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**MINUTES OF THE 166TH MEETING OF THE TENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2013**

PRESENT:

Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Christina Scott

The Honourable Hubert Hughes, Chief Minister and Minister of Finance,
Economic Development, Investment, Commerce and Tourism and Minister
of Labour and Immigration and Minister of Social Development and Health

The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Stanley Reid

The Honourable Jerome Roberts, Minister of Lands, Physical Planning, Human
Rights, Environment, Gender Affairs and Agriculture and Fisheries and Minister
of Sports and Education, Library Services, Sports, Youth and Culture

The Honourable Evan Gumbs, Minister of Infrastructure, Communications,
Utilities and Housing

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr James Wood QC

Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Foster Rogers, PS, EDICT

Mr Perin Bradley, Compliance Manager

Dr Bonnie Richardson-Lake, PS, HSD

Mrs Chanelle Petty-Barrett, PS, ELSYC

Ms Aurjul Wilson, PS, MHA/LANDS

Mrs Kathleen Rogers, PS, PA

Dr Aidan Harrigan, PS, FIN

Mr Larry Franklin, PS, MICUH

Ms Gecheal Richardson-Gumbs, CIR

Mrs Shona Proctor, Budget Director

Mrs Shantelle Richardson, Projects Officer

Ms Anthea Ipinson, Chief Projects Officer

Ms Jamila Gumbs, Budget Officer

EX MIN 13/669

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 165th Meeting held on Thursday 26th
September 2013 and continued on Friday 27th September 2013.

EX MIN 13/672

EX MEM 13/309 ABOLITION OF THE POST OF DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT AND THE CREATION OF THE POST OF HEAD OF SECURITY AT HER MAJESTY'S PRISON

Council approved:-

- (i) the abolition of the Deputy Superintendent Post;
- (ii) the creation of the Head of Security; and
- (iii) the filling of the Head of Security Post

Action: PS, HSD; PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; BD

EX MIN 13/673

EX MEM 13/310 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION BY AMBASSADORS PATHFINDER CLUB

Council agreed that duty exemption should be granted to the Ambassadors Pathfinder Club (c/o Mr Malcolm Webster, Club Director) on drums. The Ambassadors Pathfinder Club has been involved in many national activities including parades and marches of witness against drugs, gangs and violence.

The estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$3,208.97.

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

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; COC; FO

EX MIN 13/674

EX MEM 13/311 FILLING THE VACANT POST OF GENDER DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

Council agreed to the filling of the post of Gender Development Coordinator in the Ministry of Home Affairs with immediate effect.

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

Action: PS, MHA/LANDS; PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; BD

EX MIN 13/675

EX MEM 13/312 WELLS REGULATIONS, 2013

Council agreed that the paper should be deferred for further discussion.

Action: PS, MICUH

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 13/677

EX MIN 13/654 DISCUSSIONS ON THE DRAFT 2014 BUDGET AND FORWARD ESTIMATES (2015 – 2016) NEW SPENDING & SAVINGS OPTIONS

Mr Foster Rogers, PS, EDICT remained for discussion. The following Officials joined the Meeting:-

Dr Bonnie Richardson-Lake, PS, HSD
 Mrs Chanelle Petty-Barrett, PS, ELSYC
 Ms Aurjul Wilson, PS, MHA/LANDS
 Mrs Kathleen Rogers, PS, PA
 Dr Aidan Harrigan, PS, FIN
 Mr Larry Franklin, PS, MICUH
 Ms Gecheal Richardson-Gumbs, CIR
 Mrs Shona Proctor, Budget Director
 Mrs Shantelle Richardson, Projects Officer
 Ms Anthea Ipinson, Chief Projects Officer
 Ms Jamila Gumbs, Budget Officer

Further to EX MIN 13/654 of 26th September 2013, Council noted the figures for the 1st draft of the revised budget as it relates to new spending requests and savings options. The figures are as follows:-

Recurrent Revenue	-	EC\$183,426,501
Recurrent Expenditure	-	EC\$182,964,848

Council noted that the revenue figures were based on the assumption that the Interim Stabilization Levy remains.

The Governor noted that the projected revenue for 2014 was higher than the projected revenue outturn for 2013 (EC\$171.7m), and that a number of other risks might yet apply additional pressure on 2014 budgets. It would therefore be prudent to take steps now to improve the collection of taxes owed to GoA and to continue to look at what further efficiencies might be made.

On a related matter, Council agreed that discussion on the draft 2014 Capital Budget should continue at the Special Meeting of Executive Council on Tuesday 8th October 2013.

Action: PS, FIN; OTHER PERM SECS; BD

EX MIN 13/678

EX MIN 13/667 10TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ANGLEC

Further to EX MIN 13/667 of 1st October 2013, Council agreed the script for Agenda Items #3 and #4 as follows:-

Agenda Item #3 – to receive the Report of the Chairman and adopt the 2012 Annual Report

On behalf of the Government of Anguilla, I wish to make the following statement:-

The Government of Anguilla notes from the Chairman's message in the Annual Report of 2012 the financial challenges facing the Anguilla Electricity Company (ANGLEC). It also notes from the Chairman's message – "In consideration of the cash position of the company and as a result, our inability to meet the minimum

debt service ratio for the Caribbean Development Bank at the end of the 2012 financial year and upon the recommendation of Management, the Board made a

determination to recommend to the shareholders that no dividend be issued, pursuant to section 52 of the Companies Act”.

Whilst the Government of Anguilla is in full empathy with ANGLEC and their efforts thus far, the Government of Anguilla is cognizant that the creation and execution of a coherent strategy, if not already devised and implemented, is critical to reversing the downward trends and addressing the on-going challenges. Government urges ANGLEC to give due attention to these issues.

Agenda Item #4 – to receive and consider the Report of the Auditors and the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2012.

Having heard and reviewed the auditor’s report and the financial statements, the Government of Anguilla would again like to express its concern about the financial health of the company while acknowledging that its financial standing with ANGLEC is not where it would like to be.

Agenda Item #6 – to elect Directors and to fix their remuneration

While supporting the election of the proposed directors, the Government of Anguilla would like to place on record its hope that all the directors will pursue the relevant corporate governance and directors’ training.

Council did not agree to the script for Agenda Item #6.

Action: PS, MICUH; MINS OF GOV’T

EX MIN 13/679

EX MIN 13/670 HEALTH AND INSURANCE POLICY

Further to EX MIN 13/670 above, Council subsequently considered the matter and agreed that the tendering process should begin.

Action: PS, FIN

EX MIN 13/680

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Council agreed that there should be a Special Meeting of Executive Council on Tuesday 8th October 2013 at 9:00 am to continue discussion on the draft 2014 Capital Budget and to consider other regular matters of Executive Council.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS

EX MIN 13/681

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

Council was informed of the following dates of official overseas travel:-

- 1) Hon Deputy Governor - 7 – 9 October, Public Service Meeting, UK
- 2) Hon Minister of Infrastructure - 9 – 12 October, Water Conference in Barbados
