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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON SUNDAY 22ND MARCH 2020
AT 1:00 PM

PRESENT: His Excellency The Governor, Mr Timothy Foy, OBE

The Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance, Economic Development,
Commerce, Tourism and Information Technology, Mr Victor Banks

The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley

The Honourable Minister of Health and Social Development, Lands and Physical
Planning, Mr Evans Rogers

The Honourable Minister of Home Affairs and Education, Mrs Cora Richardson-
Hodge

The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing,
Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment, Mr Curtis Richardson

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford

IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Cardigan Connor
Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA, Mrs Evalie Bradley
PS, Health, Lands & Physical Planning, Mr Foster Rogers
Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin
Chief Executive Officer, HAA, Mrs Maeza Demis-Adams
Director of Chronic Diseases Unit, Mrs Twyla Bradshaw-Richardson
Health Planner, Ms Rochelle Rogers
PS, Home Affairs & Education, Mrs Chanelle Petty Barrett
PS, Social Development, Dr Bonnie Richardson-Lake
PS, Public Administration, Mrs Kathleen Rogers
PS, Finance, Dr Aidan Harrigan
PS, Economic Development, Investment & Commerce, Mr Larry Franklin
PS, Infrastructure, Communications and Utilities, Mr Karim Hodge
Chief Education Officer, Mr Bren Romney
Chief Immigration Officer, Ms Lauren Bryan
Comptroller of Customs, Mr Travis Carty
Commissioner of Police, Mr Paul Morrison

ABSENT: Clerk to Executive Council, Mrs Jewelle Fleming, MBE

COVID-19 ANGUILLA RESPONSE UPDATE

The following persons attended:

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Further to EX MIN 20/141 of 19 March, Council noted as follows:

1) **Confirmed cases/suspected cases**

There continues to be no confirmed case of COVID-19 in Anguilla. To date, three samples have been sent to the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) Laboratory in Trinidad for testing. All three have returned negative. Samples from three further suspected cases are on the way to Trinidad, and the public would be advised promptly of results.

2) **Testing in Anguilla**

Anguilla would soon have the capacity to test for COVID-19. Given the newness of this virus and the equipment available, these results would need to be confirmed by CARPHA. This however, is a huge step forward.

3) **Quarantine**

Sixty (60) persons are on quarantine orders. Of these, fifty-six (56) are on self-quarantine. Those on self-quarantine are followed up regularly to ensure that they comply with the requirements and are being urged to act responsibly and to comply with the rules. It was made clear that failure to comply would result in those persons contravening the orders to be placed in the government run quarantine facility.

4) **Health preparations**

It was noted previously that anyone suspected of having contracted COVID-19 would go to the dedicated isolation unit at the Princess Alexandra Hospital. The additional temporary isolation capacity is now ready to receive patients, should the need arise.

5) **Travel restrictions**

Air and sea ports have been closed to passenger movements for fourteen (14) days from 11:59pm on Friday 20 March. There would be no exceptions other than declared medical emergencies.

6) **Border control**

The Royal Anguilla Police Force, the Departments of Immigration and Customs have increased patrols on land, sea and by air to curtail any illegal entry.

7) **Food and other supplies**

The movement of cargo into Anguilla remains unrestricted. Supermarkets and merchants have given the assurance that supply lines are open and would remain so. People must know that there is no need to hoard or to panic buy. This also applies for petrol, diesel and cooking gas as supplies have not been interrupted.

8) **Price gouging**

Regulations would shortly come into force fixing the maximum price for a number of key commodities. Shops and merchants charging more than these prices would face legal penalty.

9) **Managing the economic consequences**

The Government of Anguilla is very much concerned about the economic consequences of this pandemic which includes the layoffs and reduction of hourly wages for workers. Formal papers would be submitted to Executive Council shortly for consideration.

Council concurred with the Ministry of Health, the following next steps, should there be a confirmed case of COVID-19 in Anguilla:

- (i) measures to restrict people's movements and interactions for example, but not limited to:
 - (a) a ban on all public gatherings, including churches;
 - (b) the closure of all non-essential work places including bars; and
 - (c) limited hours for certain essential work places that are still open.

The Ministry of Health continues to urge people to act responsibly, practicing safe social distancing, washing hands frequently and observing good personal hygiene.

Action: PS, HLPP; CMO; CEO, HAA; HON MIN, HSD
