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MINUTES OF THE 107th MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 6th OCTOBER 2022 AT 9.00 AM

- PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam
- The Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance, Economic Development & Investment and Health, and Acting Minister for Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing and Tourism, 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 Sustainability, Innovation and Environment, Mrs Quincia Gumbs-Marie
- The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Merrick Richardson
- The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford
- Clerk to Executive Council, Mrs Angela Hughes
- IN ATTENDANCE: Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull
- ABSENT: The Honourable Minister for Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing and Tourism, Mr Haydn Hughes

EX MIN 22/314

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 106th Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 29th September, 2022.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 22/315

EX MEMO 22/226 REMOVAL OF EXCISE TAX ON GASOLINE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained. The PAS, Finance, Ms Marisa Harding-Hodge joined the meeting.

The PAS, Finance briefed Council. The objective is to protect consumers from significant cost of living increases caused by the application of Excise Tax to gasoline imports.

In order to subsidise fuel prices for consumers, the proposal is to extend the reduction in tax on gasoline imports by extending the removal of Excise Tax to December 31, 2022. Presently, the fixed price includes the Excise Tax exemption, so if this is not extended, recalculation of the Maximum Price Order would be required.

Currently, Excise Tax is imposed on such imports at a rate of EC\$ 1.59 per Imperial Gallon. In full, the importation of gasoline attracts the following rates:

Gasoline

Goods and Services Tax (IGT) 13% (0% until July 2023)

Excise Tax (EXC) 0.04 per L

Customs Service Fee (CSF) 1%

Import Custom Duty (ICD) 0.40 per L

The Excise Tax exemption was first implemented as at April 27, 2022 and expires on October 31, 2022. Excise Tax foregone as at September 29, 2022 is EC\$1.58 million for the 5 month period. The original revenue loss estimate was EC\$1.8 - EC\$1.9 million for the 6 month period.

Council:

- 1) noted that the estimated cost of extending the exemption is EC\$600k – EC\$700k;
- 2) approved the extension of the removal of the application of Excise Tax on Gasoline until December 31, 2022; and
- 3) instructed the Attorney General's Chambers to prepare the required regulations under the Excise Tax Act, 2022 for subsequent execution.

Council authorised the issue of the Action Sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, FIN; HON, PREM

EX MIN 22/316

EX MEMO 22/227 GOVERNMENT OF ANGUILLA CARICRIS CREDIT RATING REPORT 2022

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

The PAS, Finance briefed Council.

The Caribbean Information and Credit Rating Services Limited (CariCRIS) is the Caribbean's regional credit rating agency. It is a unique market-driven initiative aimed at fostering and supporting the development of regional debt markets in the Caribbean through, inter alia, the rating of Government and State Enterprises. A CariCRIS credit rating is an objective assessment of an entity's creditworthiness relative to other debt issuing entities and the CariCRIS regional scale rating compares all debt-issuing entities in a defined Caribbean region. As at September, 2022, CariCRIS has reaffirmed the assigned ratings of CariBBB+ (Foreign and Local Currency) on the regional rating scale to the notional debt of USD\$25 million of the Government of Anguilla.

These ratings include a 6-notch uplift for the high likelihood of support from the United Kingdom (UK). The notched-up regional scale ratings indicate that the level of creditworthiness of this obligation, adjudged in relation to other obligations in the Caribbean is adequate.

Council:

- 1) noted that Anguilla has had a stable rating since 2013, there has been support from the UK where necessary. Noted that Anguilla's debt to GDP ratio is 43% and the benchmark is 60%; and
- 2) considered and noted the reaffirmed "adequate creditworthiness" ratings for the Government of Anguilla (CariBBB+) with a stable outlook.

Action: PS, FIN; HON, PREM

EX MIN 22/319

EX MEMO 22/230 APPROVAL OF THE ANGUILLA NATIONAL MARITIME STRATEGY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANISATION (IMO) INSTRUMENTS IMPLEMENTATION CODE AND ANGUILLA MARITIME STEERING COMMITTEE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained. Ms Sharmer Fleming, Acting Director of Maritime Affairs, AMASR joined the meeting.

