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MINUTES OF THE 213TH MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 16TH JANUARY 2025 AT 9.00 AM

PRESENT: Acting Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley

The Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance, Economic Development & Investment and Health, Dr. Ellis Webster

Acting Deputy Governor, Dr. Aidan Harrigan

The Honourable Minister of Social Development, Cultural Affairs, Youth Affairs, Gender Affairs, Education, and Library Services, Ms. Dee-Ann Kentish-Rogers

The Honourable Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Labour, Human Rights, Constitutional Affairs, Information and Broadcasting, Lands and Physical Planning, Mr. Kenneth Hodge

The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing, and Tourism, Mr. Haydn Hughes

The Honourable Minister of Sustainability, Innovation, and the Environment, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr. Kurt De Freitas KC

Clerk to Executive Council, Ms. Dumisa Webster

IN ATTENDANCE: The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. Merrick Richardson

Head of the Governor's Office, Mr. Orlando Ames-Lewis

Financial Adviser, Mr. Evarist Mwesigye

ABSENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms. Julia Crouch

EX MIN 25/09 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES Hon. Parliamentary Secretary, Head of Governor's Office and Financial Adviser remained.

Council confirmed the minutes of the 212th Meeting of the Executive Council held on Thursday, 9th January 2025.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

None.

EX MIN 25/10 EX MEMO 25/07 Application for Duty Exemption for La Vue Boutique Inn

Hon. Parliamentary Secretary, Head of Governor's Office and Financial Adviser remained.

Executive Council was briefed by the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance on the application for duty-free concessions for a list of imported items by Joylynn Hughes, proprietor of La Vue Boutique Inn. The applicant seeks customs duty exemption on furniture and fixtures being imported for the completion of an expansion to their property. Through the duty-free concessions, the business seeks to mitigate some of the development costs associated with the expansion, as well as, foster business growth and positive contributions to the local economy. The Customs Duty Exemption Policy of 1998 recognizes the need to promote economic development and diversification in the private sector and provides duty exemptions to facilitate the same. As such, approval of the application for duty exemption, pursuant to the aforementioned policy is proposed.

Executive Council approved the application for duty-free concessions by Joylynn Hughes, proprietor of La Vue Boutique Inn, for furniture and fixtures with a duty cost of EC\$30,231.41.

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

EX MIN 25/11 EX MEMO 25/08 Approval of the Festivals Commission Legislation

Hon. Parliamentary Secretary, Head of Governor's Office and Financial Adviser remained.

Council deferred this matter for a next sitting.

Action: PS, MSDE; HON MIN, MSDE.