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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE THIRTEENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2025 AT 9.00 AM**

PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms. Julia Crouch
The Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance, Labour, Immigration, Home Affairs and Constitutional Affairs, Mrs. Cora Richardson-Hodge
The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley
The Honourable Minister of Health, Tourism and Sports, Mr. Cardigan Connor
The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing, IT and E-Government Services, Mr. Jose Vanterpool
The Honourable Minister of Social Development, Education & Library, Youth and Culture AND Acting Minister of Economic Development, Industry, Commerce, Lands, Planning, Water and Natural Resources, Mrs. Shellya Rogers-Webster
Acting Attorney General, Mr. Ivor Greene
Clerk to Executive Council, Ms. Dumisa Webster

ABSENT: The Honourable Minister of Economic Development, Industry, Commerce, Lands, Planning, Water and Natural Resources, Mr. Kyle Hodge

EX MIN 25/249

EX MEMO 25/197 Proclamation- International Credit Union Day 2025

Council was briefed on the submission which seeks approval for the issuance of a proclamation declaring Thursday, 16th October 2025 as International Credit Union Day in Anguilla. This proclamation will be in alignment with the global observance under the theme “Cooperation for a Prosperous World.” It was noted that the proposed proclamation carries symbolic and ceremonial significance only and does not establish a public holiday or require legislative action.

Executive Council:

1. Approved the issuance of a proclamation recognising Thursday, 16th October 2025 as International Credit Union Day in Anguilla;
2. Authorised the Honourable Premier to sign and seal the proclamation on behalf of the Government of Anguilla; and
3. Noted the intended issuance of a public release of the proclamation in observance of the occasion.

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

EX MIN 25/250

EX MEMO 25/198 Lease of Crown Land in Long Path for the Use of an Aquatic Centre, with Administration Building- Property Situated in Registration Section Cauls Pond, Block 69114 B Described as Parcel 164 (Part of)

This matter was deferred for a next sitting of Council to allow for the attendance of the substantive Minister.

Action: DLS; PS, MEDICPNR; HON MIN, MEDICPNR.

EX MIN 25/251

EX MEMO 25/193 Application for Issue of Licence under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act- [Redacted Text] - Registration Section: West End, Block 17810 B, Parcel 154 being 2.21 of an Acre of land, located at Barnes Bay

This matter was deferred for a next sitting of Council to allow for the attendance of the substantive Minister.

Action: DLS; PS, MEDICPNR; HON MIN, MEDICPNR.

EX MIN 25/252

EX MEMO 25/199 Amendments to the Criminal Code to Clarify that Rape Includes Acts Committed Within Marriage and to Repeal Section 166 which Creates a Lesser Offence of Sexual Assault in Cases of Marital Rape

Council was briefed on the proposed legislation which seeks to repeal the “marital rape exemption”. Council was advised this doctrine is outdated and its existence undermines modern principles of equality, bodily autonomy and non-discrimination. It was noted that several jurisdictions in the region have fully criminalised marital rape with no exceptions.

Executive Council:

1. Approved the following amendments to the Anguilla Criminal Code for introduction in the House of Assembly on 25th November as follows:
 - i. Amend section 162 to ensure the offence of rape includes circumstances where the perpetrator is married to the victim;
 - ii. Repeal section 166 of Criminal code which creates the lesser offence of sexual assault in the case of marital rape.
2. Directed that consideration be given by the Department to consulting religious leaders , before introduction in the House of Assembly.

Action: PS, MSDE; HON MIN, MSDE; HON AG.

EX MIN 25/253

EX MEMO 25/196 Presentation of the Legislative Drafting Calendar (2025-2030)

Dawne Richardson, Chief Parliamentary Counsel joined the meeting.

Council was presented with the Legislative Drafting Calendar for 2025 to 2030.

Executive Council:

1. Noted the presentation of the Legislative Drafting Calendar (2025-2030);

2. Noted the invitation to review and confirm that the legislative items listed under their portfolios are accurate and complete; and
3. Noted that any necessary refinements are to be communicated to the Attorney General's Chambers through instructing officers.
4. Noted that the calendar should be brought to Council on a quarterly basis.

Action: CPC; HON AG.