Acting Director of Maritime Affairs briefed Council. The International Maritime Organization (IMO) requires each State to develop a Strategy to implement the IMO Instruments Implementation Code (the "Code"). This Strategy must be managed by a national body to oversee the State's compliance with the said Code. Presently:

- 1) the Anguilla National Maritime Strategy for IMO Instruments Implementation Code (III Code) has not received official consent as the national strategy from Executive Council; and
- 2) Anguilla does not have an officially approved Maritime Steering Committee to fulfill its obligation of effectuating Anguilla's National Maritime Strategy for the III Code.

Under the United Nations Convention of the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and key IMO conventions; International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (1974, as amended) and International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue (1979) which were extended to Anguilla from the United Kingdom, the Anguilla Maritime Administration is responsible for:

- a) promulgating laws and regulations; and
- b) taking the steps necessary to give the instruments full and complete effect by ensuring from the standpoint of safety of life at sea and protection of the marine environment, that a ship is fit for its intended service.

The III Code provides a global standard to enable States to meet their flag, coastal and port State obligations as prescribed in the Conventions to which they are party. It also provides the criteria to determine how Member States give full and complete effect to those provisions.

The purpose of Anguilla's National Maritime Strategy is to provide a management framework of recognised structures, operational mechanisms and programme initiatives to support the Government of Anguilla in meeting its flag, coastal and port State obligations in accordance with the mandatory III Code and IMO audit scheme. As such, it was developed within a national context and aligned with the Results-Based Management (RBM) principles and approaches to facilitate an effective implementation.

The following documents form the background to the paper:

- 1) Anguilla's National Maritime Strategy for IMO Implementation Code ("Strategy"); and
- 2) Terms of Reference - Anguilla Maritime Steering Committee.

Council:

- 1) noted the following benefits of the Strategy: compliance with III Code, marketing of Anguilla on an International Level, protection of the marine environment and reduced incidences of loss of life at sea;
- 2) noted the related concerns, including human resources and the financial implications. The financial implications related to operational delivery will need to be worked through as initiatives are considered. Noted in the assumptions for Council's information, that the Anguilla Maritime Steering Committee members may seek a stipend, however, if public

servants are completing the work within their existing roles and remits and this is not likely to be extended, then no stipends should be payable;

- 3) noted that the ACC course offering for maritime training is not aligned with the III Code, in order to become certified to offer III Code based training the ACC would need to apply and the Ministry would support this process;
- 4) approved the Anguilla National Maritime Strategy for the IMO Instruments Implementation Code, which will be used by the Anguilla Maritime Steering Committee to guide and ensure Anguilla's compliancy with the said Code;
- 5) approved the Anguilla Maritime Steering Committee as the national body to execute the functions as outlined in the Terms of Reference; and
- 6) further approved the appointment of the members identified in Table 1, to the Anguilla Maritime Steering Committee, by virtue of their agency's mandate under the umbrella of the Government of Anguilla, as it relates to their respective port, flag or coastal State duties. Note that the substantive member may designate a suitable alternate to attend on their behalf:

Table 1

Mr. Karim Hodge	Permanent Secretary, MICUHT – Chairperson
Attorney General's Chambers (AGC)	AGC - Representative
Mr. Sherman Williams	Chief Executive Officer - AASPA
Ms. Melissa Meade	Chief Natural Resources Officer- DNAR
Mr. Ambrell Richardson	Director of Health Protection –DHP
Ms. Gina Brooks	Tourism Planner – MICHUT
Mr. Shondell Hodge	Chief Fire Officer- AFRS
Ms. Sharmer Fleming	Director of Maritime Affairs (Ag.)- AMASR

Action: PS, MICUHT; HON, MIN MICUHT

EX MIN 22/320

EX MEMO 22/231 STATUS OF ANGUILLA DOMESTIC PASSENGER VESSELS COMPLIANCE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL SAFETY MANAGEMENT (ISM) CODE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Acting Director of Maritime Affairs briefed Council. The primary purpose of the ISM Code is to provide an international standard for the safe management and operation of ships and pollution prevention. Governments through their Maritime Administrations aim to:

- 1) Take the necessary steps to safeguard the shipmaster in the proper discharge of his responsibilities with regard to maritime safety and the protection of the maritime environment.
- 2) Ensure that an appropriate organisation of management is established by the shipping company, to respond to the need of those on board ships, in order to achieve and maintain high standards of safety and environmental protection.
- 3) Ensure that all Anguilla flagged passenger vessels (a vessel other than a pleasure vessel carrying more than 12 passengers) are compliant with the ISM Code.

