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MINUTES OF THE 1ST MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 9TH JULY 2020
AT 9:00 AM

PRESENT: His Excellency The Governor, Mr Timothy Foy, OBE

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

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford

Clerk to Executive Council, Mrs Jewelle Fleming, MBE

IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Economic Development, Mrs Quincia Gumbs-Marie
Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/Education,
Mr Merrick Richardson
Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull
PS, Health, Mr Foster Rogers
Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin
Director of Chronic Diseases Unit, Mrs Twyla Bradshaw-Richardson
Health Planner, Ms Rochelle Rogers

EX MIN 20/289

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

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

Council confirmed the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Tuesday 30 June 2020.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 20/290 None

EX MIN 20/291 **GUIDE TO THE OPERATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

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

The Hon Deputy Governor pointed out to members of Executive Council that it is their responsibility to make themselves familiar with the document, 'Guide to the Operations of the Executive Council', which provides clear guidance to members of Executive Council, Permanent Secretaries and Special Ministerial Assistants. The DG highlighted key issues such as:

- the need for proper preparation of papers particularly those with financial/legal implications;
- management of conflict of interests; and
- the need for ministers to be fully engaged in the discussion and decision-making.

Action: MINS OF GOV'T; PERM SECS; SMA

EX MIN 20/292 **THE ROLE OF THE HON ATTORNEY GENERAL**

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

The Hon Attorney General noted:

- (i) that his role was to advise the Government on legal matters. Consequently, his advice should be sought concerning any decision or matter of government which had or which might have legal implications; and
- (ii) the importance of maintaining confidentiality at all times.
- (iii) the need to appreciate the AG's distinct and separate prosecutorial role under the constitution – matters following in his purview should never form part of Executive Council's discussion.

Action: HON AG; HE; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 20/294 **EX MEM 20/140 REGISTRATION OF CUBAN MEDICAL DOCTORS**

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

Council:

- (i) noted that the Ministry of Health has entered into a cooperation agreement with the Government of Cuba to support the national COVID-19 response by way of a five-member Cuban Medical Brigade, which arrived on 26 June 2020 on a direct chartered flight from Havana, Cuba. They have been retained for a duration of six months;
- (ii) noted that the team comprises one (1) Anesthesiologist, one (1) Medical Epidemiologist/Infectious Disease Specialist, one (1) Medical Doctor, one (1) Intensive Care Nurse and one (1) Registered Nurse. The three medical doctors require registration under the Medical Act of Anguilla in order to practice legally for the duration of the assignment (six months); and
- (iii) agreed that, pursuant to Section 23 (1c) of the Medical Act, R.S.A M65, three Cuban doctors be registered for a six-month period.

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

Action: PS, HLPP; CMO; CEO, HAA; HON MIN, HLTH

EX MIN 20/295

EX MEM 20/141 COVID 19 RESPONSE – EXEMPTIONS FROM CUSTOMS DUTY AND TAX FOR ESSENTIAL ITEMS – EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR EXEMPTIONS AND APPROVAL OF REGULATIONS

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

Council:

- (i) approved the extension of the exemption from duty and tax for essential items for an additional three months until 3 October 2020 with the exception of all fish and water;
- (ii) ratified the following legislation with an amended end date of 6 October 2020.
 - (a) Interim Goods Tax (Exemption) Regulations, 2020;
 - (b) Customs Administrative Costs Recovery (Exemption) Regulations, 2020; and
 - (c) Customs (Temporary Exemption of Customs Duties) Regulations, 2020.

HE The Governor pointed out the importance of having price control measures in place and the relevant legislation implemented. He queried as to who was the Supply Officer. The Hon DG undertook to deal with this.

The Governor encouraged the Premier to begin engaging the UK Government on the 2021 budget and additional financial support should the pandemic worsen and borders are required to be closed longer.

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

Action: PS, FIN; COC; DCOC; HON AG; PC; PS, EDICTIT; PAS, FIN; BD; CIR;
ACC GEN
