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MINUTES OF THE 49th MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 24th JUNE 2021 AT 9.00 AM

- PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam
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, and the acting Minister for Finance and Health Mr Kenneth Hodge
The Honourable Premier (Ag) and the 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
- ABSENT: The Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance and Health, Dr Ellis Webster

EX MIN 21/196

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 48th Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 17th June, 2021.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 21/197

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
 PS, Finance, Mrs Kathleen Rogers
 Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin
 Health Planner, Ms Rochelle Rogers
 Director CDU, Mrs Twyla Richardson-Bradshaw
 Deputy Commissioner of Police, Mr Elliot Forbes

Epidemiology***Global overview***

According to the WHO Situation Report of June 21, global COVID-19 cases and deaths have declined over the past week (6% decrease to 2.5 million new cases and 12% decline to 64,000 deaths). Several regions are experiencing a declining number of cases. Case numbers in the Americas and the Western Pacific (Middle East) have broadly plateaued compared to last week. The African region has seen a 39% increase in the number of new cases compared to last week.

However, a current issue is that of the emerging variants of concern (VOC). The WHO report focused on emerging evidence surrounding transmissibility, disease severity, the risk of reinfection and the impacts on diagnostics and vaccine performance, as well as updates on the geographic distribution of VOCs. In particular, the Delta VOC

continues to be recorded in new countries. The CDC has also formally classified the Delta variant as a VOC. Furthermore, the CDC now predicts that the Delta variant will become the predominant COVID strain. With regard to vaccine performance, studies from the UK suggest that there is moderately reduced vaccine effectiveness in preventing symptomatic disease and infection due to the Delta variant, as compared to the Alpha. The evidence presented by the WHO is based on UK studies, which provide further evidence of the importance of the administration of two doses of both Pfizer BioNTech-Comirnaty and AstraZeneca-Vaxzevria, in order to prevent hospitalization, symptomatic disease and infection due to both the Delta and Alpha variants.

Caribbean Region

The Caribbean region continues to record an increase in cases, with a 2% increase over the previous week. Several countries are experiencing cluster outbreaks and community transmission of the virus, with increasing hospitalizations and deaths.

Anguilla

As of June 21, Anguilla has recorded a total of 109 confirmed cases with 109 recoveries and 0 active cases. The last active case was recorded on May 10. There are 462 persons currently in quarantine.

Furthermore, the Ministry has received indication that the WHO will re-classify Anguilla's current transmission status from '*clusters of cases*' to '*no cases*' in the epidemiological update ending June 21.

Vaccination Deployment Update

As of June 22, there were 9664 registered persons of which 9256 persons had received their first dose, representing 73% of the target population figure of 12,600 persons. Thus far, 6402 persons (51% of target) have received their second dose. The breakdown by occupation of first doses is as follows:

- 350 Healthcare workers
- 516 Civil, border protection and port staff

- 1768 Hospitality
- 1061 Retired
- 5562 Others

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

- 2818 persons age 18 - 34
- 2769 persons age 35 - 49
- 2395 persons age 50 - 64
- 1255 persons age 65+

Vaccine Stock

As of this morning there were 5904 doses remaining with an expiry date of July 31.

Police update on enforcement and policing plan

The Deputy Commissioner of Police updated Council on the policing plan of the RAPF.

Approximately 45 cases are proceeding before the courts and there are approximately a further 53 cases to take forward. Phase 1 of the Exit Strategy presents some risk factors given the close proximity to St Maarten/Sint Martin and breach of our borders through illegal entry is a risk.

The land-based observation of 5 key high risk areas has been outlined previously. In order to fund the operations 40 Special Constables are required, 4 vehicles, and a boat, as well as fuel for usage, the estimated cost is USD\$96K per month for July, with slightly lower costs anticipated for August, as assets will already be in place.

There may be some challenges with staffing levels as the Departments of Immigration and Customs move back to higher levels of operation and staff are reassigned. Additionally, in October RAPF

officers are called upon to give evidence in the Criminal Assizes, which affects staffing availability.