The Safety of Life At Sea (SOLAS) Convention was extended to Anguilla from the United Kingdom on May 19, 2004. It is implemented through the Merchant Shipping Act, 2010 and its Regulations. Chapter IX of the SOLAS implements the ISM Code, which originated following mounting concerns about poor management standards in shipping. Multiple investigations revealed that major errors made by management adversely affected the marine environment and caused loss of life. As a flag State under the auspices of the United Kingdom Shipping Registry, Anguilla is obligated to meet the requirements of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Instruments Implementation Code, such as the regulations of the SOLAS Convention. Consequently, Anguilla flagged passenger vessels are to produce and maintain a Safety Management System (SMS) Manual. They must also demonstrate its implementation through their operations, in order to become ISM certified. In 2019, a Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) contracted Marine Surveyor conducted SMS audits on all of Anguilla's domestic passenger vessels. Based on the findings, vessels were issued either an initial (six months pending a subsequent audit) or full (five years) ISM Certificate and Document of Compliance (a vessel that is not deemed competent can be

suspended or downgraded to carry less than 12 passengers). Prior to the resumption of the ferry passenger services, the Anguilla Maritime Administration and Shipping Registry (AMASR) established measures to ensure that the SMS on each vessel is operational.

Council:

- 1) noted the ISM status of vessels in the ferry passenger trade between Anguilla and St. Martin – Marigot. Noted that the M.V. Excellence II has now received full ISM Certification Status. All of Anguilla’s domestic passenger vessels that are in service are ISM compliant;
- 2) noted the steps taken to improve safety compliance across all domestic passenger vessels;
- 3) noted the assumptions and also the related concerns, particularly as it pertains to waste disposal. Vessels that carry 12+ passengers should have bathrooms available and will require access to waste disposal, presently, Anguilla does not have this facility, but it can be accessed in St Maarten for a charge. Noted the financial implications, the intention to increase the Budget to accommodate training and two ISM auditors, which is to be offset by implementation of the new Merchant Shipping Fees Regulations, which will define the fees for SMS audits;
- 4) noted that the Anguilla AMASR has one ISM Certified Marine Surveyor. This presents a challenge as it pertains to business continuity and succession planning. Noted that a second surveyor from within the private sector is undergoing training with a view to being appointed. Within the APS, the skillset required is absent, training is being undertaken, however, it will be some time before the training is completed. The appointment of a Surveyor General will assist with bridging this skills gap and provision for the post shall be made in the next Budget;
- 5) noted that ISM audits all passenger vessels carrying 12+ passengers and random audits can be done. If the vessels are not ISM compliant, the Government of Anguilla may be implicated if an incident occurs and the vessel is found to be uncertified or non-compliant with fulfilling its maritime safety

obligations. Noted furthermore, the Government of Anguilla may be in breach of its obligations stipulated in the Memorandum of Understanding with the Maritime and Coastguard Agency - Department of Transport, United Kingdom under which Anguilla has become an authorised Category 2 Shipping Registry;

- 6) noted that support is required for the Anguilla AMASR and Shipping Registry while they work towards ensuring that all passenger vessels are ISM compliant; and
- 7) further noted that some of the vessels do not offer a high level of comfort and bad odours are emitted. Maritime Affairs are empowered to check emissions, but the equipment has to be acquired. The Convention which contains the requirements and limitations pertaining to the composition of emissions has not been extended to Anguilla. Each vessel can carry a set number of passengers and checks should be done at the ports to ensure compliance with the restriction.

Action: PS, MICUHT; HON, MIN MICUHT

EX MIN 22/321

EX MEMO 22/232 INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION AUDIT AND MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY MONITORING EXERCISE ON ANGUILLA

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Acting Director of Maritime Affairs briefed Council. The primary purpose of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Audit and Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) monitoring exercise is to assess Anguilla as a flag, coastal and port State, in terms of compliance with the IMO regulations it enforces and, the Red Ensign Group (REG) obligations. In light of this:

- 1) Anguilla as a Category 2 Shipping Registry under the auspices of the United Kingdom (UK) is subject to the IMO Audit as administered in the UK. Therefore, Anguilla is responsible for establishing and maintaining an adequate and effective system to discharge its obligations as a flag, port and coastal State.
- 2) Similarly, Anguilla will undergo the Department of

Transport – MCA, UK, monitoring exercise. This exercise will assess whether Anguilla is fulfilling its commitments to the REG as outlined in the established Memorandum of Understanding. The REG is a group of British shipping registers. It consists of the UK, the Crown Dependencies and British Overseas Territories.

