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MINUTES OF THE 55TH MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th AUGUST 2021 AT 9.00 AM

- PRESENT:
- Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam
 - The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley
 - The Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance and Health,
Dr Ellis Webster
 - 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, Mr Dwight Horsford
 - 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

EX MIN 21/250

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 54th Meeting of Executive Council held on Wednesday 28th July, 2021.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

H.E. the Governor raised the recent breach of the Code Establishing the Operations of the Executive Council, which governs the members of Executive Council. The breach related to the actions of two members and the duty to demonstrate collective responsibility.

The Hon Premier has written to H.E. the Governor to confirm that he has addressed the matter within his Cabinet.

EX MIN 21/251

COVID-19 & ASTRAZENECA/OXFORD VACCINE UPDATE

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 the meeting: -

PS, Health, Mr Foster Rogers
Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin

Epidemiology***Global overview***

The global number of new cases has increased over the last month, with over 4 million cases reported in the past week (July 26 to August 1, 2021). The cumulative number of cases reported globally is now nearly 197 million and the number of cumulative deaths is 4.2 million. If these trends continue, the cumulative number of cases reported globally could exceed 200 million by next week. The regions with the highest weekly cases and death incidence rates per 100 000 population remain the same as last week. The Americas and European regions recorded 123.3 and 118.4 new cases per 100,000

population, respectively. The Americas and South-East Asian regions reported the highest weekly incidence in deaths, with 2.0 and 1.1 new deaths per 100,000 population, respectively.

With regard to the variants of concern, the Delta variant has become the most predominant in the US and UK. In summary, according to the CDC USA update of August 6:

- The Delta variant is highly contagious and nearly twice as contagious as previous VOC (with a basic reproduction number (R0) of at least 8.0)
- Unvaccinated people remain the greatest concern. Fully vaccinated persons with Delta variant breakthrough infections can spread the virus to others. However, vaccinated people appear to be infectious for a shorter period, when compared to the duration of the infectious period, for previous strains of COVID-19 in unvaccinated persons.

The Delta variant is responsible for an increasing number of breakthrough infections, even leading to a CDC travel advisory, against countries such as Iceland, with a high vaccination rate. It is also anticipated that this variant will increase the vaccine herd immunity threshold, because of the high basic reproduction number.

Caribbean Region

Some Member States continue to experience increases in the number of positive cases, with the number of cases passing 1,242,800 in the Caribbean and 244,700 in CARICOM Member States. Several countries are experiencing various situations from cluster outbreaks to community transmission (58%) of the virus with increasing hospitalizations and deaths. There have been reports of all four SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern being present in the region.

Anguilla

As of August 10, Anguilla has recorded a total of 124 (not yet reported) confirmed cases, with 115 recoveries and 9 active cases. Nine of the last 15 cases are fully vaccinated adults and 14 are imported cases in visitors or returning residents.

However, one male identified on August 9 has no travel history and presently, no source of infection has been identified. Although he works in the hospitality industry, none of the active cases have been linked to his place of work or were known contacts of his. Exposure to a returning resident with a missed breakthrough infection has been postulated, but at the time of writing, there is no evidence to support this. Contact tracing is still ongoing. Thus far, 36 contacts have been screened and tested negative.

Additionally, the health team are observing that unvaccinated minors from fully vaccinated households are testing positive.

There are 45 persons currently in quarantine and 52 additional persons under surveillance (children and others requiring Day 4 testing). For the period July 26 to August 9, 2021, there have been 2552 arrivals into Anguilla, via air and seaports.

On August 3, 2021 CARPHA notified the Ministry of Health that the Delta variant was sequenced from two cases identified on July 18. Today, the Ministry is sending an additional five samples from cases identified between July 30 and August 9 for sequencing.

