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**MINUTES OF THE 12<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA**  
**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2020 AT 9.00AM**

- 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 (acting), Ms Erica Edwards
- Clerk to Executive Council, Mrs Angela Hughes
- IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development,  
Mrs Quincia Gumbs-Marie  
Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social  
Development/Education, Mr Merrick Richardson  
Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull
- ABSENT: The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford

EX MIN 20/405

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

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

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Council noted that:

- 1) the Anguilla Air and Sea Ports Authority must further review its fee rates so that it does not require a subvention in 2021; and
- 2) subsequent to the last meeting of ExCo on September 24, 2020 the Anguilla Social Security Board did provide their latest actuarial review.

EX MIN 20/406

**UPDATE ON STATUTORY BODIES – CONTINGENT LIABILITIES REPORT**

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

Council deferred the matter for further consideration at the next meeting of Executive Council.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDCITENR; BD; ACC GEN; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 20/407

**EX MEM 20/193 RENAMING OF SPRING PATH ROAD**

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

Council deferred the matter to allow time for further consideration.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDCITENR; HON, MIN EDCITENR

EX MIN 20/408

**EX MEM 20/194 APPROVAL TO AMEND STATISTICS ACT**

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

The Hon Minister for EDCITENR briefed Council on the proposed amendments to the Statistics Act. The Ministry indicates that revision of the Statistics Act is needed to:

- 1) reflect present institutional and organisational arrangements;
- 2) improve the efficiency of administration and survey collection of macroeconomic, demographic, social and environmental statistics;
- 3) align Anguilla with international standards and best practices of official statistics; and
- 4) improve publication and dissemination of information.

Council:

- 1) approved the amendment of the Statistics Act; and
- 2) instructed the Attorney General's Chambers to draft the amendments in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Economic Development (Statistics).

Action: PS, EDCITENR; HON, MIN EDCITENR; HON, AG

EX MIN 20/409

**EX MEM 20/195 COVID-19 RESPONSE – EXEMPTIONS FROM CUSTOMS DUTY & TAX FOR ESSENTIAL ITEMS – EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR EXEMPTIONS AND APPROVAL OF REGULATIONS**

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

The Honourable Premier briefed Council and highlighted the importance of extending the tax and duty relief. This will continue to make items such as essential food and hygiene goods more affordable in the current economic climate.

Council noted that under Section 76 of the Customs Act, the Governor in Council may by Regulation exempt goods or classes of goods subject to such conditions, if any, as may be specified. Such Regulations must either implement an item in a budget, approved by an Act of the Legislature; or be approved by resolution of the House of Assembly. Under Section 6 and 7 of the Interim Goods Tax Act, the Governor may make Regulations and vary the rate of IGT.

The Regulations outlined below were originally enacted on September 14, 2020 with an expiry date of October 6, 2020.

Council:

- 1) agreed that the exemption should be extended to apply to reusable masks in addition to disposable masks;
- 2) approved the extension of the exemption from duty and tax for essential items until 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020;
- 3) instructed the Attorney General's Chambers to amend the following legislation to give effect to the extended termination date of 31<sup>st</sup> December, 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

- 4) agreed that the Premier should make the case to the FCDO not to deduct the revenue forgone as a result of this policy decision from the emergency financial aid grant; and
- 5) requests an update from the Hon Deputy Governor on the status of the appointment of a new Supply Officer and that the work completed by the previous Supply Officer thus far is presented to Council on October 8, 2020.

Action: PS, FIN; HON, MIN FIN; HON, AG; BD; ACC GEN; CIR;  
COC

EX MIN 20/411

**ORAL MENTION**

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

Council noted that Anguilla is quite reliant on Foreign & Direct Investment and in these circumstances, considered the potential options available to best protect the image of Anguilla when misrepresentations are made in the public domain.

Council agreed that the Premier’s statement in response to recent misstatements and inaccuracies made in a public forum was an appropriate response in such circumstances.

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