- 3) The previous monitoring exercises in Anguilla (2014 and 2017, respectively) identified numerous gaps for which corrective actions were required for the State to become compliant.

The IMSAS is spearheaded by the IMO. It is used to ensure that all of its Member States perform at an equal level that allows for efficient operations and upholding of the IMO's reputation and leadership role as the global regulator of shipping. The IMO Instruments Implementation Code (III Code) is the key instrument on which the IMSAS was founded. It is the Code that Member States are audited against, to assess that they have the capability and resources to satisfactorily fulfill their international obligations. The IMO audit team audited the United Kingdom in October 2021 over a period of two weeks. It commenced on October 14, 2021 and involved the Maritime Administrations of the Category 1 Shipping Registries. The Category 2 Administrations (including Anguilla) were not directly audited by the IMO audit team during the UK audit. However, all Category 2 Administrations were required to prepare pre-audit documentation and or evidence as a part of the audit which focused on the Red Ensign Group (REG).

Council:

- 1) noted the status of Anguilla's corrective actions taken to address flag, coastal and port State findings, particularly the areas of non-compliance. Noted that Anguilla has become a member of the Caribbean Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control, which creates an affiliation with a knowledgeable body. Noted that the support of the Attorney General's Chambers shall be required; and
- 2) further noted that the IMO audit on Anguilla and MCA monitoring programme is scheduled for the week commencing November 14, 2022. It will assess the status of Anguilla as it relates to meeting its international maritime obligations and obligations to the REG MoU. This audit will be combined with the MCA monitoring programme as per formal

agreement in the Memorandum of Understanding in Respect of the Survey and Certification of Ships on the Register of Shipping in Anguilla.

Action: PS, MICUHT; HON, MIN MICUHT

EX MIN 22/322

EX MEMO 22/233 ANGUILLA POPULATION AND HOUSING (AP&H) CENSUS 2022 UPDATE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained. The PS EDMSIE, Mrs Chanelle Petty-Barrett and Chief Statistician, Mrs Lori-Rae Alleyne-Franklin joined the meeting.

The Chief Statistician briefed Council.

AP&H Census Approach

The AP&H Census 2022 took on a project approach as compared with past census years. The data collection and capture approach for the AP&H Census 2022 is a Tablet Assisted Personal Interview (TAPI) one; which is a move away from the Paper Assisted Personal Interview (PAPI) with scanning data capture technology used in previous years.

The AP&H Census 2022 involves a complex series of interrelated steps that must be executed in a proper sequence to ensure that the various components are completed in a systematic and timely manner, which optimises cost, time and respondent burden. Census operations can be divided into six main (6) phases: (a) preparatory work; (b) enumeration; (c) data processing; (d) building of needed databases and dissemination of the results; (e) evaluation of the results; and (f) analysis of the results. The project approach to the AP&H Census is divided into twelve (12) phases.

The publicity, motivation and sensitization phase has been divided into three stages; pre-enumeration, during and post-enumeration. Many mediums including billboards, electronic screens, Facebook, radio, etc. were and continue to be used in this phase. The recruitment and training of field officers, a component of the enumeration phase was split into two parts; general and technical.

The general enumeration is a two-step approach, firstly, the visitation listing followed, secondly, by the administration of the household and individual questionnaire. The first step was scheduled to commence on Census Day - June 15, 2022. However, there were some delays

due to technical issues, the ASD was able to distribute the tablets on July 4, 2022 and some enumeration began on that day.

Anguilla is divided into 55 Enumeration Districts (ED) and data is presented for 54 EDs, as one district was divided in the AP&H Census 2011 to ensure an even workload. The information is however reported as 1 ED. The current EDs were introduced in 2001 after a transition exercise which was conducted to update the 1992 ED boundaries. In 1992, there were 34 EDs plus a residual ED for 'missed' dwellings. Each ED is demarcated within the country's geographic frame.

At least one (1) enumerator was initially assigned two (2) EDs. There was another enumerator who upon completion of their assigned ED, offered and was assigned another ED. Additionally, there is yet another enumerator who is currently completing their third ED. In total eight (8) enumerators have undertaken the collection of data for more than one (1) ED. Four (4) supervisors have also taken on the role of enumerators in an attempt to complete the work. Three staff of the ASD have also been undertaking fieldwork, a few hours a week, to move the process along. Additional training of individual personnel was conducted; however, this did not prove fruitful, as much time was used training persons who did not follow through.

The visitation listing stage required visiting and collecting data relating to the original building points, which were included on the map based on collaboration with Physical Planning (PP). In addition, buildings which were not on the map had to be addressed.

The visitation listing stage as at September 30, 2022 was 90.1% complete, with just under 10% of the listing remaining to be completed. A monthly synopsis of the enumerators and supervisors work is as follows:

Start date	End date	Buildings	Visitation Pending	Visitation Ready for Review	Enumeration Complete
	Aug 03/2022	5,607	159	129	1,256
Aug 04/2022	Sep 03/2022	1,106	154	6	208
Sep 04/2022	Sep 30/2022	162	1	39	26
		6,875	188	106	1,503

Interpretation:

• Buildings	Number of buildings visited and information about them. <i>(Includes the original building points and those 'collected')</i> .
• Visitation Pending	Number of building points remaining to be visited and also possibly returned by the supervisor for review. <i>(Does not include any possible new 'collects')</i> .
• Visitation Ready for Review	Supervisors are in the process of quality reviewing
• Enumeration Complete	Number of buildings that enumeration has been completed. <i>(Some of these buildings will be returned to the inbox for enumeration, once the second stage commences – only those classified solely as a business will not be returned).</i>

The second stage is expected to commence during the week of October 10, 2022, once some necessary equipment arrives. It is anticipated that the enumeration phase of the AP&H Census shall be completed by December 2022. This is dependent on many factors, most critical is the retention of personnel (supervisors, enumerators and area managers). The general public for the most part have been very cooperative, but there have been some instances of hostility and evasiveness.

As the data is uploaded to the system, some of the data processing phase is being undertaken simultaneously. During this phase the data is reviewed, cleaned and verified. Where there are inconsistencies and errors, records are electronically returned to the supervisors with comments, for action by either them or their assigned enumerators, ensuring that the chain of command is followed.

Council:

- 1) noted that following hurricane Irma, the ASD updated boundary descriptions in 2019;
- 2) noted the ASD's concern about the rate of attrition, there are 36 enumerators, 8 supervisors and office staff all working to complete the AP&H Census 2022;
- 3) noted that the TAPI approach supports the assessment of data at an early stage, to ensure quality in the Census

process. It is an extremely useful system that supports the area of quality assessment as inconsistencies and errors are noticed early enough to rectify. Even if enumerators are completing more than 1 ED, this does not create bias and the quality of the information is not compromised as the ASD is able to check the system as required. The visitation listing stage, which notes the number of persons in the residence and their sex, has taken about 2 months thus far and the second stage should begin next week;

- 4) noted that presently, the ASD has not presented any specific requests which may support the Department in expediting its work, for Council to consider, but this will remain under review by the ASD. Noted that the ASD has not indicated what support it requires in order to achieve its objectives and improve its performance, the ASD will further discuss the matter with the PS EDMSIE and revert to Council. Noted that the data generated by the Census is essential to inform appropriate financial forecasting and the delivery of public services;
- 5) agreed that a clear project plan needs to be in place for sign off by Council, with clear milestones for completing the Census. The PS, EDMSIE, is to take forward this action including how best to obtain the required data, taking into consideration the possible use of an online census questionnaire which persons complete individually or the use of district surgeries to expedite the process. Benchmarks shall be set so that the ASD has deadlines to achieve certain targets;
- 6) noted that Census expenditure to date for 2021 is EC\$149,870 and EC\$325,119.40 for 2022; and
- 7) further noted the status and progress of the Anguilla Population and Housing Census 2022.

Action: PS, EDMSIE; CHF, STAT; HON, MIN MSIE

EX MIN 22/323

EX MEMO 22/234 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT — REGISTRATION SECTION EAST CENTRAL, BLOCK 89217 B, PARCEL 293 BEING 0.23 OF AN ACRE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold on a freehold basis, property situate in Registration Section East Central, Block 89217 B, described as Parcel 293 being 0.23 of an acre located at Welches, Anguilla for residential purposes, subject to the following:

(a) the payment of the following Stamp Duties:

(i)	under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$43,280.02	EC\$2,164.00
(ii)	under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 6.25% of EC\$43,280.02	EC\$2,705.00
(iii)	Refundable Deposit – 10% EC\$43,280.02	<u>EC\$4,328.00</u>
	TOTAL	<u>EC\$9,197.00</u>