Vaccination Deployment Update

As of August 10, there were 9885 registered persons of which 9493 persons had received their first dose, representing 75% of the upper limit of the estimated target population figure of 12,600 persons. Thus far, 8965 persons (71% of target) have received their second dose. In a population estimate of 15,500 total persons this would represent 61% of the population having received the first dose and 58% having received two doses. This is below the 70% minimum threshold for herd immunity. The breakdown by occupation of first doses is as follows:

- 367 Healthcare workers
- 555 Civil, border protection and port staff
- 1865 Hospitality
- 1144 Retired
- 5954 Others

Using 2011 census age demographics, the breakdown of individuals who have received the vaccine by age, is as follows:

- 3023 persons age 18 - 34
- 2921 persons age 35 - 49
- 2541 persons age 50 - 64
- 1357 persons age 65+

Vaccine Stock

Vaccine stocks expired on July 31 and presently, no more vaccines are being administered. In order to provide vaccines for persons who received first doses in July, and other persons needing second doses commencing September 2, the Ministry needs 250 doses of the vaccine (171 second doses for adults over eighteen years, 15 second doses for women post-pregnancy, 4 doses for individuals that were deferred for medical reasons and extra doses to account for wastage etc.).

HAA Laboratory

New travel dates are being finalized for the two technicians who will fix the machine.

Day Trips to St. Martin/Sint Maarten

Day trips between Anguilla and St. Martin/Sint Maarten by residents and visitors have been an important part of the development of Anguilla for decades. This is critical in order to maintain familial and cultural ties, sustain visitor day trips, and cater to certain services of the tourism industry.

The COVID-19 Exit Strategy proposes the recommencement of day trips to St. Martin/Sint Maarten via the French port of Marigot in September 2021, once the epidemiological situation permits. Protocols to manage the reintroduction of day trips to St. Martin/Sint Maarten have been prepared for Executive Council's consideration. On August 5, 2021 on St. Martin and St. Barths, COVID-19 curfews were put in place by the French Government, in an effort to stem the uncontrolled spread of COVID-19. The Ministry of Health recommends that the recommencement of day trips to St. Martin/Sint Maarten should be considered, when the epidemiological situation becomes clearer and the State of Emergency is lifted. This is recommended in light of the high prevalence of the Delta variant and low vaccination rates in St. Martin/Sint Maarten.

Council:

- 1) thanked the Health team for the continued hard work and the efforts made to protect Anguilla;
- 2) noted the CMO's indication that with other strains of COVID-19 an infected person may infect 3 – 4 other people, but a person infected with the Delta VOC may infect up to approximately 9 persons. 99.9% of deaths in the US are associated with the Delta variant. The Delta VOC has shifted the herd immunity requirement to approximately 80% of the population. In Anguilla about 25% of the population are not eligible, because of age or the availability of a suitable vaccine, given that AstraZeneca is the vaccine provided for those over 18 only. Information will be available soon on the next batch of vaccines due to arrive in Anguilla;
- 3) noted the increasing number of breakthrough infections, the infections confirmed in minors from unvaccinated households and the repercussions seen from the recent experience in Iceland;
- 4) agreed to introduce 4 days quarantine for fully vaccinated returning residents and 10 days quarantine for all unvaccinated returning resident minors, regardless of the vaccination status of parents and guardians, commencing on Monday 16th August, 2021; and
- 5) further agreed in principle, the Protocol for the movement of vessel operators and day-trips in relation to the outbreak of Covid-19. However, further work is required around the detailed logistics of the day-trip operations and further communication with the ferryboat operators is necessary, especially as it relates to the requirements outlined in the Protocol. The health team will provide for Council's consideration next week, further details pertaining to the Protocol, specifically addressing: a date for the recommencement of day-trips, the process for the Ministry's approval of the vessels to be used for day-trips, fees for Day 4 testing upon return to Anguilla and the operations of the ivisit Anguilla portal. The effective date for the requirement

for all vessel crew to be fully vaccinated, could potentially be aligned with the recommencement of day-trips.