Border Security

The Hon Deputy Governor provided an update. The breach of Anguilla's borders is the biggest potential security risk in terms of the introduction of COVID-19. However, the current model is not sustainable because of the costs. The search and rescue boat was not intended to operate for long periods of observation. Using staff from the Departments of Immigration and Customs is also not sustainable.

Border security has to be maintained, but a long term sustainable model is being worked up, and it will take into consideration the costs and process.

COVID-19 Exit Strategy

Vaccination Uptake

The situation remains the same. At present the vaccination rate remains suboptimal for the measures noted in the existing Exit Strategy.

Cognizant that the vaccination rate for Anguilla has not met the required target and will not do so before the end of July, the Ministry of Health recommends some variations to Phase 1 of the Exit Strategy due to commence July 1, as follows:

- a) all visitors 18 years and older to Anguilla are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 at least three weeks before arrival. Exemption only for pregnant women when accompanying other fully vaccinated visitors;
- b) on arrival testing for all arriving passengers to be continued at ports until the vaccination uptake criterion is met. Based on projections this would continue for July into mid-August;
- c) for multi-generational families comprised of fully vaccinated persons and unvaccinated children under the age of 18 years and/or pregnant woman; the unvaccinated persons in these groups will be required to produce a negative RT-PCR

test 3-5 days ahead of arrival, undertake on arrival testing and undergo a subsequent RT-PCR test on Day 4. Persons will not be under quarantine from arrival to Day 4 testing;

- d) all persons are required to produce a negative COVID-19 test 3-5 days before entry;
- e) persons with evidence of full COVID-19 vaccination with a UK MHRA approved vaccine only will not be required to quarantine on arrival, if the final vaccine dose is administered at least three weeks before date of arrival; and
- f) unvaccinated returning residents will be required to:
 - Produce a negative COVID-19 test 3-5 days prior to arrival;
 - Undergo arrival testing; and
 - Quarantine for 10 days in approved accommodation.

Rationale for the new recommendations

Continuation of on arrival testing

The criterion for vaccination within the resident population has not yet been met leaving the population susceptible to infection and other severe consequences including hospitalization and death, especially from the Delta VOC. Further, there will be a number of unvaccinated persons (i.e. children and pregnant women), whose movements are unrestricted and there is real world evidence on 'breakthrough COVID-19 infections' in fully vaccinated persons. Moreover, the mechanisms available for the verification of proof of vaccination are admittedly weak and far from fraud-proof.

At least two OTs have reported breakthrough infections of fully vaccinated persons in their communities (Cayman Islands and Bermuda). This is in keeping with real world research, which shows that in vaccinated persons the risk of transmission is reduced significantly, but not to zero. There is significant risk for countries with low coverage, if some controls are not in place to prevent the spread of imported cases locally.

There is a need to continue enhanced surveillance for at least two (2) months, in order to detect any imported cases and ensure the implementation of the appropriate public health measures including isolation and contact tracing to reduce further spread. This will also

give the Ministry a baseline on imported breakthrough infections, so that proper plans can be implemented for this eventuality in September/October when it is intended that most arrival restrictions shall be lifted.

Further capacity can be obtained through the re-deployment of field staff from quarantine management to assist with ports of entry screening. Further, laboratory human resource capacity has been increased with the addition of two new employees. As persons are not under quarantine, there is less pressure to produce the test results within a specific time period.

Approved COVID-19 vaccines

Since late December 2020, several COVID-19 vaccines have been deployed in various countries around the globe. The UK Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has approved for use: Pfizer/BioNTech, Oxford/Astrazeneca, Moderna, Janssen/Johnson and Johnson. These appear to be more effective, hence the recommendation to only allow persons who have received these vaccines to enter Anguilla, without the requirement to quarantine. Though several countries and other agencies have approved additional vaccines, there are several concerns with respect to the real world effectiveness, given the paucity of trial data. Other vaccines - Sinovac (COVID-19 Vaccine (Vero Cell) Inactivated), Sputnik V (Gam-COVID-Vac), Novavax (NVX-CoV2373), and CureVac (CVnCoV) are under review by the EU.

