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MINUTES OF THE 90th MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 26th MAY 2022 AT 9.00 AM

- PRESENT: Acting Governor, Mr Perin Bradley
- The Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance and Health,
 Dr Ellis Webster
- Acting Deputy Governor, Mr Karim Hodge
- 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 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: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam
 The Honourable Minister for Social Development, Cultural Affairs,
 Youth Affairs, Gender Affairs, Education and Library Services,
 Ms Dee-Ann Kentish-Rogers

EX MIN 22/169

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 89th Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 19th May, 2022.

Council noted the apologies of H.E. the Governor for her absence from Council this week.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 22/170

COVID-19 UPDATE

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

PS, Health, Mr Foster Rogers
 CMO, Dr Aisha Andrewin
 Dir, CDU, Mrs Twyla Richardson-Bradshaw
 Health Planner, Ms Rochelle Rogers

Epidemiology***Global overview***

Globally, after the continued decline observed since the end of March 2022, new weekly COVID-19 cases have stabilized during the reporting period May 9 - 15, with over 3.6 million cases reported, which is a 1% increase as compared to the previous week. The number of new weekly deaths continues to decline, with over 9,000 new deaths reported during the same period, representing a 21% decrease as compared to the previous week. As of May 15, over 518 million confirmed cases and over six million deaths have been reported globally.

The Omicron VOC remains the dominant variant circulating globally. Among Omicron, BA.2 and its descendent lineages (i.e., BA.2.X) are

the dominant variants, comprising 97% of all sequences submitted to GISAID from the week of May 1, 2022.

Caribbean Region

Since the previous CARPHA report of May 16, 2022, an additional 30,242 (0.8% increase) cases were confirmed, bringing the region's total confirmed cases to 3,604,470 in 35 countries/territories (including the 26 CARPHA Member States). There were 33,655 deaths recorded in the Caribbean Region as of May 23, 2022.

Anguilla

As of May 25, Anguilla has confirmed 3,243 cases of COVID-19 of which 3,194 persons have recovered and 9 have died. There are currently 40 active cases and 1 person (female aged 62) is presently admitted to the Isolation Unit.

There was a downtick in new cases compared to the previous two weeks and the prison outbreak has been resolved.

Vaccination Deployment Update

As of May 25, 2022, a total of 10,748 first doses and 10,060 second doses have been administered. In an estimated population of 15,500 total persons, this would represent 69% of the total population having received the first dose and 65% of the total population having received two doses. In addition, 79% of the total eligible population (13,560) have received one dose and 74% have received two doses. The breakdown by age of persons having received a first dose, is as follows:

- 324 persons age 5 - 11
- 553 persons age 12 - 17
- 2978 persons age 18 - 34
- 2909 persons age 35 - 49
- 2578 persons age 50 - 64
- 1405 persons age 65+

The occupational breakdown of first doses, is as follows:

- 355 Healthcare workers
- 548 Civil and Border Protection
- 1842 Hospitality
- 1094 Retired
- 7148 Other

Distribution (Pfizer)

As of May 25, 4,776 total doses of Pfizer have been administered including 1,175 first doses, 800 second doses and 2,801 booster doses. This includes 553 first doses for 12 - 17 year olds; approximately 46% of the estimated 12 – 17 year old population and 340 (28%) second doses. This includes 324 (23%) first doses and 252 (18%) second doses for children aged 5 - 11 years old.

Pediatric vaccinations have resumed on a weekly basis, with second booster doses due to begin today at Welches.

COVID-19-Exit Strategy

No changes are recommended by the Ministry at this time.

Council:

- 1) thanked the health team for their continued hard work;
- 2) noted the brief on the multi-country monkey pox outbreak in non-endemic countries and that the Ministry of Health will continue to monitor and advise on the developments;
- 3) noted that based on the medical evidence a reduction in the quarantine duration for unvaccinated persons is not being considered at this time. The position with respect to permitting unvaccinated visitors to enter Anguilla in future will remain under review;
- 4) noted that Anguilla has a high vaccination rate but it is necessary to be cognisant of waning immunity as many of the vaccinations were given over a year ago, so the level of protection is likely to be reduced now, especially for persons

who have not had a booster. Noted that the booster uptake statistics as a percentage could be shared for clarity. Noted that natural immunity wanes faster than immunity gained through immunisation;

- 5) noted that the medical exemption application procedure, whereby persons make a written application to the Quarantine Authority should be highlighted and shared for public information;
- 6) noted that further to Ex Min 22/165 the Emergency (COVID-19 Border Control) Regulations shall be allowed to expire, but this is subject to revision to permit fishing in the waters to the south of Anguilla, whilst maintaining the Russia sanctions currently in force, the Attorney General's Chambers will advise and prepare the required documentation;
- 7) noted that the Attorney General's Chambers and the Ministry of Health have together worked on the regulations which were approved for amendment and extension in Ex Min 22/165; and
- 8) approved the draft Regulations circulated, the Quarantine (COVID-19) (Arriving Passengers Health Clearance) (No. 5) (Amendment) Rules, 2022 and Public Health (Quarantine) (COVID-19) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations, 2022, noting the amendment and extension. The final version of the Regulations are to be circulated for review by Council prior to execution.

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

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

EX MIN 22/173

EX MEMO 2022/122 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION WEST CENTRAL, BLOCK 28309 B, PARCEL 74 CONTAINING 0.50 ACRES

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

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold on a freehold basis, property situate in Registration Section West Central, Block 28309B, described as Parcel 74 containing 0.50 acres of land, located at Little Harbour, Anguilla for residential purposes, subject to the following:

(i)	under Section 14(3) of the Aliens Land Holding Licence Act	EC\$200.00
(ii)	Stamp Duty on Transfer	<u>EC\$ 20.00</u>
	TOTAL	<u>EC\$220.00</u>

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

EX MIN 22/174

EX MEMO 2022/123 APPLICATION FOR DUTY AND TAX EXEMPTION FOR CHRISTIAN RONALD WEBSTER

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

Council:

- 1) agreed that duty and tax exemptions should be granted to Christian R Webster on the importation of a Nissan Leaf electric vehicle for personal use;

- 2) agreed that the administrative fee under the Customs Administrative Cost Recovery Act should apply;
- 3) noted that the estimated duty and tax loss to the Government is EC\$9,640.96; and
- 4) instructed the Ministry of Finance to prepare the required Resolution of the House of Assembly, pursuant to section 77(1) of the Customs Act, R.S.A. c. C 169, section 6A of the Interim Goods Tax Act, 2019 and section 29A of the Excise Tax Act 2019.

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