Council authorised the issue of the Action Sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

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

EX MIN 21/252

EX MEM 21/142 MEDIUM TERM ECONOMIC AND FISCAL PLAN (MTEFP) 2022 - 2024

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, EDCITENR, Mrs Chanelle Petty-Barrett
Dir Economic Planning, Ms Rhina Meade
Commerce Officer, Ms Sherma Hodge

The Economic Development team presented to Council the 2022-2024 Medium Term Economic and Fiscal Plan (MTEFP). The paper outlines that the baseline projections within the 9-year fiscal framework have a positive cash balance, but the 2022 estimate is inadequate to cover amortization, resulting in a financing gap that impacts subsequent financial periods.

The financing gap is narrowed by the second and third programmatic stability and resilience building policy-based loans by the Caribbean Development Bank. The remaining financing needs are to be met from the credit facilities provided by the National Commercial Bank of Anguilla and the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank.

To improve medium-term planning the Government assesses the impact of all fiscal policies and decisions on expenditure, revenues and borrowing in the context of a MTEFP covering a period of at least three (3) years. The Framework for Fiscal Sustainability and Development (FFSD) requires the development and thereafter an annual update of the MTEFP. Government remains in non-compliance with the FFSD and therefore annually requires written

approval from the Secretary of State of the United Kingdom Government before the MTEFP is finalized.

Government has agreed to set out measures to return to compliance with the debt sustainability targets by 2030, with a transitional provision to demonstrate the ability to reduce net debt-to-recurrent revenue to below 100% by 2025 and below 80% by 2030.

Council:

- 1) noted that UKG approval of the MTEFP is needed, but the 2022 Estimates if consistent with the MTEFP would not be required;
- 2) noted that a moderate recovery of the tourism industry is forecast, with an anticipated full return to pre Covid-19 levels by 2024. Notwithstanding that the industry partners anticipate a promising last quarter for 2021 and first quarter for 2022, there remains an element of uncertainty in forecasts, as bookings do not always equate to revenue, and therefore assumptions cannot be overly optimistic;
- 3) noted that the Hon Deputy Governor will discuss further work on the budgetary allocations for the 2022 Census;
- 4) noted that a review of the fiscal projections baseline shows a deficit for the years 2021 – 2024 and funding gaps of EC\$25 million and EC\$24 million in 2022 and 2023 respectively, that shall need to be accommodated by the government credit facilities. As it relates to Domain Name Registrations and reform of the Companies Act, the fees are harder to quantify and there may be some optimism as it relates to the potential revenues. The downside fiscal scenario forecasts a EC\$27 million deficit for 2022 if tourist arrivals do not increase;
- 5) noted that for the 2021 outturn a EC\$12 million deficit is projected, however, this is predicated on a higher tax to GDP return than Anguilla has had before, meaning there is a possibility of risk associated with the sum;
- 6) noted that an aspect of tax arrears recovery is built into the revenue projections although there is uncertainty with the recoverability of interest and penalties. A paper is to be

presented to Council at a future date detailing what sums are deemed recoverable and proposing a sum to be written off;

- 7) noted that debt amortization repayment of the principal of historic debt is the key concern now as grace periods for repayment have expired;
- 8) noted that there are some key dates to be observed if the second tranche of the CDB policy based loan is to be drawn down in quarter 4 of 2021 and that the MTEFP should be submitted to the UKG for approval by August 16;
- 9) noted the new policies proposed to increase revenue, including, new revenue measures, changes to existing structures and GST. Revenue expenditure is expected to decrease because of reduced outlay in the response to COVID-19, expenditure controls, and less expenditure on social protection programmes and social contributions;
- 10) noted that the proposed fiscal and economic policies are key to meeting the MTEFP fiscal projections and must be implemented in a timely manner. The Companies Act legislation is to be prepared by the end of August 2021 and implemented soon thereafter. The Hon Deputy Governor will supervise the preparation of a Public Service resources and prioritization schedule of tasks to be completed, in order to achieve the Key-Medium Term Policy Measures;
- 11) agreed that departmental savings should not be used for departmental expenditure, but rather reserved as a contingency measure, as such new expenditure decisions had to be reviewed by Council. Incremental expenditure relating to the over 70's medical costs should be removed from 2022;
- 12) approved the draft Medium-Term Economic and Fiscal Plan 2022 - 2024 subject to the redistribution of the GST expense and removal of the 2022 over 70's medical costs that was used to defer the implementation of GST to July 1, 2022;
- 13) instructed the Ministry of Finance and Health to provide to the United Kingdom Government the Medium-Term Economic and Fiscal Plan 2022 - 2024 and the fiscal framework out to 2030 for consideration and approval; and

14) noted that if necessary, any policy changes or adjustments will be communicated to the Ministry of Economic Development for assessment and revision of the MTEFP.

