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MINUTES OF THE 15TH MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 22ND 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 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: The Honourable Minister for Economic Development, Commerce,
Information Technology, Environment and Natural Resources,
Mr Kyle Hodge

EX MIN 20/436

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 14th Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 15th October 2020.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Council noted that:

- 1) work is continuing on the report on the update and reform of the Interim Stabilization Levy;
- 2) work is continuing on the appointment of the supply officer. The Honourable Attorney General has been instructed to advise on who may properly hold the role of supply officer;
- 3) the Statutory Bodies Contingent Liabilities Report has been submitted to the FCDO in compliance with provision 9 of the financial aid MOU;
- 4) some of the Statutory Bodies are continuing not to comply with quarterly financial reporting requirements. The Boards are required to provide this information and the situation has to be rectified. The contents of EX MIN 20/429 (iii) should be communicated to each of the Statutory Bodies by the Minister with responsibility;
- 5) USD\$2.6 million financial aid for the month of August has been paid by the UKG; and
- 6) in accordance with EX MIN 20/434 His Excellency the Governor has provided the Commissioner of Police with a letter for the Police Welfare Fund regarding the manner in which pension funds should be allocated. Persons can only claim against the fund proportionately to their length of service in Anguilla and not for service completed in another jurisdiction.

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COVID-19 RESPONSE 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
 Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin
 Dir of Chronic Disease Unit, Mrs Twyla Richardson-Bradshaw
 Health Planner, Ms Rochelle Rogers

The PS, Health and the Health team briefed Council on the latest developments as it relates to COVID-19.

Cases are accelerating worldwide and the situation is serious. The countries reporting the highest number of cases in the past week are: India, the United States of America, France, Brazil and the United Kingdom.

The last confirmed case of Covid-19 in Anguilla was 210 days ago. There has been no hospitalisations and no deaths.

Repatriation Programme Update

Council noted that:

- 1) as of 19 October 464 persons had been repatriated along with an additional 97 medical returnees;
- 2) as at 19 October 117 persons remain registered for repatriation, the vast majority are from the USA, Dominican Republic and UK;
- 3) approximately 73 persons are scheduled to return to Anguilla between 26 – 30 October. The remaining persons registered for repatriation are either undecided or uncontactable; and
- 4) the planned closing date for the programme is October 31. The process should be completed by this date for those persons who were originally registered for repatriation. 203 people have withdrawn their applications, several indicating

that they were withdrawing in anticipation of the phased re-opening of the borders.

Quarantine Update

Council noted that:

- 1) as of 19 October 79 persons were in government quarantine facilities and 50 persons were in home quarantine, this includes visitors staying at approved hotel and villa locations;
- 2) the Government of Anguilla quarantine facilities are available until November 14. After this date it is proposed that one facility is retained for the purpose of government quarantine for medical returnees;
- 3) in circumstances where the premises of returning residents fail inspection and/or persons are arriving from countries with a high prevalence of active COVID-19 cases the Ministry of Health proposes that existing quarantine facilities are utilized as Government of Anguilla approved properties. Individuals can make their own arrangements (including payment) directly with the properties. Property owners are aware that they must maintain the current standards for operating, which includes maintaining the security measures; and
- 4) the Ministry of Health is sourcing identification bands for use by persons in quarantine, as it is anticipated that there may be challenges with the real time monitoring of persons in home quarantine. An electronic monitoring system had been trialed with Digicel, however the Ministry of Health opted to pursue other alternatives with regard to monitoring persons in quarantine.

Following discussion Council:

- 1) approved the use of existing government quarantine facilities

as Government of Anguilla approved properties for residents who are not able to stay in their homes, owing to the premises failing inspection; and

- 2) approved the retention of one Government of Anguilla quarantine facility for the purpose of facilitating medical returnees.

Re-opening to Tourism/Visitors

Phase 2 re-opening commences on November 1.

