

THE CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT

CABINET DECISIONS

24th November, 2021

1st December, 2021

Cabinet Meeting – 24th November 2021

His Excellency, the Governor John J. Rankin, CMG, chaired the Meeting on 24th November, 2021, which was held at the Financial Services Commission's Resource Centre.

All Members were present, with the exception of the Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities and the Minister for Health and Social Development, who were on personal leave.

1. The Cabinet approved an application for the lease of Crown land in the Mount Sage Registration Section for commercial purposes.

Cabinet Meeting – 1st December, 2021

His Excellency, the Governor John J. Rankin, CMG, chaired the Meeting on 1st December, 2021, which was held at the Financial Services Commission's Resource Centre.

All Members were present.

The Cabinet:

1. Approved a seventy-five dollar (\$75) late registration fee for births and deaths on the basis that the Registration of Births and Deaths Ordinance (Cap 276) of 1959 is sixty (62) years old, and that an increase by five dollars (\$5) cannot serve as an adequate deterrent; and decided that the Statutory Rates, Fees and Charges be amended to include the approved fees, (Schedule 3 from the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 2021).

2. Approved a duty exemption for Mr. Arringdell Creque of Agri-Paradise VG Ltd. on NFT hydroponic grow channels with a value of three thousand, four hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty cents (\$3,433.30) in accordance with Section 54(3) of the Customs Management and Duties Act, 2010 as amended, Schedule 5, Paragraph 13(4)(h) - Crop production and noted that Mr. Creque is eligible to receive this exemption as a registered farmer and in the business of agriculture in accordance with the requirement of the Customs Management and Duties Act, 2010 as amended, Schedule 5, Paragraph 13(1).
3. Reviewed the evaluation report submitted by the Central Tender Board (CTB) technical committee, which was approved by the CTB on 8th November, 2021; decided to award Leston K.M. Baltimore Sr. & Mary M. Baltimore *dba* "Baltimore Security Services" the contract for Supply of Security Services for Elmore Stoutt High School - Lower Estate (L. Adorothy Turnbull Building) and Pasea Estate (Clarence Thomas Building) Campuses, in the amount of five hundred and eighty-six thousand, six hundred and forty-five dollars (\$586,645.00) for a period of fifty-two (52) weeks.
4. Decided:
 - a. that a maximum of an additional one hundred (100) pairs of the 65th Anniversary of BVI Red Cross - 2021 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. that the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is to sell the additional plates for two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per pair, as proposed by the BVI Red Cross, 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; and
 - c. that the Ministry of Transportation, Works and Utilities pays a maximum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00), at the rate of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) per pair of plates to the BVI Red Cross from the revenue generated from the sale of the plates, with the difference of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) at a rate of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per pair of plates; 25 percent of total sales, to be retained by the DMV towards the administrative costs of procuring the stock of plates.
5. Approved a number of Non-Belongers land holding licence applications and a variation of an existing Crown land lease for commercial use.

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