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# MINUTES OF THE 10<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 9.00AM

PRESENT: His Excellency The Governor, Mr Timothy Foy, OBE

The Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance and Health,

Dr Ellis Webster

The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley

The Honourable Minister for Social Development, Cultural Affairs, Youth Affairs, Gender Affairs, Education and Library Services,

Ms Dee-Ann Kentish-Rogers

The Honourable Minister for Home Affairs, Immigration, Labour, Human Rights, Constitutional Affairs, Information and Broadcasting, Lands and Physical Planning, Mr Kenneth Hodge

The Honourable Minister for Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing and Tourism, Mr Haydn Hughes

The Honourable Minister for Economic Development, Commerce, Information Technology, Environment and Natural Resources, Mr Kyle Hodge

The Honourable Attorney General (acting), Ms Erica Edwards

Clerk to Executive Council, Mrs Angela Hughes

IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development,

Mrs Quincia Gumbs-Marie

Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social

Development/Education, Mr Merrick Richardson

Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull

ABSENT: The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford

#### EX MIN 20/388 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Executive Council held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Council noted that:

- the Agenda included a further discussion regarding the issue of work permits;
- 2) the Statutory Bodies' detailed plans to reduce contingent liabilities remained outstanding; and
- 3) the Procurement Unit and the Attorney General's Chambers were working on the amendments to the Procurement Act requiring Statutory Bodies to comply with it.

#### EX MIN 20/389 UPDATE ON TIMELINE FOR ACCELERATED REPATRIATION

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained. The following persons joined:

PS, Health, Mr Foster Rogers Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin Dir of Chronic Disease Unit, Mrs Twyla Richardson-Bradshaw Health Planner, Ms Rochelle Rogers

### **Accelerated repatriation**

The PS, Health and Health Planner briefed Council on the progress of accelerated repatriation.

#### Council noted that:

- 1) as of 17 September 373 persons had been repatriated along with an additional 65 medical returnees;
- as at 15 September 325 persons remain registered for repatriation from 44 countries and territories - 63% in the USA, Dominican Republic and UK;
- 3) 54 persons were scheduled to return before 25<sup>th</sup> September;
- 4) 15 persons were staffing the quarantine facilities. On 16<sup>th</sup> September, 10 new personnel had attended a formal training session and were expected to be scheduled to work at quarantine facilities, engage in public health surveillance, contact tracing and follow-up;
- 5) the Quarantine Authority has begun issuing invoices to persons who entered quarantine after 1 September; and
- 6) 690 individual COVID-19 tests remain in stock and 2,400 individual test kits provided by the FCDO are expected to arrive shortly.

Following discussion Council agreed the approved fees for repatriation and visitors as per the draft Schedule of Fees.

## **SCHEDULE 2**

(FEES)

(Section 10(4A)

TABLE 1 (US\$)

(October 31, 2020 end date)	Single	Family of up to 4 persons	Each additional family member
Government Facilities	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$250
Private Accommodation	\$600	\$1,000	\$250

## TABLE 2 (US\$)

Visitor	Single	Couple	Family of up to 4 persons	Each Child
Pre-approved property for 5 or less days	\$300.00 <sup>1</sup>	\$500²	N/A	\$250 <sup>5</sup>
Pre-approved property for 6 days – 3 months stay	\$400.00 <sup>3</sup>	\$600 <sup>4</sup>	N/A	\$250 <sup>5</sup>
Pre-approved property for more than 3 months stay	\$2,000	N/A	\$3,000	\$250
Government Facilities  (Up to 14-day stay, October 31, 2020 end date)	\$2,000	N/A	\$3,000	\$250 <sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup>1 to 5-day Visit Single: Two Tests (\$100.00 each) \$200.00 + P.H. Surveillance Fee \$100.00 = \$300.00 
<sup>2</sup>1 to 5-day Couple: Four Tests (\$100.00 each) \$400.00 + P.H. Surveillance Fee \$100.00 = \$500.00

Action: PS, HLTH; PS, FIN; PS, EDCITENR; BD; ACC GEN; HON, DG; HON, AG; MINS OF GOV'T

#### EX MIN 20/391

# EX MEM 20/185 APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIRPERSON FOR THE ANGUILLA COMMUNITY COLLEGE (ACC) BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Council approved the appointment of Dr. Ronald Harrigan as Chairman of the Anguilla Community College Board of Governors with immediate effect to serve until September 2021. The appointment was made in accordance with Section 5 of the Anguilla Community College Act which provides for the establishment, composition and appointment of ACC's Board of Governors by the Governor in Council, including the appointment of a Chairperson.

Action: PS, SD; HON, MIN SD

#### EX MIN 20/393

#### EX MEM 20/186 COURTS OF JUSTICE FEES ACT, 2020

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Council approved the draft Bill and instructed the Attorney General's Chambers to prepare the Bill for tabling at the next session of the House of Assembly.

Action: HON, AG; SCC (Cr)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>6 days to 3-month Visit Single: Two Tests (\$100.00 each) \$200.00 + P.H. Surveillance Fee \$200.00 = \$400.00

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> days to 3-month Visit Couple: Four Tests (\$100.00 each) \$400.00 + P.H. Surveillance Fee \$200.00 = \$600.00

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Child: Two Tests (\$100.00 each) \$200.00 + P.H. Surveillance Fee \$50.00 = \$250.00

#### EX MIN 20/394

# EX MEM 20/187 MAGISTRATE'S CODE OF PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2020 AND EVIDENCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2020

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Council approved the draft Bill and instructed the Attorney General's Chambers to prepare the Bill for tabling at the next session of the House of Assembly.

Action: HON, AG; SCC (Cr)

#### EX MIN 20/395

## EX MEM 20/188 PUBLIC SERVICE SALARIES REDUCTION (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2020

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Following discussions Council:

- deferred a substantive decision but noted the intention that savings from the proposed 5% reduction in Parliamentarian's salaries should be applied specifically for the benefit of vulnerable people; and
- 2) instructed the Attorney General's Chambers to identify the legal mechanism by which the policy objective could be achieved.

Action: HON, AG; SCC (Cr)

#### EX MIN 20/396

# EX MEM 20/189 PROGRESS REPORT ON PREPARATION OF MTEFP AND BUDGET 2021

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Council noted that the deadline for submission of the MTEFP to the United Kingdom Government is 30 September 2020

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDCITENR; BD; ACC GEN; MINS OF GOV'T

#### EX MIN 20/397

## EX MEM 20/190 PROGRESS REPORT ON THE PREPARATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET #2

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained. The following persons joined:

PS Finance, Mrs Kathleen Rogers Budget Director, Mrs Shona Proctor Finance Officer, Ms Jamila Gumbs

Council noted the excellent work undertaken by the PS Finance and Budget Officer on the second Supplementary Budget.

Following discussion, Council agreed:

- that persons who were employed prior to 1 October 2019, but became unemployed as of 1 October 2019 should qualify for the unemployment public assistance programme. The benefit should be paid at the rate of EC\$800.00 per month from April to June 2020 and EC\$1,000.00 per month from July to December 2020;
- 2) to the Second Supplementary Budget with the portfolio allocations identified in the schedule set out below, but subject to an amendment to reflect the extension of the unemployment public assistance programme which is estimated at EC\$1.0 million;
- 3) that a Bill for the Supplementary Appropriation be presented to the House of Assembly and forwarded to the United Kingdom Government; and
- 4) instructed the Attorney General's Chambers to work with the Ministry of Finance to draft a Bill for Supplementary Appropriation for submission to the House of Assembly.

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Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDCITENR; BD; ACC GEN; MINS OF GOV'T

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