COVID-19 Exit Strategy - Outstanding Matters

Human Resources

The Ministry of Health proposes to retain 19 personnel on temporary contracts for July and August, to allow for the testing of all passengers and the management and screening of returning residents in quarantine. This is necessary to provide enhanced COVID-19 surveillance and more rapid detection of cases so as to limit any subsequent spread of COVID-19.

Council:

- 1) thanked the Health team and the Commissioner of Police for the continued hard work and the efforts made to protect Anguilla;
- 2) noted that the population estimate is 15,500 with the adult population estimated at 10,850 persons and these are the figures to be used for the purposes of calculating population vaccination rates for travel indicators;
- 3) noted that the UKG will honour second dose vaccines for all individuals who take their first dose from the current batch which expire on July 31;
- 4) noted that no formal procedure has been established for the sharing of vaccines which are about to expire, with other countries. Anguilla will not be penalized for any doses not used;
- 5) noted that the draft Regulations requiring work permit holders to be fully vaccinated must be drafted urgently. Some persons may take the position that they can seek to make their own arrangements to acquire vaccines, but presently only Governments can acquire vaccines. If persons holding a work permit are unvaccinated, there will be no basis upon which they can remain in Anguilla;
- 6) noted that consideration must to be given to the details surrounding the exemption process for pregnant persons, including whether they are required to travel on the same day as the rest of the vaccinated party;
- 7) noted that consideration must be given to the details of the process surrounding unvaccinated minors arriving into Anguilla unaccompanied, given the risk of COVID-19 circulating;
- 8) noted the Ministry's position that testing all fully vaccinated persons who are in Anguilla and desirous of exiting quarantine when Phase 1 of the Exit Strategy continues on July 1 presents risks and will stretch resources. It is

anticipated that there are approximately 700 persons, including those in Anguilla and persons arriving at ports, that will need to be tested within a short period. On June 17, Council agreed a particular way forward in relation to this matter. For tomorrow, June 25, the health team will review the data in order to plan an operationally phased approach to testing persons out of quarantine, taking into consideration operational liability, health exposure and risks;

- 9) noted the Ministry's position that testing on arrival must continue in order to obtain baseline data, as some countries are experiencing breakthrough infections. There will be no charge to arriving persons, but the associated costs have to be reflected in the budget and human resources have to be reallocated also;
- 10) noted that the PS Health will submit a Supplementary Budget for the next 3 months detailing an average expenditure of \$220K per month. The budget initiatives were prepared based on a 9 month outlook, which was then reduced to a 6 month outlook, accordingly the EC\$1.6 million expenditure budgeted for the 6 month period is practically exhausted. Monthly costs range on average from EC\$205K to EC\$240K; and
- 11) noted that the Accountant General is reconciling details of the revenue raised by the portal.

Council agreed to hold a Special Meeting on Friday 25, June, to render a decision on the recommendations of the Ministry.

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 21/198

EX MEM 21/106 FINANCIAL STOCK TAKE – MAY 2021

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 Finance, Mrs Kathleen Rogers
Budget Director, Mrs Shona Proctor
Budget Officer, Ms Jamila Gumbs
Comptroller of Inland Revenue (acting), Mr Lonnie Hobson

Council:

- 1) thanked the team for work well done;
- 2) noted the report on the financial position as at May 31, 2021, from the Budget Officer;
- 3) noted that unpaid invoices total \$38.6 million;
- 4) noted that a 2021 end of year forecast is being worked up;
- 5) noted that Supplementary Budgets must be prepared in order to redirect funds as required and also to bring repatriation costs above the line;
- 6) noted that the Statutory Bodies have not presented quarterly reports for quarter four of 2020 or quarter one of 2021. This information must be provided because they could potentially be experiencing financial challenges, and in such circumstances budgetary support from the Government may be requested. Accordingly, the financial position must be made clear. The Hon Deputy Governor will provide the Ministers of Government with details of the key deadlines for the Statutory Bodies and they shall endeavor to have their respective Statutory Bodies provide the outstanding information and 2021 end of year forecasts;
- 7) noted that the details of the EDF replacement funding will be considered as part of the 2022 spending review;

