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**MINUTES OF THE 58<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA**  
**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 9.00 AM**

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

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**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 57<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2021, the Special Meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 and the Special Meeting held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2021.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

EX MIN 21/281

**COVID-19 & ASTRAZENEC/OXFORD VACCINE 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:

Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin  
Health Planner, Ms Rochelle Rogers  
Acting Commissioner of Police, Mr Elliott Forbes

**Epidemiology*****Global overview***

According to the WHO's most current epidemiological report of August 31, the global number of new cases remained similar to the previous week, with just under 4.4 million cases reported for the period August 23 – 29, 2021. This is largely attributed to declining case numbers in the regions of the Americas and Africa and plateaus in the European, Eastern Mediterranean, and South East Asian regions. A 7% increase in cases was reported in the Western Pacific region. The cumulative number of cases reported globally is now over 216 million and the cumulative number of deaths is almost 4.5 million.

All regions, except the Western Pacific and the Eastern Mediterranean regions, reported similar or a declining number of

deaths this week, as compared to the previous week. The regions with the highest weekly incidence rates of cases and deaths per 100,000 population remain the same as last week. The US is the country with the highest number of reported cases (938,014 new cases) in the past week.

The WHO also classified the B.1.621 variant first identified in Columbia in January 2021 as a 'Variant of Interest' named "Mu". While preliminary data suggests that there are some immune escape properties similar to the Beta Variant of Concern, more studies are required to understand the clinical impact of the variant.

### ***Caribbean Region***

The total number of confirmed cases is 1,569,651 in 35 countries/territories (including the 26 CARPHA Member States). The new total represents a 3.4% increase in the number of confirmed cases. There were 19,220 deaths recorded in the Caribbean region as of August 30, 2021. Some Member States continue to experience increasing positive case numbers. Cluster outbreaks through to community transmission of the virus, with increasing hospitalizations and deaths continues.

### ***Anguilla***

As of September 1, 2021, the total number of confirmed cases since the beginning of the pandemic in early 2020 is 256 with 48 active cases. Infections continue to be seen in fully vaccinated visitors and returning residents. Local transmission has been increasing and this has been the overriding pattern for the surge in cases in August.

The following is a summary of the emerging pattern, focusing mainly on local transmission. The number of positive cases for the period August 8 to present is 134, detailed as follows:

- 113 out of 134 (84%) cases confirmed in August involve local transmission.
- The youngest case is a 1 year old male and the oldest is a 91 year old male.
- 63 out of 113 (56%) cases are fully vaccinated.

- An increase in the number of positive unvaccinated minors from 10% in the last Ministry brief, to around 19.5% (22/113) presently.
- Evidence of minor children as the index cases.
- A predominance of household clusters in multi-generational families e.g. at least 20 of the last 56 new cases (35%) are associated with just three (3) households.
- One pregnant woman at 19 weeks gestation confirmed on August 31.
- A limited number of cases are workplace related, with apparently limited spread thus far:
  - Spaces tend to be closed, small and poorly ventilated.
  - One possible church cluster is under investigation.
- Cases are still generally mild and either asymptomatic or presenting with symptoms including: loss of taste and smell, headache, scratchy throat, cough, muscle aches, diarrhea and vomiting.
- Thus far there have been two hospitalizations including one elderly gentleman of 91 years, who is in serious condition; and the other case was a very brief hospitalization of a fully vaccinated female, with an underlying risk condition for severe COVID-19, who has now recovered.

More than 1150 persons have been screened locally during the period August 8 to September 1, 2021.

Genomic sequencing has confirmed the Delta variant in three of the samples sent three weeks ago, and results for more samples are pending.

### **Vaccine Stock**

On August 31, two hundred and forty (240) AstraZeneca vaccine doses with an expiry date of September 30, 2021 were received from the UK via Antigua. These doses are intended to cover persons scheduled to receive their second vaccination in September. Vaccinations will resume at the Welches Polyclinic on September 9 and occur every Friday in September thereafter, by appointment in

order to observe social distancing requirements. Further, a standby list is being generated for persons who previously missed their second doses and are now interested in receiving same.

### **Vaccination ID cards**

As of Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September, 6080 vaccination ID cards have been issued. The team has noticed a number of requests for replacement cards. The Ministry of Health is proposing that a small replacement card fee is charged in order to recoup costs.

### **COVID-19 Exit Strategy**

#### ***Residents and Day 4 Quarantine Requirement***

The Ministry of Health has received information from the Ministry of Tourism and other partners, that residents are booking 1-night stays at certified hotel and villa properties. Some residents are then checking out of the property upon receipt of their negative arrival test, returning to their homes and not observing the quarantine period. This is contrary to the regulations requiring residents to quarantine for a minimum of 4 days and places the island at further risk of continued importation and subsequent spread of the virus from arriving residents.

