

THE CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT

CABINET DECISIONS

3rd and 22nd December, 2021

Cabinet Meeting – 3rd December, 2021

His Excellency, the Governor John J. Rankin, CMG, chaired the Special Meeting held virtually on 3rd December, 2021.

All Members were present.

The Cabinet:

1. Noted the Health Emergency Operations Centre: Situation Report #41 presented by the Health Emergency Operations Centre - Unified Command and decided that:
 - a. the measures outlined in the Public Health (COVID-19 Control and Suppression Measures) (No.4) (Amendment) Order be extended for a period of one (1) month commencing 1st December, 2021; and
 - b. the Ministry of Health and Social Development instruct the Attorney General's Chambers to draft the relevant instrument to give effect to the provision outlined in item (a).

Cabinet Meeting – 22nd December, 2021

His Excellency, the Governor John J. Rankin, CMG, chaired the Meeting held virtually on 22nd December, 2021.

All Members were present.

The Cabinet:

1. Reviewed and accepted the 2019 and 2020 Annual Reports for the Financial Investigation Agency, and the 2021 and 2022 Budget Estimates in accordance with the Financial Investigation Agency Act, 2003, section 15(1) and decided that both reports and budget estimates be laid on the table at the next convenient Sitting of the House of Assembly.

2. Noted the amendments made to the Government's 2022-2024 Medium Term Fiscal Plan (MTFP), as approved on 2nd November, 2021, and reflected in the Revised 2022-2024 MTFP; noted that by approving the Revised MTFP, there will be no breaches in any of the ratios under the Protocols for Effective Financial Management agreed to with the United Kingdom in 2012; and that compliance with the ratios, despite stretched resources, not only indicates the Government's continued commitment to its fiscal responsibilities, but also to debt sustainability, while avoiding deficit spending as is the case being currently experienced by most governments worldwide significantly due to Covid-19 and:
 - a. reviewed and approved the Revised 2022-2024 MTFP; and decided that it be tabled at the next convenient Sitting of the House of Assembly and subsequently submitted to the Minister of the Overseas Territories, as a matter of priority.
3. Reviewed and accepted the Evaluation Report submitted by the Central Tenders Board (CTB) Technical Committee, which was approved by the CTB on 30th November, 2021; accepted the CTB's recommendation to award Coverings Home Center the contract for the Ralph T. O'Neal Administration Complex Exterior Building Envelope Repair in the amount of one million, two hundred thirty-four thousand, seven hundred seventy-seven dollars and eighty-five cents (\$1,234,777.85).
4. Reviewed the Evaluation Report submitted by the Central Tenders Board (CTB) Technical Committee, which was approved by the CTB on 19th October, 2021; and awarded the contract to Accurate Construction for Design and Construction of Basement Parking and Access Road, Design and Construction of Drainage, Gates and Exit Doors, in the amount of two hundred and forty-two thousand, nine hundred and fifteen dollars and twenty cents (\$242,915.20).
5. Approved the exemption of customs duty for Messrs Berick Lettsome and Curtis Lettsome on a steel building and poultry equipment valued at one hundred and seventy-nine thousand, nine hundred and seventy-nine dollars and sixty-six cents (\$179,979.66) in accordance with Section 54(3) of the Customs Management and Duties Act, 2010, as amended, Schedule 5, Paragraph 13(4)(b) - Poultry Production; and noted their eligibility as registered farmers and in the business of agriculture in accordance with the Customs Management and Duties Act, 2010 as amended, Schedule 5, Paragraph 13(1).
6. Approved a number of Non-Belonger Land Holding Licence applications.

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