Council authorised the issue of the Action Sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, EDCITENR; HON, MIN EDCITENR

EX MIN 21/253

EX MEM 21/143 A BILL FOR THE LICENSING OF BUSINESSES

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

The PS EDCITENR briefed Council. The legislation governing the issue of business licences is the Trades, Businesses, Occupations and Professions Licensing Act. The legislation is outdated and has several shortcomings, including the following: an individual (the Permanent Secretary, Commerce) is the licensing authority, there is no power of refusal once the application is duly completed and the fee is paid, there is no requirement to present documentation to support the application and there are limited powers of enforcement. To address these shortcomings and in preparation for new legislation, the Ministry imposed a moratorium on the licensing of businesses in March 2019.

The Ministry subsequently prepared a Policy for Licensing of Businesses and Transparency of Business Ownership, which set out the policy framework for the development of the new legislation. This Policy was approved by Executive Council in December 2020, as per Ex Min 20/522. The Bill for the Licensing of Businesses has been prepared in accordance with the approved policy and is presented to Executive Council for approval.

Council:

1) noted that the draft Bill includes:

- a) Ministerial Orders;
 - b) the requirement for proof of qualifications for certain businesses;
 - c) the ability to extend, revoke, suspend, refuse or apply conditions to a licence;
 - d) a requirement for a licensee to disclose a change in position;
 - e) the reservation of industries for local enterprise. An exempt industry, such as fishing and farming, cannot also be reserved;
 - f) the requirement for a company to be formed where there is non-local ownership; and
 - g) the commencement date is October 1, 2021, but businesses will be given until January 1, 2023 to become compliant;
- 2) noted that the Board requires built in co-competence in order to properly regulate the specially skilled areas, as per section 8;
- 3) approved the Bill for the Licensing of Businesses, subject to the AG's Chambers undertaking further work, to ascertain that it aligns with international law obligations and requirements in respect of the competence of the Board; and
- 4) instructed the AG's Chambers to prepare the Bill for tabling at the next session of the House of Assembly.

Action: PS, EDCITENR; HON, AG; HON, MIN EDCITENR

EX MIN 21/254

EX MEM 21/144 BLUE ANGUILLA (BANG) TASK FORCE POSITION PAPER ON THE BLUE ECONOMY

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

The Parliamentary Secretary and the PS, EDCITENR briefed Council. The Blue Anguilla (BANG) Task Force was established by the Ministry of EDCITENR, in February 2021. It is an inter-sectoral Task Force comprising representatives from various Government Ministries and Departments.

According to its Terms of Reference, the BANG Task Force was formed to harness economic growth opportunities for Anguilla from marine resources. The Task Force was specifically required to facilitate the collaborative development of Anguilla's blue economy in the areas of offshore fishing, renewable energy and energy efficiency, transportation, waste management, climate change and tourism. The BANG Task Force developed a blue economy position paper with situation analysis, along with recommendations to Executive Council, regarding the steps Anguilla needs to take for development of the blue economy.

The Paper and the subsequent approval of the Implementation Plan and Ocean Governance Policy are proposed conditions under the Resilience Building Pillar of Policy Based Loans 2 and 3 from the Caribbean Development Bank, to provide revenue support to the Government of Anguilla.