Council noted that:

- 1) as of October 19, the Ministry in conjunction with the HAA, has conducted infection prevention and control training with over 450 hospitality workers and more training is scheduled to commence on October 26. There will be CARPHA led training with hotel/resort property surveillance focal points at the end of October;
- 2) the Ministry of Health team continues to work with the Ministry of Tourism and tourism partners to review and approve properties for the “Stay in Place” programme. As of 19 October, 65 properties have been approved for this programme, including the largest resort/hotel properties;
- 3) the Ministry continues to receive and review activity protocols from activity providers. Such protocols include utilizing certified ground transportation operators to transport guests between properties and activities - thus creating activity bubbles. Several activities have been approved including beach access, live entertainment, outdoor dining, outdoor exercise, watersports, scuba diving, and off-shore fishing. As of October 19, 42 visitors have arrived and some have utilized these services;
- 4) the Ministry recommends that the revised COVID-19 regulations provide a regulatory regime for addressing businesses that breach the terms of an approved protocol; and
- 5) the Ministry recommends that an initial press conference is

held by senior government officials in order to sensitize the wider public and increase understanding of the bubbles concept. Further rollout of initiatives will follow thereafter.

Following discussion Council approved the conduct of a joint ministerial tourism and health press conference to discuss the upcoming re-opening and the concept of activity bubbles - with the publication of additional promotional materials thereafter.

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

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1st NOVEMBER POSITION ON BORDERS

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

The Ministry of Health indicated that all existing COVID-19 related regulations expire on October 31. To ensure that the measures can be properly continued, there is a need to extend each of the following regulations, with the recommended amendments, for a **6-week period**, ending on December 12, 2020:

Public Health (Temporary Closure of Ports) Amendment (No.3) Regulations 2020

- The revised regulations will codify the Phase II entry and quarantine requirements approved by Executive Council. A change in the name of the regulation is important to reflect that the Government of Anguilla is moving from the response to the recovery phase of the pandemic.
- Replace the existing regulation with a new Ports Entry (COVID-19) Regulation permitting the opening of ports to conduct operations for outgoing flights, medical evacuations and the entry of passengers in accordance with the Quarantine (COVID-19) (Arriving Passengers Health Clearance) Rules 2020.

Public Health (Quarantine) Amendment Regulations

- Amend to include provisions for the monitoring and fining of businesses who fail to adhere to their Ministry of Health approved COVID-19 protocols.

Emergency Powers (COVID-19 Border Patrol) Regulations

- Amend to include provisions for pre-approved and pre-scheduled passenger boats to operate in a similar manner to the cargo vessels. All other vessels must receive permission from the Commissioner of Police, which will be granted at his discretion on a case by case basis.
- These regulations should be extended for the same period as other complimentary regulations/rules.

Quarantine (COVID-19) (Arriving Passengers Health Clearance) Rules 2020

- Amend to include effective and clear provisions for the use of electronic/manual monitoring devices for persons in quarantine - the use of such devices falls within the discretion of the CMO.
- Amend to include anti – tampering provisions pertaining to the monitoring devices.

Following discussion Council:

- 1) thanked the Ministry of Health and the Health team for the well-prepared paper and work well done;
- 2) noted that the Ministry of Health is to be provided with a list of restaurants desirous of opening and that the ability of visitors to access restaurants is proving critical to the operations of the hospitality sector;
- 3) noted that the application procedure for returning residents should be reviewed; and

- 4) approved the amendment and extension of the
aforementioned Rules and Regulations to December 12,
2020, to ensure that COVID-19 control measures can be
continued.

Council agreed that a Special Meeting of Executive Council be held
on Monday 26 October 2020 to discuss the draft Regulations.

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

EX MIN 20/439

**EX MEM 20/210 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH
ST JAMES SCHOOL OF MEDICINE (SJSM)**

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

Council approved the MOU between the Government of Anguilla and
the St James School of Medicine which is to become effective on
November 1, 2020.

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