- 8) noted that the months ahead are likely to be challenging based on the economic outlook. When duty and tax concessions are requested the full financial implications must be outlined in the paper for Council's consideration; and
- 9) the overall fiscal position remains challenging:
- Overall financial position including debt amortization shows a surplus of EC\$10.38 million at the end of May;
 - Recurrent revenue was EC\$105.21 million this is EC\$36.22 million less than the original forecast and the UKG financial aid grant received during this period was \$3.94 million. Overall percentage impact on recurrent revenue for the major revenue heads as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic are:
 - Property Tax - positive 16.84%
 - Interim Stabilisation Levy - negative 4.01%
 - Taxes on Goods and Services – negative 3.29%
 - Excise Taxes – negative 21.88%
 - Taxes on Specific Services - positive 58.02%
 - Taxes on International Trade – negative 23.41%
 - Sale of Goods and Services – positive 23.00 %
 - Recurrent expenditure was EC\$83.00 million which is EC\$1.78 million under estimate;
 - Capital balance shows a deficit of EC\$0.53 million. Capital Revenue remains at \$0 for the period whilst capital expenditure was EC\$0.53 million;
 - Operating bank accounts are overdrawn by EC\$8.04 million;
 - Central Government Debt inclusive of short term credit facilities moved from EC\$452.80 million at the end of 2020 to EC\$436.88 million at the end of May 2021. The reduction in debt is attributable to debt amortization payments of EC\$11.29 million, disbursements on the ACC Loan of EC\$0.43 million and exchange rate fluctuations of EC\$0.01 million;

- Since 2016 the EC\$330.28 million Banking Resolution debt declined to EC\$302.96 million at the end of May 2021, the EC\$27.32 million reduction relates to amortization payments to the DPT and CDB recapitalization loan;
- The Sinking Fund balance at the end of May 2021 is zero; and
- For the remainder of the fiscal year 2021 amortization payments will be occurring in the months of June, July, September, October and December. The instrument with the monthly payments matured in April 2021.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDCITENR; BD; ACC GEN;

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EX MIN 21/199

EX MEM 21/107 PRESENTATION OF PROPERTY TAX UPDATE (STATUS, READINESS, PROJECTIONS, COMPLIANCE, DUE DATES, RESIDENTIAL EXEMPTIONS AND DISCOUNTS)

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

The Consultant and the CIR (Ag) briefed Council. Property tax is a major revenue stream for the Government and the Ministry of Finance is proposing certain COVID-19 policy measures, which are designed to support property owners in 2021. The Ministry presented a report to Council on property tax, salient points as follows:

- The Ministry aims to generate and send the Property Tax Demand Notices by mid-July. The Ministry needs to obtain instructions on certain policy changes concerning payment due dates, Residential Exemptions and discounts, as well as approval for the drafting of the appropriate regulations.
- Presentation of the 2020 property tax results and the impact of policy changes adopted due to the periods of restricted movement and COVID-19.
- Updated projected revenue targets and the status of arrears.

- Compliance status and collection approach. A demonstration of how the Department of Inland Revenue (IRD) aims to increase compliance and enforcement.
- Proposed changes to the 2021 payment due dates and alternative options.
- The Ministry's proposed changes to Residential Exemption's for 2021, which are intended to support property owners during the pandemic. A demonstration of the operation of the discount mechanism.
- The Ministry's 2021 discount proposal.
- Outstanding property tax issues.

Council:

- 1) noted that there is no proposal to change the rate of tax;
- 2) noted that the financial predictions for 2021 are based upon 2020 figures and that one property owner contributes 12-14% of the total revenue. This tax payer paid their arrears in 2021, otherwise the revenue for 2020 would have been higher;
- 3) noted that the minimum rate of EC\$250 is charged for 23% of residential buildings;
- 4) noted that property tax revenue would be approximately \$11.2 – \$11.5 million per annum if compliance rates were higher. Currently, arrears are approximately \$23 million;
- 5) noted that the property tax legislation was passed in December 2015, but since that date the Valuation Review Board has not been operating. The board is now being established;
- 6) noted that payments are being applied to more recent debts and older debts remain outstanding. In relation to older debts the statute of limitations applies and penalties and interest accrue;

