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MINUTES OF THE 86th MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 29th APRIL 2022 AT 9.00 AM

PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam

The Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance and Health and acting Minister for Home Affairs, Immigration, Labour, Human Rights, Constitutional Affairs, Information and Broadcasting, Lands and Physical Planning, 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 Acting, Mr Merrick Richardson

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 Acting, Mrs Quincia Gumbs-Marie

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford

Clerk to Executive Council, Mrs Angela Hughes

IN ATTENDANCE: 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
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 Economic Development, Commerce, Information Technology, Environment and Natural Resources, Mr Kyle Hodge

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CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Financial Specialist remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 85th Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 14th April, 2022 and the Round Robin Minutes agreed on Friday 22nd April, 2022.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 22/134

COVID-19 UPDATE

Financial Specialist remained. The following persons joined:

PS, Health, Mr Foster Rogers
 CMO, Dr Aisha Andrewin
 DIR CDU, Mrs Twyla Richardson-Bradshaw

Epidemiology***Global overview***

Globally, the number of new COVID-19 cases and deaths has continued to decline since the end of March 2022. During the week of April 11 – 17, 2022, over 5 million cases and over 18,000 deaths were reported, decreases of 24% and 12% respectively, as compared to the previous week. All regions reported decreasing trends in the number of new weekly cases and deaths. As of April 17, 2022, over 500 million confirmed cases and over 6 million deaths have been reported globally.

SARS-CoV-2 Variants of Interest and Variants of Concern

The Omicron variant remains the dominant variant circulating globally, accounting for nearly all sequences recently reported to GISAID. Among the 313,715 sequences uploaded to GISAID with specimens collected in the last 30 days, 312,033 (99.5%) were Omicron, 136 (<0.1%) were Delta and 1,393 (0.4%) sequences were not assigned to a Pango lineage.

Caribbean Region

CARPHA'S report of April 25, 2022, indicates a 0.9% increase in the number of confirmed cases, bringing the region's total confirmed cases to 3,427,414 in 35 countries/territories (including the 26 CARPHA Member States). There were 33,306 deaths recorded in the Caribbean Region as of April 25, 2022.

Additionally, it has been indicated that some UKOTs are experiencing outbreaks.

Anguilla

As of April 27, Anguilla has confirmed 2,821 cases of COVID-19 of which 2,771 persons have recovered and 9 have died. There are currently 41 active cases and no persons presently admitted to the Isolation Unit.

The test positivity rate has remained well under 5% since the end of February. However, a slight uptick in the incidence of COVID-19 cases has been seen in the last couple of weeks, noting also that case numbers are likely to be underestimated due to the revised testing protocol, whereby persons with boosters are not tested upon arrival. A greater increase has already been observed for this epidemiological week ending on Saturday, April 30. Additionally, it has been noted over previous weeks that the proportion of imported cases has increased over previous weeks and the majority of these are being detected on testing for onward travel.

One small outbreak was detected at a primary school involving two teachers (vaccinated) and three children (unvaccinated) thus far. That classroom/centre was closed on Monday. One small outbreak was detected in the prison, involving three inmates from the same unit. The outbreak has been presumptively linked to the index case attending a family funeral a few days prior.

Testing supplies

Testing supply levels were noted. Since the beginning of the year, January 2 to April 23, which is 16 epidemiological weeks, over 34,167 COVID-19 tests were done, with RT-PCR testing accounting for 5% to 10%. That is 2,135 tests per week, which is approximately 1,900 rapid tests and 200 RT-PCR tests. Based on this usage there are sufficient rapid test stocks for approximately 1.5 months and

sufficient RT-PCR test stocks for approximately 5 months, based on expiration dates.

Vaccination Deployment Update

As of April 22, 2022, a total of 10,669 first doses and 9,950 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 64% of the total population having received two doses. In addition, 79% of the total eligible population (13,560) have received one dose and 73% have received two doses. The breakdown by age of persons having received a first dose, is as follows:

- 294 persons age 5 - 11
- 532 persons age 12 - 17
- 2962 persons age 18 - 34
- 2898 persons age 35 - 49
- 2576 persons age 50 - 64
- 1404 persons age 65+

The occupational breakdown of first doses, is as follows:

- 355 Healthcare workers
- 548 Civil and Border Protection
- 1837 Hospitality
- 1094 Retired
- 7085 Others

Distribution (Pfizer)

As of April 22, 4,468 total doses of Pfizer have been administered including 1,096 first doses, 692 second doses and 2680 booster doses. This includes 532 first doses for 12 - 17 year olds; approximately 43% of the estimated 12 – 17 year old population and 294 (24%) second doses. This includes 294 (20%) first doses and 214 (15%) second doses for children aged 5 - 11 years old.

Vaccination Stocks

As of 5:45 pm on Wednesday 27, April 2022, there are 1968 adult Pfizer COVID-19 doses remaining. