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**MINUTES OF THE 71<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA**  
**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022 AT 9.00 AM**

- PRESENT:
- Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam
  - 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
  - Acting Attorney General, Ms Dawne Richardson
  - 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 22/01

**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 70<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 and the Round Robin Minutes agreed on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2021.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

EX MIN 22/04

**COVID-19 UPDATE & EX MEM 22/005 STRATEGY FOR IN-SCHOOL COVID TESTING**

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  
 CMO, Dr Aisha Andrewin  
 DIR CDU, Mrs Twyla Richardson-Bradshaw  
 PS Social Development, Dr Bonnie Richardson-Lake  
 Health Planner, Ms Rochelle Rogers

**Epidemiology*****Global overview***

During the week 20 - 26 December, following a gradual increase from October, the global number of new cases increased by 11% as compared to the previous week; while the number of new deaths remained similar. This corresponds to just under 5 million new cases and over 44,000 new deaths. As of December 26, over 278 million cases and just under 5.4 million deaths have been reported globally.

The highest numbers of new cases were reported from the United States of America (1,185,653 new cases; 34% increase), the United Kingdom (611,864 new cases; 20% increase), France (504,642 new

cases; 41% increase); Italy (257,579 new cases; 62% increase) and Germany (197,845 new cases; 30% decrease).

### **Update on the Emergence of Variant of Concern Omicron (B.1.1.529)**

The overall risk related to the new variant of concern Omicron remains very high. Consistent evidence shows that the Omicron variant has a growth advantage over the Delta variant with a doubling time of 2 - 3 days and rapid increases in the incidence of cases has been seen in a number of countries, including those where the variant has become the dominant SARS-CoV-2 variant, such as the United Kingdom and the United States of America. However, a decline in the incidence of cases has now been observed in South Africa. Three preliminary studies (one from South Africa, two from the UK) suggest that the risk of hospitalisation for Omicron infections may be lower than for Delta infections.

### ***Updates on International Guidance***

Council was briefed on the latest UKHSA guidance concerning, self-isolation, quarantine, testing and vaccination.

### ***Caribbean Region***

Since the previous report on December 13, an additional 76,625 cases of COVID-19 were confirmed in 34 countries within the Caribbean, bringing the region's total confirmed cases to 2,270,632 in 35 countries/territories (including the 26 CARPHA Member States). The new total represents a 3.5% increase in the number of confirmed cases. There were 29,178 deaths recorded in the Caribbean Region as of December 29, 2021. The risk of further cases occurring in the Caribbean remains Very High. Countries must continue to focus on interrupting viral transmission and reducing mortality associated with COVID-19.

## **Anguilla**

As of January 4, 2022 the total number of confirmed cases since the beginning of the pandemic in early 2020 is 1777 with 1702 recoveries, 6 deaths (an additional 2 deceased while infected) and 69 active cases. Seven persons are currently admitted to the Isolation Unit.

### **Vaccination Deployment Update**

#### Vaccine Uptake

As of January 5, 2022, 10,140 first doses and 9,230 second doses have been administered. In an estimated population of 15,500 total persons, this would represent 65% of the population having received the first dose and 60% of the population having received two doses.

The breakdown by age of persons having received a first dose is as follows:

- 435 persons age 12 - 17
- 3033 persons age 18 - 34
- 2893 persons age 35 - 49
- 2484 persons age 50 - 64
- 1323 persons age 65+

The occupational breakdown of first doses is as follows:

- 355 Healthcare workers
- 546 Civil and Border Protection
- 1824 Hospitality
- 1103 Retired
- 6361 Others

#### Distribution (Pfizer)

As of January 5, 2057 doses of Pfizer have been administered, this includes 1474 booster doses and 435 first doses for 12 - 17 year olds. This represents roughly 33% of the estimated 12 – 17 year old population.

Vaccination distribution continues with walk-ins at Welches Polyclinic on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and by appointment on Friday afternoons at the Western Polyclinic. Noting the guidance to provide second doses, 12 weeks after the first doses for healthy 12 - 17 year olds, the team will coordinate with School Health to coordinate school vaccination dates in late January/early February.

Vaccination for 5 - 11 year olds is being considered, noting the current JCVI guidance on vulnerable groups. Based on primary school current population estimates and enrollment data there are estimated to be 1443 students in this age category and 168 may meet the vulnerability criteria.

#### Vaccination Management System

While transitioning the system to include Pfizer vaccination details, including booster information, some electronic data loss occurred. Thus, a data entry clerk is required to re-enter data and harmonize paper and digital records.

#### **COVID-19 Response Measures**

Council was briefed on the Ministry's proposed response measures.

#### **Marigot Ferry**

Council noted that no further regulations are required to commence the St Martin ferry operations.

#### **In-School Testing**

Council noted the proposals for in-school COVID-19 testing.

Council:

- 1) thanked the health team for their continued hard work and commended the PS Health and CMO on their recent honours awards;

- 2) noted that the recent outbreaks in residential homes are concerning given the vulnerability of this group. The health team will review ways to improve vaccination rates for residential home employees and residents;
- 3) noted that case numbers have recently increased and it is suspected that the Omicron variant may be present in Anguilla, samples have been sent for testing and confirmation is awaited;
- 4) noted that further supplies of the Astra/Zeneca vaccine have been requested for second doses;
- 5) noted that the physical spacing of arriving passengers at the ports of entry needs to be reviewed, and the Ministry of ICUHT will address this;
- 6) noted the Ministry of Health's proposal to provide arrival rapid test results by email, within a one to two hour window and agreed that the following conditions would be met in order to achieve this:
  - (i) provision of clerical staff for data entry in real time, four persons at Blowing Point Ferry Terminal and three persons at the CJLIA. Currently there are two persons at Blowing Point Ferry Terminal and none at CJLIA – therefore an additional five persons are needed;
  - (ii) stable Wi-Fi connections, to be provided via a package for each port of entry (two packages);
  - (iii) three laptops in total, two for Blowing Point Ferry Terminal and one for CJLIA; and
  - (iv) provision of adequate space at the ports of entry to accommodate additional clerical staff;
- 7) approved the hiring of two temporary staff to deal with the vaccination data back log;
- 8) noted that the Ministry recommends the following isolation periods and clearance for COVID-19 cases; a seven-day

isolation period with a rapid test at the end of the period for vaccinated COVID-19 cases and their contacts; and a ten-day isolation period with a rapid test at the end of the period for unvaccinated COVID-19 cases and their contacts. However, a final decision will be made once the recommendations are aligned with the isolation/quarantine recommendations to be applied within the school setting, as per paragraph 16 below;

- 9) agreed to maintain the quarantine period of 10 days for unvaccinated persons including unvaccinated children and to continue to emphasize vaccination as a method to mitigate the effects of COVID-19;
- 10) agreed that there will be no change as it relates to the treatment and management of persistent positive cases (persons testing positive more than 10 days after diagnosis). Noted the recommendation that persons should be cleared by an antigen test in order to be satisfied that they are not infectious. Persons who are no longer infectious should be able to secure a negative antigen test, even if they are not able to obtain a negative PCR test prior to arrival as per the current regulations. Once persons are non-infectious there will be no need for isolation;
- 11) noted that presently 12 - 17 year olds who have received one vaccine dose (Pfizer) are considered fully vaccinated. This shall remain under review by the health team and eventually in order to qualify as fully vaccinated two doses will be required, the date for the change is to be decided;
- 12) approved the suspension of PCR confirmatory testing for people who test positive for COVID-19 on rapid lateral flow tests;
- 13) agreed that the Public Health (COVID-19 Vaccination of Work Permit Holders) Regulations 2021, which relate to mandatory vaccinations for work permit holders should be amended to reflect that work permit holders shall be required to be fully vaccinated in order to obtain a new work permit or renew a work permit, as per Council's previous decision in Ex Min 21/197. The regulations must be returned to Council for review prior to execution;

14) reviewed the following existing COVID-19 related Regulations which expire on 15 January 2022, and approved the extension of the following from 16 January 2022 to 28 February 2022:

- a) Public Health (Quarantine)(COVID-19) Regulations;
- b) Quarantine (COVID-19)(Arriving Passengers Health Clearance) Rules;
- c) Public Health (Temporary Restrictions on Movement of People and Public Gatherings) Regulations;
- d) Public Health (Regulation of Ports) Regulations;
- e) Public Health (Landing of Passengers)(Special Exemptions) Regulations;
- f) Public Health (COVID-19 Monitoring of Approved Businesses) Regulations; and
- g) Emergency (COVID-19 Border Control) Regulations; and

15) noted that students will return to face-to-face classroom instruction on January 10 and noted the challenges that were faced when schools were opened in late 2021. Noted the strategy for in-school testing and the financial and resource implications outlined. Noted that testing requirements were forecast to March 2022, but longer-term test profiling is necessary so that testing kits can be procured in a timely manner. The Ministry of Social Development shall liaise with the Ministry of Health regarding testing kit profiling, which takes into consideration the testing kits required for schools;

16) agreed the following in relation to in-school testing:

- (i) automatic quarantining of the classmates of a positive case is to be discontinued;
- (ii) classmates who are deemed close contacts of positive students shall have lateral flow tests administered by the School Health Nurses, daily for a period of a week, excluding weekends and public holidays. If testing is refused the child will be required to isolate;
- (iii) vaccination shall be emphasized as it supports the overall COVID-19 management strategy; and



(iv) an additional 3500 rapid tests are to be sourced in the first instance.

Council authorized 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 22/06

**EX MEM 22/002 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION EAST CENTRAL, BLOCK 89319 B, PARCEL 66 CONTAINING 0.45 ACRES**

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

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold property situated in Registration Section East Central, Block 89319 B, described as Parcel 66 being 0.45 acres of vacant land located at Island Harbour, Anguilla for commercial tourism purposes, subject to the following:

a) Stamp duties payable are as follows:

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| (i)   | under the Stamp Act – 5%<br>of EC\$1,344,100.00                                | EC\$ 67,205.00        |
| (ii)  | under the Aliens Land Holding<br>Regulation Act – 6.25%<br>of EC\$1,344,100.00 | EC\$ 84,006.25        |
| (iii) | Refundable Deposit – 10%<br>of EC\$1,344,100.00                                | <u>EC\$134,410.00</u> |

**TOTAL** **EC\$285,621.25**

- b) with the express condition that the land is to be used for commercial tourism purposes. The Licensee must obtain a licence from the Ministry of Economic Development, Investment, Commerce, Information Technology & Natural Resources in order to rent the said property;
- c) with the express condition that the land is to be used for the sole purpose approved in Planning Application No. 21/0432 (i.e. a Villa and Parking Lot);
- d) the Applicant shall apply for full Planning Permission before any development commences and shall detail all matters relating to the site;
- e) the construction of the Villa is to be completed within thirty (30) months. If said Villa is not completed at the end of thirty (30) months, 50% of the refundable deposit will be forfeited to the Government of Anguilla. The remaining balance of 50% will be forfeited if the construction is not completed within a further 6 months. Thereafter, forfeiture proceedings for the property will be commenced by the Government of Anguilla for a period of twenty-four (24) months;
- f) that the Applicant shall be granted an exemption from Government's policy that restricts Aliens to the purchase of no more than half an acre of land, on the grounds that the Applicant has provided reasonable justification for the said request; and
- g) the Licensee shall fully comply with the laws of Anguilla from time to time including the Land Development Control Act, the Property Tax Act, the Building Regulations, the Labour (Relations) Act, the Social Security Act, the Immigration and Passport Regulations and any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof and any rules or regulations made there under.

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

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

EX MIN 22/07

**EX MEM 22/003 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION EAST END, BLOCK 99315 B, PARCEL 310 CONTAINING 0.29 ACRES**

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

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold on a freehold basis, property situate in Registration Section East End, Block 99315 B, described as Parcel 310 containing 0.29 acres located at Sandy Hill, Anguilla for residential purposes with a dwelling house thereon, subject to the following:

(a) payment of the following Stamp Duties:

(i)	under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$940,870.00	EC\$47,043.50
(ii)	under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 5% of EC\$940,870.00	EC\$47,043.50
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>EC\$94,087.00</u></b>

(b) with the express condition that the land is to be used for residential purposes and that the Licensee must not rent their dwelling house without first notifying the Ministry of Lands; and

(c) the Licensee shall fully comply with the laws of Anguilla from time to time including the Land Development Control Act, the Property Tax Act, the Building Regulations, the Labour (Relations) Act, the Social Security Act, the Immigration and Passport Regulations and any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof and any rules or regulations made there under.

The Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development recused herself.

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

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

EX MIN 22/08

**EX MEM 22/004 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION WEST CENTRAL, BLOCK 28312 B, PARCELS 191, 201, 206, 208, 209, 211, & 212 BEING 2.22 ACRES**

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 it had previously approved the grant of an Aliens Land Holding Licence in Ex Min 21/329 and Ex Min 21/367 wherein this matter was considered.

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence for lands located in South Hill for short term residential use only, subject to:

(a) Payment of the following stamp duties for:

**Stamp Duty on Parcel 191 – 0.25ac**

(i) Stamp Duty under the Stamp Act 5% of EC\$991,701.88	EC\$49,585.09
(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 5% of EC\$991,701.88	<u>EC\$49,585.09</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>EC\$99,170.18</u></b>

**Stamp Duty on Parcel 242 (formerly 201) – 0.66ac**

(i) Stamp Duty under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$735,491.52	EC\$36,774.58
(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 5% of EC\$735,491.52	EC\$36,774.58
<b>TOTAL</b>	----- <b>EC\$73,549.16</b> =====

**Stamp Duty on Parcel 206 – 0.38ac**

(i) Stamp Duty under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$600,872.95	EC\$30,043.65
(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 5% of EC\$600,872.95	EC\$30,043.65
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>EC\$60,087.30</b>
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**Stamp Duty on Parcel 208 – 0.03ac**

(i) Stamp Duty under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$59,959.68	EC\$2,997.98
(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 6.25% of EC\$59,959.68	EC\$3,747.48
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>EC\$6,745.46</b>
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**Stamp Duty on Parcel 209 – 0.39ac**

(i) Stamp Duty under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$1,690,484.94	EC\$84,524.25
(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 5% of EC\$1,690,484.94	EC\$84,524.25
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>EC\$169,048.50</b>
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**Stamp Duty on Parcel 211 – 0.18ac**

(i) Stamp Duty under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$720,412.27	EC\$36,020.61
(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 6.25% of EC\$720,412.27	EC \$36,020.61
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>EC\$72,041.22</u></b>

**Stamp Duty on Parcel 243 (formerly 212) – 0.15ac**

(i) Stamp Duty under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$721,012.69	EC\$36,050.64
(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 5% of EC\$721,012.69	EC\$36,050.64
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>EC\$72,101.28</u></b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b><u>EC\$552,743.11</u></b>

(b) that the Company be granted an exemption from Governments policy that restricts Aliens to the purchase of no more than half an acre of land, on the grounds that the property will be used for short term residential purposes;

(c) Parcels 208, 209, 211 and 243 shall be amalgamated within three (3) months of the grant of the Aliens Land Holding Licence;

(d) compliance with the Labour (Relations) Act;

(e) that the property will be rented on a short term basis only;

(f) that the Aliens Land Holding Licence shall stipulate that the short term tenancy duration will not exceed 180 days for each 365 day period;

(g) that the rental of the units is to be at prevalent market rates, that are reflected in the tenancy agreements and the rental transactions are to be at arms-length; and

(h) that rental of the units is limited to the employees of a certain entity and not to guests.

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

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