- 7) noted the Ministry's intention to review the arrears and assess what amount is potentially recoverable, with a view thereafter to taking firmer enforcement action;
- 8) noted that a realistic compliance rate must be identified. Work is being done with the Post Office to identify better ways to ensure that the property tax notices get to the correct persons;
- 9) noted that the property tax module is scheduled to be added to the new system by 2022;
- 10) noted that there must be a process to collate data on new property owners, liable to pay property tax;
- 11) noted the indication of the Financial Specialist that exemptions do not operate as a compliance measure. They are a relief measure and by offering such measures to persons that already pay, arrears are going to increase. Multiple ways to increase payments are better than inconsistent exemptions. Effective enforcement is the best way to increase compliance. Discounts improve compliance only where there are arrears payable, one suggested way of proceeding is to issue the bills and offer a discount until the end of 2021. Ideally, the methodology should be the same each year;
- 12) noted that property tax reform may need to be considered, but this is a long term objective. The property valuation methodology is a particular area of concern and it can be contentious. Presently, it is necessary to proceed utilising the established system. Ultimately, bills will have to be issued and property owners can raise any queries about the bills, if necessary;
- 13) noted the information provided in relation to the proposed policy measures. In the absence of certain additional information no policy decisions could be made on property tax due dates, the Residential Exemptions or discounts. Accordingly, the Ministry shall collate and prepare the outstanding information and report back to Council for a determination; and
- 14) agreed that the Financial Specialist, the Consultant and the Ministry shall work together to develop the proposals further.

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; CIR; HON, DG; HON, MIN FIN

EX MIN 21/200

EX MEM 21/108 APPLICATION FOR DUTY AND TAX EXEMPTION FOR ROOTS BINGHI

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 Hon Deputy Governor's indication that the financial report indicates a revenue deficit of \$36 million and exemptions do not improve the financial outlook;
- 2) agreed that duty and tax exemptions should be granted to Mr Trevor "Ras Bucket" Davis of Roots Binghi on the importation of audio visual equipment and a laptop for use by the local drum band Roots Binghi;
- 3) noted that the identified expenditure savings which are intended to be held in reserve are identified in EX MIN 21/187;
- 4) agreed that the administrative fee under the Customs Administrative Cost Recovery Act should apply;
- 5) noted that the estimated duty and tax loss to the Government is EC\$5,248.90; and
- 6) 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; COC; HON, PREM

EX MIN 21/202

EX MEM 21/110 APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO BUILD – ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION NORTH, BLOCK 58817 B, PARCEL 30 CONTAINING 0.91 ACRES

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 Home Affairs briefed Council. In ExCo Minute 18/158 Executive Council approved the grant of an Aliens Land Holding Licence to the Applicants. On June 30, 2020 a request was received for an extension of time to complete the dwelling house, owing to delays caused by hurricane Irma and the pandemic. The Ministry wishes to grant the Applicants an extension of time to complete the dwelling on certain conditions.

Council:

- 1) noted that the Department of Lands is actively working to address violations of Aliens Land Holding Licenses and is taking enforcement action;
- 2) approved the grant of an extension of time to the Applicants, to build the dwelling house on the captioned parcel. The extension shall be for a further eighteen (18) months, from the original completion date, until July 15, 2022;
- 3) agreed that fifty (50%) percent of the deposit, the sum of **EC\$20,162.50** shall be forfeited to the Government of Anguilla;
- 4) agreed that after the extension of time for eighteen (18) months, a penalty of EC\$3,500.00 for each calendar month or part thereof that the project remains incomplete (provided that there is no significant justifiable reason for the delay), shall apply and therefore is to accrue as against the Applicants. The sum of EC\$20,162.50 which has already been paid by the Applicants shall continue to be held as per the new Supplementary Agreement, thereafter the property shall be liable to be forfeited to the Crown;
- 5) agreed that a **Supplementary Conditions to Licence Agreement** shall be executed by the Applicants or their representative and promptly returned to the Ministry of Lands, within twenty-one (21) working days of receipt of the Ministry's letter; and
- 6) that the Department of Lands and Surveys shall monitor the progress of construction of the project every four (4) months, said

monitoring commenced in January 2021. This is intended to ascertain if the construction of the property will be completed within the stated timeframe or whether forfeiture proceedings should be commenced.