The industry has suggested that regulations should be promulgated to require a 4 night minimum stay in hotels/certified villas for residents.

#### ***Border Entry Breaches***

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August, the Ministry's port personnel reported that there were three persons who arrived into Anguilla without prior approval. In one case, the person upon further questioning produced a positive COVID-19 test, which was conducted 3 days before their arrival date, and their Anguilla arrival test result was also positive. The individual is in Government isolation and is being monitored by the Ministry. Upon CMO clearance for release from quarantine, the next step is for the RAPF to progress to prosecution. The Quarantine Authority has been in contact with the RAPF to ensure that a full

investigation takes place and that all relevant personnel and/or businesses involved in the breach are charged appropriately.

### **Commissioner of Police Enforcement Update**

The COP (Ag) briefed Council on the security and enforcement actions of the RAPF for the period July 1 to August 31, salient points as follows:

- 56 land patrols and 7 sea patrols were conducted.
- 83 case files were submitted for prosecution, 27 cases advanced to court and of these 17 were withdrawn, 2 were dismissed, 7 persons plead guilty and 1 person was reprimanded and discharged. Fines from EC\$600 to \$1000 have been imposed.
- 94 persons have been charged pursuant to the Health Regulations.

Council:

- 1) thanked the health team for their continued hard work;
- 2) noted that the health team is working with the UKG to profile anticipated PPE and testing kit requirements through to December 2022;
- 3) noted that the enforcement outcomes to date are unsatisfactory. The health team, CMO, Commissioner of Police and Hon Attorney General to consider further in respect of the enforcement regime;
- 4) noted that testing fees should remain under review and agreed that a comprehensive study on fees should be undertaken, by the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Tourism liaising with the Ministry of Finance;
- 5) noted that other jurisdictions within the region are using various education methods to mitigate the spread of COVID-

19 in children, depending on their epidemiological situation. Some are utilizing online learning, and the Ministry will undertake a full comparison exercise as it relates to the provision of education within the region;

- 6) agreed that the closure of schools communicated by the Department of Education and effective from September 6, is to be extended until further notice. Therefore, all face to face teaching shall cease for all licensed and informal establishments/institutions that provide educational or childcare services to children under the age of 18 years old. This includes schools, pre-schools, licensed and informal day care centers. The online platform shall be used for primary and secondary schools;
- 7) agreed that the regulation which mandates a maximum of 25 persons for indoor and outdoor mass gatherings shall be further extended for an additional 2 weeks, to September 23 in the first instance;
- 8) agreed that the existing COVID-19 Regulations shall be amended to mandate that the owners/operators of businesses are responsible for enforcing the masking requirements at all times within their establishments. In the event of a breach of the regulations, the penalty will be a fine;
- 9) agreed that a fee should be charged for replacement vaccination ID cards and this fee should align with what is charged for other replacement Government ID cards; and
- 10) agreed that there shall be no regulations to mandate a minimum 4-night hotel/certified villa stay for returning residents. Hotels and certified villas may impose such a requirement independently, if they desire to do so. There are regulations in place which address this type of breach and other systems to capture data on where a returning resident shall quarantine, such as the ivisit Anguilla portal and checks made at the port.

Council authorized 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 21/282

**EX MEM 21/164 REVISED SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET 2021**

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, Finance, Mrs Kathleen Rogers  
PAS, Finance, Ms Marisa Harding-Hodge  
Budget Officer, Ms Jamila Gumbs  
Chief Project Officer, Mrs Anthea Ipinson  
Budget Director, Mrs Shona Proctor

The Supplementary Budget was presented to Executive Council on August 27, 2021 for consideration. However, due to amendments made to the submission, it is necessary to present a Revised Supplementary Budget for Council's consideration, highlighting the modifications made to the Memorandum previously presented.

