

CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT

CABINET DECISIONS

28th May and 23rd June, 2021

Cabinet Meeting – 28th May, 2021 (Addendum)

His Excellency, the Governor Mr. John J. Rankin, CMG, chaired the Meeting held on 28th May, 2021, which was held at the Financial Services Commission's Conference Room.

All Members were present, with the exception of the Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities Hon. Kye Rymer, who was away on personal leave.

The Cabinet:

1. Reviewed the bid evaluation report submitted by the Central Tenders Board (CTB) Technical Committee, which was approved by the CTB; accepted the recommendation to obtain a credit facility from the Republic Bank Limited in the amount of seventeen million, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$17,250,000) in 19 equal quarterly payments of seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000), with a final payment of three million, nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$3,950,000) being the remaining one-quarter of the Loan amount; and decided that:
 - a. further negotiations be held with Republic Bank Limited to better define one of the presented options to ensure that Government continues its prudent debt management strategy; and
 - b. the Financial Secretary instruct the Attorney General's Chambers to prepare the Resolution for borrowing of seventeen million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$17,250,000) for a new loan facility from Republic Bank Limited, for consideration at the next Sitting of the House of Assembly.

Cabinet Meeting – 23rd June, 2021

His Excellency, the Governor Mr. John J. Rankin, CMG, chaired the Meeting held on 23rd June, 2021, which was held at the Financial Services Commission's Conference Room.

All Members were present.

The Cabinet:

1. Reviewed and accepted the evaluation report submitted by the Central Tenders Board (CTB) technical sub-committee, which was approved by the CTB on 19th May, 2021; accepted the recommendation to award Island Services (BVI) Ltd. the contract for the Supply and Installation of Furniture for the Ministry of Finance Offices at RFG Place in the amount of two hundred and forty-seven thousand, eight hundred seventy-one dollars and seventy-seven cents (\$247,871.77).
2. Reviewed and considered the Strategic Plan for Delivery of the House of Assembly Reconfiguration Project and decided that:
 - a. procurement and implementation of the House of Assembly Reconfiguration Project, being a project that is valued over one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) and is proposed to include fractioning of the works, be procured and implemented in accordance with Clause 4.4.3(2) of the approved Policy on Procurement in Emergency, Disasters, Pandemics and Catastrophic Situations; and
 - b. the House of Assembly Reconfiguration Project should be implemented using a series of petty contracts in accordance with the Strategic Plan presented.
3. Noted that Farmers and Fishers' Week 2021 was held between 25th April and 1st May, 2021; and the summary of the activities that took place for this year's observance.
4. Reviewed the recommendations of the Board of Immigration in respect of applicants for Certificates of Residence and granted certificates to one hundred and eighty-nine (189) persons, in accordance with Section 18(1) of the Immigration and Passport Act.
5. Considered and approved:
 - a. the COVID-19: Small Vessel Entry Protocol to facilitate travel to the Territory on board marine vessels, with fully vaccinated persons, that measure less than 78 feet in length overall; and

- b. the COVID-19: Water Taxi Protocol to provide practical guidance for the safe operation of BVI-based Water Taxis with fully vaccinated persons - noting that it is not intended to enable foreign-based Water Taxis to conduct commercial activity in the Territory at this time; and decided that the Ministry of Health and Social Development instruct the Attorney General's Chambers to draft the necessary amendments to the Public Health (COVID-19 Control and Suppression Measures) Order and any other relevant legislation to give effect to the agreed policy changes.
6. Approved a number of Non-Belonger Land Holding Licence applications and an amendment to an existing charge on the lease of Crown land for commercial use.

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