Council:

- 1) noted that the SWOT analysis identifies where Anguilla desires to be positioned. The greatest weaknesses are resources and the legal and policy framework;
- 2) noted that the paper consolidates information, which is useful for capitalising on future regional opportunities and grant/funding applications, it also signals our commitment to development;
- 3) noted that it would be desirable to partner with an OT that has experience in this area; and
- 4) approved the Blue Anguilla (BANG) Task Force Position Paper on the Blue Economy.

Action: PS, EDCITENR; HON, MIN EDCITENR

EX MIN 21/256

EX MEM 21/146 AMENDMENT TO THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION LEGISLATION

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

The Hon Premier briefed Council. After the consultation period and scheduled first reading of the Bill in the House of Assembly, the executive management staff at the Health Authority of Anguilla (HAA) shared information in relation to the procurement activities of the HAA. After consideration of this information, the Ministry proposes amendments to the Bill, to address the manner in which the HAA operates.

Council approved the following amendments to the Bill to amend the Public Procurement and Contract Administration Act:

- 1) a provision is to be inserted to provide for commencement of the legislation on October 1, 2021;
- 2) an allowance shall be made for procurements of food, as micro procurements up to a threshold of EC\$10,000; and
- 3) the definition of "*specified professional services*" shall be amended to include Clinical Specialists.

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; HON, AG; HON, PREM

EX MIN 21/257

EX MEM 21/147 APPLICATION FOR DUTY AND TAX EXEMPTION FOR OUTREACH BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Council:

- 1) agreed that duty and tax exemptions should be granted to the Outreach Baptist Church (Dr Cecil Richardson) on the importation of electronic equipment for use by the church;

- 2) agreed that the administrative fee under the Customs Administrative Cost Recovery Act should apply;
- 3) noted that the estimated duty and tax loss to the Government is EC\$919.74;
- 4) noted that the Ministry of Finance in collaboration with the Department of Youth and Culture have previously identified EC\$593,795 in expenditure savings from the cancellation of the Anguilla Summer Festival, which had an allocation of EC\$890K; and
- 5) instructed the Ministry of Finance to prepare the required Resolutions of the House of Assembly, pursuant to section 77(1) of the Customs Act, R.S.A. c. C 169 and section 6A of the Interim Goods Tax Act, 2019.

Action: PS, FIN; PAS; FIN; CIR; HON, PREM

EX MIN 21/258

EX MEM 21/148 APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF THE WATER CORPORATION OF ANGUILLA (WCA)

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

Council:

- 1) noted the recommendations made in the paper, but same were not adopted in totality;
- 2) approved the removal of Ms Calla Gumbs and Ms Geraldine James from the Board with immediate effect, in accordance with Section 9(2) of the Water Corporation of Anguilla Act R.S.A c W4;
- 3) approved the appointment of the following persons, for the stated periods, to be members of the Board of the WCA, with effect from August 11, 2021, in accordance with Section 5(1) of the Water Corporation of Anguilla Act R.S.A c W4, namely:
 - a) Mr Juan Richardson –2 years
 - b) Mr Victor Nickeo – 2 years

- 4) noted that all members appointed to the Board must complete Governance and Accountability certification and Public Financial Management certification training within three (3) months, with a body approved by MICUH&T, failure to comply will result in removal from the Board;
- 5) noted that WCA must inform MICUH&T three (3) months in advance of the expiry of any and all WCA Board member's appointments or resignations of the WCA Board; and
- 6) further noted that the Hon Minister for Infrastructure must designate a Government representative to sit on the WCA Board.

Action: PS, MICUHT; HON MIN, MICUHT

EX MIN 21/259

EX MEM 21/149 AUTHORISATION OF AN OFFICER/PERSON TO REPRESENT THE INTEREST AND VOTE THE SHARES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGUILLA AT THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS AND THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ANGUILLA ELECTRICITY COMPANY LTD (ANGLEC) TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18TH AUGUST 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 the following documents:

- 1) Ex Min 21/225 concerning the request for a Special Meeting;
- 2) letter from the PS, MICUH&T to ANGLEC requesting a meeting of the shareholders of ANGLEC, dated July 20, 2021;
- 3) Notice of a Special Meeting of the shareholders of ANGLEC and Annual General Meeting to be held on August 18, 2021, from the Corporate Secretary for ANGLEC, dated July 27, 2021;
- 4) draft letter of authorization to PS, MICUH&T from Hon Minister MICUH&T to vote the Government of Anguilla shares at the

August 18, 2021 Special Meeting of ANGLEC shareholders and Annual General Meeting;

- 5) ANGLEC proxy form;
- 6) ANGLEC due Diligence form; and
- 7) CV's.