Council:

- 1) noted that some reductions to savings previously reported have been made under certain heads. Savings in the Department of Public Administration were reduced from EC\$ 1.78 million to EC\$475K, as actual expenditure for training had been omitted from the previous savings exercise. Therefore, there will not be sufficient savings to cover the shortfall for the Ministry of Infrastructure, as was previously recommended;
- 2) noted that savings were removed from the Ministry of Home Affairs. The savings within the Ministry of Social Development are correct and will supplement shortfalls in the Ministry of ICUHT and Ministry of Economic Development, with the residual savings being transferred to the Ministry of Finance;



- 3) noted that EC\$834.7K of the EC\$1.08 million UK Government Grant funds related to three main areas of project expenditure for costs incurred during 2021. The residual UKG grant of EC\$244.8K related to costs appropriated and incurred during the 2020 financial year. Of the EC\$834.7K of grant funds capital expenditure amounting to EC\$537.6K with respect to the acquisition of the Anguilla National Trust Office had been omitted from the previous capital project list and therefore had to be incorporated;

Table 1

CAPITAL SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET							
2021 CAPITAL BUDGET							
Account Number	MINISTRY/ PROJECTS	2021 BUDGET ESTIMATE	EXPENDITURE TO DATE	Revised Budget after Virement/ Reallocation	AVAILABLE BALANCE	SUPPLEMENTARY	2021 SUPPLEMENTARY CAPITAL BUDGET
10 100	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION						
35 350	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, LABOUR, IMMIGRATION, INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, LANDS AND PHYSICAL PLANNING						
09131	Land Information System	317,000	-	317,000	317,000		317,000
05191	Land Acquisition	690,000	61,828	690,000	628,172		690,000
	SUB-TOTAL	<b>1,007,000</b>	<b>61,828</b>	<b>1,007,000</b>	<b>945,172</b>		<b>1,007,000</b>
45 450	MINISTRY OF FINANCE & HEALTH						
03166	Health Services Development	26,000	-	26,000	26,000		26,000
	SUB-TOTAL	<b>26,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,000</b>	<b>26,000</b>		<b>26,000</b>
55 550	MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION						
01108	Minor Education Development Projects	280,000	-	280,000	280,000		280,000
11159	Anguilla Community College					2,952,770	2,952,770
07109	Sports Development	20,000	16,277	20,000	3,723		20,000
	SUB-TOTAL	<b>300,000</b>	<b>16,277</b>	<b>300,000</b>	<b>283,723</b>	<b>2,952,770</b>	<b>3,252,770</b>
65 650	MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE, COMMUNICATIONS, UTILITIES, HOUSING & TOURISM						
01127	Road Development	18,000	-	18,000	18,000	185,000	203,000
11162	Disaster Mitigation and Recovery	60,000	-	60,000	60,000		60,000
08120	Tourism Sector Development	65,000	-	65,000	65,000		65,000
11163	Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency	35,000	-	35,000	35,000		35,000
02154	Renovation of Government Assets	200,000	159,844	200,000	40,156	425,800	625,800
01123	Replacement of Government Vehicles	745,000	725,344	745,000	19,656	130,000	875,000
	SUB-TOTAL	<b>1,123,000</b>	<b>885,188</b>	<b>1,123,000</b>	<b>237,812</b>	<b>740,800</b>	<b>1,863,800</b>
75 750	MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INVESTMENT, COMMERCE, IT & NATURAL RESOURCES						
01112	Furniture and Equipment	85,000	997	38,000	37,003	732,400	770,400
01119	Miscellaneous Projects	200,000	27,030	-	(27,030)	114,410	114,410
	<i>Anguilla National Trust Building acquisition - UKG funded</i>					537,640	537,640
08127	Information System Development	30,000	-	30,000	30,000	53,600	83,600
06195	IT Equipment	41,000	-	41,000	41,000		41,000
	<i>IT Infrastructure - UKG funded</i>		297,144				297,144
04174	IT Infrastructure	60,000	1,549	307,000	8,307	308,200	318,056
	SUB-TOTAL	<b>416,000</b>	<b>326,719</b>	<b>416,000</b>	<b>89,281</b>	<b>1,746,250</b>	<b>2,162,250</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,872,000</b>	<b>1,290,012</b>	<b>2,872,000</b>	<b>1,581,988</b>	<b>5,439,820</b>	<b>8,311,820</b>

- 4) noted that the potential to finance the fire extinguishers for primary and secondary schools by the Anguilla Programme is being explored by officials with the programme team. It was not possible to identify further reductions to the capital projects as all projects were critical, accordingly, the Ministry of Finance reviewed recurrent expenditure allocations within the Ministry. The final capital projects are listed in Table 1;
- 5) noted that the Ministry of Finance recurrent expenditure allocation was reduced in order to remain within the 2020 total expenditure envelope, but some reserves still remain;
- 6) approved the Revised Supplementary Budget for 2021 with the following portfolio allocations as identified in Table 2 final column:

Table 2

GOVERNMENT OF ANGUILLA			
2021 ESTIMATES OF RECURRENT EXPENDITURE AND CAPITAL			
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS			
SCHEDULE			
PROGRAM	MINISTRY	ESTIMATE 2021	2021 SUPPLEMENTARY
<b><u>PART 1 - RECURRENT EXPENDITURE</u></b>			
		\$	
<b>001R</b>	HE THE GOVERNOR	28,810,840	28,633,338
<b>350R</b>	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, LABOUR, IMMIGRATION, INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING	8,963,220	8,316,772
<b>450R</b>	MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND HEALTH	108,092,690	105,922,373
<b>550R</b>	MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	51,615,945	46,675,211
<b>650R</b>	MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE, COMMUNICATIONS UTILITIES, HOUSING AND TOURISM	20,518,395	21,527,732
<b>750R</b>	MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	8,710,117	10,195,961
	<b>TOTAL RECURRENT EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>226,711,207</b>	<b>221,271,387</b>
<b><u>PART 11 - CAPITAL</u></b>			
<b>001D</b>	HE THE GOVERNOR	0	0
<b>350D</b>	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, LABOUR, IMMIGRATION, INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING	1,007,000	1,007,000
<b>450D</b>	MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND HEALTH	26,000	26,000
<b>550D</b>	MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	300,000	3,252,770
<b>650D</b>	MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE, COMMUNICATIONS UTILITIES, HOUSING AND TOURISM	1,123,000	1,863,800
<b>750R</b>	MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	416,000.00	2,162,250.00
	<b>TOTAL CAPITAL</b>	<b>2,872,000</b>	<b>8,311,820</b>
	<b>TOTAL RECURRENT AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>229,583,207</b>	<b>229,583,207</b>

- 7) instructed the Attorney General's Chambers to work with the Ministry of Finance to draft a Bill for Supplementary Appropriation for submission to the House of Assembly; and

- 8) agreed that the Bill for Supplementary Appropriation be presented to the House of Assembly at the earliest possible date.

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

Action: PS, FIN; PERM, SECS; BD; ACC, GEN; HON, PREM;  
MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 21/284

**EX MEM 21/166 APPLICATIONS FOR THE PERMIT OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE**

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 the following persons should be granted the Permit of Permanent Residence in accordance with Section 24 of the Immigration and Passport Act:
  - a) Shaneeza Khan
  - b) Yanelys Rodriguez Sosa
  - c) Tess Annadora Hokin
  - d) Kacey Thomas
  - e) Terrian Blake
- 2) further agreed that each applicant must submit a valid Certificate of Good Standing from the Inland Revenue Department, before the Permit of Permanent Residence is issued; and
- 3) noted that granting Permanent Residence did not

exempt persons from the provisions of the Labour (Relations) Act, nor did it entitle them to Belonger status until they have been residing in Anguilla for 15 years, or become naturalized British Overseas Territories Citizens in Anguilla. These individuals would become eligible to apply for naturalization after one year of permanent residency.

The Hon Minister for MICUHT took no part in the deliberations or determination concerning the applicant for whom he provided a reference.

Action: PS, HA; LAB, COMM; CIO; HON, AG; HON MIN, HA

EX MIN 21/285

**EX MEM 21/167 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION EAST END, BLOCK 99415 B, PARCELS 335 AND 336 CONTAINING 0.40 ACRES AND 0.50 ACRES RESPECTIVELY**

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 property situated in Registration Section East End, Block 99415 B, described as Parcel 335 being a vacant lot and Parcel 336 with a dwelling house thereon located at Sea Feathers, Anguilla for residential purposes, subject to the following:

**PARCEL 335 (Vacant)**

Stamp duties payable are as follows:

- |      |                                                                                      |               |
|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| (i)  | under the Stamp Act – 5%<br>of EC\$470,435.00                                        | EC\$23,521.75 |
| (ii) | under the Aliens Land Holding<br>Licence Regulation Act – 6.25%<br>of EC\$470,435.00 | EC\$29,402.19 |

**TOTAL** **EC\$52,923.94**

**PARCEL 336**

Stamp duties payable are as follows:

(i) under the Stamp Act – 5%  
of EC\$1,875,019.50 **EC\$93,750.98**

(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding  
Regulation Act – 5%  
of EC\$1,875,019.50 **EC\$93,750.98**

**TOTAL** **EC\$187,501.95**

**GRAND TOTAL** **EC\$240,425.89**

- a) the Applicants shall be granted an exemption from Governments Policy that restricts Aliens to the purchase of no more than half an acre of land, on the grounds that the land is already alienated;
- b) Parcel 335 shall not be developed, the property shall be preserved as green space; and
- c) with the express condition that the land is to be used for residential purposes and that the Licencee must not rent their dwelling house without first notifying the Ministry of Lands.

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

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