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

EX MIN 21/203

EX MEM 21/111 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION WEST CENTRAL, BLOCK 28309 B, DESCRIBED AS PARCEL 248 CONTAINING 1.00 ACRE

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 on a freehold basis property situated in Registration Section West Central, Block 28309 B, described as Parcel 248 containing 1.00 acre, located in Cul-de-Sac being subject to the following:

a) payment of Stamp Duties as follows:

(i) under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$2,439,541.50	EC\$121,977.08
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(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 5% of EC\$2,439,541.50	<u>EC\$121,977.08</u>
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TOTAL	<u>EC\$243,954.16</u>
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b) the Applicant must obtain a Business Licence from the Ministry of Finance in order to rent the said property.

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

EX MIN 21/204

EX MEM 21/112 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION WEST CENTRAL, BLOCK 28309 B, PARCEL 59 CONTAINING 1.00 ACRE

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 on a freehold basis, property situate in Registration Section West Central, Block 28309 B, described as Parcel 59 containing 1.00 acre of land, located at Cul-de-Sac, 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\$1,048,398.00	EC\$52,419.90
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(ii) under Section 14(3) of the Aliens Land Holding Licence Act	<u>EC\$ 200.00</u>
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TOTAL	<u>EC\$52,619.90</u>
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(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 already alienated and is being vested due to inheritance; and

(c) with the express condition that the land is to be used for residential purposes and that the Licencee must not rent their dwelling house without first notifying the Ministry of Finance.

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

EX MIN 21/205

EX MEM 21/113 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION SOUTH EAST, BLOCK 79214 B, PARCEL 133 CONTAINING 0.50 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 South East, Block 79214 B, described as Parcel 133 located in Sandy Hill for private residential purposes, subject to the following:

(a) payment of the following Stamp Duties:

(i) under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$3,198,958.00	EC\$159,947.90
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(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 5% of EC\$3,198,958.00	EC\$159,947.90
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TOTAL	<u>EC\$319,895.80</u>
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(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 already alienated; and

(c) with the express condition that the land is to be used for residential purposes and that the Licencee must not rent their dwelling house without first notifying the Ministry of Finance.

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

EX MIN 21/206

EX MEM 21/105 ISLAND SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2020

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 that in accordance with the Education Act - Part 9, financial provision for the Island Scholarship is made annually. The amount of EC\$100,000.00 has been budgeted for 2021 for the Island Scholar and the associated costs are included in the 2022 reduced allocation. Upon approval and in accordance with the Education Act, the Government is expected to fund the studies of the Island Scholar recipient, Mr. Klein Harrigan, for up to 7 years (Part 9 (S168,1(b)) and up to a maximum amount of EC\$600,000.00. The Island Scholarship has implications for the development of the country;
- 2) noted that the projected training expenditure for 2022, is **EC\$1.678M**. The funding of the Island Scholarship awardees for 2020 and 2021, respectively, is provided for and falls within forward estimates set out in the MTEFP;
- 3) noted that a funding cut of EC\$1.595 million was made, as a consequence of the delayed implementation of GST, wherein cost savings had to be identified. There is sufficient funding for the Island Scholarship and also to sustain the commitments made to existing students, but there can be no more training programmes in 2021 or 2022. Training and scholarships were not dealt with separately;
- 4) approved the selection of Mr. Harrigan as the recipient for the Anguilla Island Scholarship for 2020;
- 5) approved the scholarship for the duration of seven (7) years beginning September 2021;
- 6) agreed that the scholarship shall be tenable at a university for which Mr Harrigan has either applied to and holds a

confirmed offer/or has applied to and confirmation of an offer is currently pending; and

- 7) agreed that the cost of the scholarship should not exceed EC\$600,000.00.

Action: PS, PA; DHRM; HON, DG
