

THE CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT

CABINET DECISIONS

30th August, 2023 and

6th September, 2023

Cabinet Meeting – 30th August, 2023

His Excellency, the Governor John, J. Rankin, CMG, chaired the meeting held on 30th August, 2023, which was held at the Premier's Conference Room, Cutlass Tower.

All Members were present.

Cabinet:

1. Reviewed and approved the Bill entitled, Jury (Amendment) Act, 2023, which seeks to amend the Jury Act, 2022 (No. 12 of 2022) to provide for the nomination of persons by the Chairman of the Judicial and Legal Services Commission and the Deputy Governor, respectively to serve as assessors under section 11 of the Act; and decided that the Bill be introduced for its first reading at the next convenient Sitting of the House of Assembly.
2. Decided that Berrick Lettsome and Curtis Lettsome, registered farmers, be exempt from import duty for the importation of equipment and spare parts for a poultry farm operation valued at forty-two thousand, two hundred and ninety dollars (\$42,290.00), in accordance with Sections 54(3), Schedule 5(13)(1)(2) of the Customs Management and Duties Act, 2010, as amended.
3. Approved the exemption of duty on a walk-in freezer and associated accessories with a value of nineteen thousand, and fifty-one dollars (\$19,051.00) in accordance with Section 54(3) of the Customs Management and Duties Act, 2010 as amended, Schedule 5, Paragraph 13(2); and noted that Berrick Lettsome and Curtis Lettsome are registered farmers in the business of agriculture in accordance with the Customs Management and Duties Act, 2010, as amended Schedule 5, Paragraph 13(1).

Cabinet Meeting – 6th September, 2023

His Excellency, the Governor John, J. Rankin, CMG, chaired the meeting held on 6th September, 2023, which was held at the Premier's Conference Room, Cutlass Tower.

All Members were present, with the exception of the Attorney General, who was overseas on official business. Chief Parliamentary Counsel Ms. Christine Bowen attended as the acting Attorney General.

Cabinet:

1. Noted:

- a. that the Government of the Virgin Islands has received grant funding to execute the RESEMBID BVI SMART © Initiative - SMART Schools Project in the amount of €1,300,448.47 EUR (\$1,316,243.37 USD);
 - b. that portions of the grant will be issued to the following partners to execute respective components of the project (DDM (Project Lead), Green VI, BVI Red Cross, and H. Lavity Stoutt Community College, and supported by the Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports;
 - c. that the project timeline is November 2022 to February 2024; and that a public launch of the project is being planned for early September 2023.
2. Considered and approved the payment of one hundred and fourteen thousand, four hundred and seventy-two dollars and twenty cents (\$114,472.20) to Delta Petroleum (B.V.I.) Limited for the provision of gasoline and diesel from 1st August 2022 through 12th April 2023, in accordance with the Public Procurement Act, 2021, Section 8(3)(d); and noted that the Minister for Communications and Works declared a family interest and recused himself from the meeting.
3. Noted the information, which outlines the reasons for closure as provided by the British Virgin Islands Airport Authority.
4. Approved ten (10) Non-Belongers Land Holding Licence applications.

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