Following discussion Council:

- 1) noted the recommendations in the paper, but the recommendations were not adopted in totality;
- 2) agreed to remove from the Board, the following members: Mr Evan Gumbs, Mr Juan Richardson and Mr Victor Nickeo;
- 3) agreed to appoint to the Board, in accordance with the By-Laws the following members: Mr Arthur Hodge, Mr Patrick Mardenborough and Ms Geraldine James;
- 4) noted that the other Board appointments would remain the same, so the new Board to be appointed at the AGM, would comprise the following persons:
 - a) Mr Jerome Roberts
 - b) Mr Derek Gumbs
 - c) Mr Jibri Klaren
 - d) Mr Cameron Lloyd
 - e) Ms Donna Gumbs
 - f) Dr Wycliffe Fahie
 - g) Mr Arthur Hodge
 - h) Mr Patrick Mardenborough
 - i) Ms Geraldine James
- 5) approved the proposed amendments to the By-Laws;
- 6) agreed the nomination (by proxy form) of Permanent Secretary MICUH&T;
- 7) agreed that PS MICUH&T should attend the Special Meeting of the shareholders of ANGLEC and the Annual General Meeting to be held on August 18, 2021; and

- 8) further agreed that PS MICUH&T is authorized to vote the shares of the Government of Anguilla in accordance with Executive Council's directives.

Council authorised the issue of the action sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

The Hon Minister for EDCITENR declared an interest, as his father is Mr Arthur Hodge, and he took no part in the deliberations or determination.

Action: PS, MICUHT; HON, MIN MICUHT

EX MIN 21/260

EX MEM 21/150 PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (PUC) – APPOINTMENT OF AN AUDITOR FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 (EX MIN 21/223 & EX MEM 21/122)

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

The Hon Minister for MICUHT briefed Council.

Council:

- 1) noted the following:
 - a) Ex Min 21/223;
 - b) letter to H.E. the Governor from the PUC Executive Director, dated July 19, 2021; and
 - c) Public Utilities Commission, Invitation to Tender document dated January 2018; and
- 2) confirmed its approval to appoint the firm BDO LLC to conduct the audit of the Public Utilities Commission's accounts for the year ended December 31, 2020.

Action: PS, MICUHT; HON, MIN MICUHT

EX MIN 21/261

EX MEM 21/151 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION EAST END, BLOCK 99519 B, PARCEL 106 CONTAINING 1.23 ACRES – UPDATE #2

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 issue of an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold property situated in Registration Section East End, Block 99519 B, described as Parcel 106 for residential purposes, located in Island Harbour, subject to:

(a) Stamp duties payable as follows:

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| (i) under the Stamp Act – 5%
of EC\$2,073,610.28. | EC\$103,680.51 |
| (ii) under the Aliens Land Holding
Regulation Act – 5%
of EC\$2,073,610.28. | EC\$103,680.51 |

TOTAL

EC\$207,361.02

(b) the Applicant shall be granted an exemption from Governments Policy which restricts Aliens to the purchase of no more than half an acre of land, on the grounds that the land is alienated;

(c) with the express condition that the property shall be used for residential purposes and that the Licencee must not rent their dwelling house without first notifying the Ministry of Finance; and

(d) that the Ministry of Lands in separate correspondence shall write to the proprietors of the land situate in Registration

Section East End, Block 99519 B, described as Parcel 105, notifying them that their refundable deposit will be forfeited.

Council authorised the issue of the action sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, HA; DLS; HON, MIN HA