(b) the property must be used for residential purposes;

(c) the construction of the dwelling house is to be completed within thirty (30) months. If said dwelling house is not completed at the end of thirty (30) months, 50% of the refundable deposit will be forfeited to the Government of Anguilla. The remaining balance of 50% will be forfeited, if the construction is not completed within a further 6 months. Thereafter, forfeiture proceedings for the property will be commenced by the Government of Anguilla for a period of twenty-four (24) months;

(d) the Licencee must not rent their dwelling house without first notifying the Ministry of Economic Development & Investment of their intention to rent the said property; and

(e) the Licensee shall fully comply with the laws of Anguilla in force from time to time including the Land Development Control Act, the Property Tax Act, the Building Regulations, the Labour Relations Act 2018 and Work Permit Regulations, the Social Security Act, the Immigration and Passport Regulations and any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof and any rules or regulations made thereunder.

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

EX MIN 22/324

COVID-19 UPDATE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Globally, the number of new weekly cases decreased by 6% during the week of September 26 – October 2, 2022, as compared to the previous week, with over 2.9 million new cases reported. The number of new weekly deaths decreased by 12% as compared to the previous week, with just over 8,300 fatalities reported. As of October 2, 2022, over 615 million confirmed cases and over 6.5 million deaths have been reported globally.

Caribbean Region

Since the previous report on September 26, 2022, an additional 19,035 cases of COVID-19 were confirmed in 20 countries within the Caribbean, bringing the region's total confirmed cases to 4,263,132 in 35 countries/territories (including the 26 CARPHA Member States). The new total represents a 0.4% increase in the number of confirmed cases. There were 35,769 deaths recorded in the Caribbean Region as of October 4, 2022.

Anguilla

As of October 3, Anguilla has confirmed 3,866 cases of COVID-19 of which 3,849 persons have recovered and 12 have died. There are currently 0 active cases. No one is admitted to the Isolation Unit.

Vaccination Deployment Update

As of September 30, 2022, a total of 10,852 first doses, 10,344 second doses and 2,955 first booster doses have been administered. In an estimated population of 15,500 total persons, this would represent 70% of the total population having received the first dose, 67% of the total population having received two doses and 19% having received a first booster dose. In addition, 80% of the total eligible population (13,560) have received one dose, 75% have received two doses and 26% have received a first booster. The breakdown by age of persons having received a first dose, is as follows:

- 355 persons age 5 - 11
- 587 persons age 12 - 17
- 2999 persons age 18 - 34
- 2918 persons age 35 - 49
- 2586 persons age 50 - 64
- 1406 persons age 65+

The occupational breakdown of first doses is as follows:

- 355 Healthcare workers
- 549 Civil and Border Protection
- 1850 Hospitality
- 1094 Retired
- 7004 Other

Distribution (Pfizer)

As of September 29, 5,517 total doses of Pfizer have been administered including 1,272 first doses, 1,071 second doses, 2,947 first booster doses and 231 second booster doses. This includes 586 first doses for 12 - 17 year olds; approximately 48% of the estimated 12 – 17 year old population and 441 (36%) second doses. This includes 355 (25%) first doses and 330 (23%) second doses for children aged 5 - 11 years old.

Monkey Pox (MPX) Update

Since 1 January 2022, cases of monkey pox have been reported to WHO from 107 Member States across all 6 WHO regions. As of October 4, 2022, a total of 68,998 laboratory confirmed cases (and 3,203 probable cases), including 26 deaths, have been reported to WHO. Since 13 May 2022, a high proportion of these cases have been reported from countries without previously documented monkey pox transmission. This is the first time that cases and sustained chains of transmission have been reported in countries without direct or immediate epidemiological links to areas of West or Central Africa.

Council:

- 1) noted the update on COVID-19 and MPX in the region. The Ministry will continue to monitor the COVID-19 and MPX outbreaks, there are no cases of MPX in Anguilla to date;
- 2) noted that work continues on the vaccination campaign and to obtain the bivalent vaccine; and
- 3) agreed that as the COVID-19 testing at ports has been discontinued, there is no need to continue with the weekly report to Council, accordingly, from now on the Ministry shall report by exception.

Council authorised the issue of the Action Sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, HLTH; PS, FIN; PS, EDMSIE; BD; ACC, GEN;
HON, DG; HON, AG; MINS OF GOV'T
