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MINUTES OF THE 184TH MEETING OF THE TENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2014

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 Kenneth Hodge, PAS, MHA
Mrs Ronya Foy-Connor, Gender Development Co-ordinator
Dr Bonnie Richardson-Lake, PS, HSD
Hon Haydn Hughes, Parliamentary Secretary
Mr Foster Rogers, PS, EDICT
Ms Marisa Harding-Hodge, TIO

EX MIN 14/129 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 183rd Meeting held on Thursday 20th
February 2014.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 14/131 **EX MEM 14/54 NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES QUALITY POLICY**
FOR ANGUILLA

Dr Bonnie Richardson-Lake, PS, HSD joined the Meeting.

Council:-

- (i) approved the use of the National Health Services Quality Policy; and
- (ii) endorsed the request of the Ministry of Health & Social Development for the Policy's urgent implementation and use as resources permit.

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

Action: PS, HSD

EX MIN 14/132

EX MEM 14/67 ELECTORAL REFORMS – DRAFTING INSTRUCTIONS RE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES COMMISSION

Council:-

- (i) approved the drafting instructions set out in Appendix I of EX MEM 14/67 (attached) to facilitate the enactment of legislation to address the creation and work of a Constituency Boundaries Commission; and
- (ii) authorised the AG's Chambers to draft the relevant legislation to create and mandate the work of a Constituency Boundaries Commission, so as to facilitate passage of the legislation by 31st December 2014.

Action: SUP/ELECTIONS; AG

EX MIN 14/133

EX MEM 14/68 APPROVAL FOR ANGUILLA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE ALLIANCE PROJECT PROPOSED BY THE OECS

Council agreed that the Government of Anguilla through the Ministry of Lands and Environment should support the adoption of the Global Climate Change Alliance Project proposed by the OECS, as a measure to assist Anguilla in building a climate change resilient community.

Council noted that Anguilla had not signed up to the Revised Treaty of Basseterre and should consider doing so.

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

Action: PS, MHA/LANDS; DIR, ENV

EX MIN 14/134

EX MEM 14/69 EXCO APPROVAL FOR HE THE GOVERNOR TO REQUEST OF HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT THE EXTENSION OF THE CONVENTION FOR THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN (CEDAW) TO ANGUILLA

Mr Kenneth Hodge, PAS, MHA and Mrs Ronya Foy-Connor, Gender Development Co-ordinator joined the Meeting.

Council agreed that:-

- (i) the Government of Anguilla should authorise HE The Governor to request of Her Majesty's Government the extension of the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) to Anguilla; and
- (ii) the AG's Chambers should work in collaboration with the relevant stakeholders to review and agree Anguilla's reservations to CEDAW.

Council further agreed that more discussion should be held on the Domestic Violence Bill with a view to having legislation discussed in the Legislative Assembly within a month's time.

Action: PS, MHA; PS, HSD; PAS, MHA; GDC; AG

EX MIN 14/135

EX MEM 14/70 DUTY EXEMPTION FOR MANOAH BEACH RESORT

Council deferred consideration of the paper and agreed that the PS, FIN and the Comptroller of Customs should be invited to attend Executive Council for proper discussion of the relevant details.

Council further agreed that following the meeting of the House of Assembly on Thursday 27th February, after a determination would have been made as to when the next meeting of the House of Assembly would be, that a Special Meeting of Executive Council be convened to deal with this matter so that it could be taken to the subsequent meeting of the House of Assembly for consideration.

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

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

EX MIN 14/136

EX MEM 14/71 DUTY EXEMPTION FOR RAVCO INC./BEST WESTERN

Council deferred consideration of the paper and agreed that the PS, FIN and the Comptroller of Customs should be invited to attend Executive Council for proper discussion of the relevant details.

Council further agreed that following the meeting of the House of Assembly on Thursday 27th February, after a determination would have been made as to when the next meeting of the House of Assembly would be, that a Special Meeting of Executive Council be convened to deal with this matter so that it could be taken to the subsequent meeting of the House of Assembly for consideration.

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

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

EX MIN 14/137

EX MEM 14/72 PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FOR THE ROYAL ANGUILLA POLICE FORCE (RAPF)

Mr Foster Rogers, PS, EDICT joined the Meeting.

Council:-

- (i) decided to purchase seven new police vehicles in the amount of US\$294,000.00 (EC\$787,920.00), through the Governor's Office, from the UK capital Grant;

Council noted that these vehicles were expected to take around six months to arrive in Anguilla since they would need to be custom built.

- (ii) requested the Ministry of Finance to make the necessary changes between the EDF 10 and the UK Grant Allotments relating to the **Replacement of Government Vehicles** and **Road Development Project** Heads to facilitate this urgent expenditure; and
- (iii) requested the Commissioner of Police to consider, in conjunction with MICUH, the merit of forgoing the construction of the wall behind the Police Headquarters for an additional Patrol vehicle.

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

Action: PS, EDICT; PS, FIN; HE; PS, MICUH; COP

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 14/138

UPDATE ON PROCUREMENT RESOLUTION

PS, HSD remained for discussion.

The Hon Attorney General briefed Council on the position regarding the Procurement Resolution. Council reiterated the importance of having this in place. The AG undertook to speak to the Speaker, HoA to request that the matter be included on the Agenda for the meeting of the House of Assembly on Thursday 27th February.

Action: PS, HSD; AG; PAS, FIN; PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT

EX MIN 14/139

UPDATE: ANGUILLA AIR AND SEAPORTS AUTHORITY (AASPA)

Further to EX MIN 14/95 of 13th February 2014, Council discussed the outcome of the meeting with HE The Governor, the Hon Minister, MICUH, the Hon Deputy Governor and the AASPA Board and Management that took place on 20th February.

The Governor explained that the meeting had revealed serious concerns about AASPA's application of the Tariff Book and Seaports Fees Regulations 2013 and the Anguilla Air and Seaports Authority Act 2009.

Council shared these concerns. The Hon Minister, MICUH stated that the AASPA Board had indicated that they would, by 20 March at the latest, have rectified the situation for implementing fees in compliance with the relevant legislation. The Hon Minister, MICUH further stated that he had informed the CEO (Ag.) that the Board would have to find a way to make up for any shortfalls incurred as a result of not complying with the Act.

Council noted that the post of Chief Executive Officer, AASPA was a critical one for the Anguillian economy and needed to be filled by someone who was prepared to carry out the role in a professional, unbiased and efficient manner and who had solid experience in the sector.

Action: PS, MICUH; CEO (Ag.), AASPA; PS, EDICT; MINS OF GOV'T
