board in accordance with Section 5 (1) of the Scholarship Trust Fund Act (Cap. 118) for a period of three (3) years, effective from 1st December, 2021:
 - i. Judy-Ann Smith;
 - ii. Morsha Frett;
 - iii. Kay-Ann Maduro-Dunkley;

iv. Alyssa Tishan Solomon;

9. Approved four Non-Belonger Land Holding Licence applications and one application for permission to lease the seabed for reclamation projects.

Cabinet Meeting – 30th March, 2022

His Excellency, the Governor John J. Rankin, CMG, chaired the Meeting held at the Premier's Conference Room on 30th March, 2022.

All Members were present.

The Cabinet

1. Reviewed and considered the 2020 Governor's Office's Annual Report and decided that it be laid on the table at the next convenient Sitting of the House of Assembly.
2. Reviewed and accepted the 2020 Department of Information Technology's Annual Report and decided that it be tabled at the next convenient Sitting of the House of Assembly.
3. Approved the Revised Virgin Islands Scholarship Programme Policy, which seeks to bring provisions in line with current best practices; and decided that the Policy be laid on the table in the House of Assembly at the next convenient Sitting.
4. Noted that the Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities has approved a Commemorative Motor Vehicle Registration Plate to be used on motor vehicles for personal use to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Lions Club of Tortola in April 2022 pursuant to regulation 6A(5) of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicle Registration and ,Operation and Driver and Vehicle Licensing) Regulations; and decided that:
 - a. a maximum of one hundred (100) pairs of plates of the 50th Anniversary of Lions Club of Tortola Commemorative Motor Vehicle Registration Plates be issued pursuant to regulation 6A(6) of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicle Registration and Operation and Driver and Vehicle Licensing) Regulations;
 - b. the Department of Motor Vehicle is to sell the 50th Anniversary Commemorative Motor Vehicle Registration Plates at a fee of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) per pair of plates, as proposed by the Lions Club of Tortola as a humanitarian organisation, and subject to the approval of the imposition of the fee by order of the Cabinet pursuant to section 3 of the Statutory Rates, Fees and Charges Act, 2005, part 39- Road Traffic Fees;

- c. the Ministry of Transportation, Works and Utilities pays a maximum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), at a rate of \$150.00 per pair of plates, to the Lions Club of Tortola from the revenue generated by the sale of the plates, with the difference of five thousand (\$5,000.00), at a rate of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per pair of plates (25%) of the total sales, to be retained by the Department of Motor Vehicles towards the administrative costs of procuring the stock of plates;
 - d. the Ministry of Transportation, Works and Utilities instruct the Attorney General's Chambers to draft the necessary legislation, including the Statutory Rates, and Charges Act, 2005 to provide for the sale price of the "50th Anniversary of Lions Club of Tortola" Commemorative Motor Vehicle Registration Plate.
5. Decided:
- a. that approximately forty-five (45) acres be designated for agricultural purposes on Anegada;
 - b. that the land be legally vetted to ensure that same could be so be designated, considering, inter alia, legal impediments relating to current land ownership and use, if any; and
 - c. that the legal process to erect any signage outlining the extent of the designation be posted on site, only after the correct legal approvals/requirements in law have been satisfied.
6. Approved six (6) Non-Belonger Land Holding Licence applications and an application for permission to use the seabed for the installation of a jetty at Anguilla Point, Virgin Gorda by Anguilla Point, LLC.

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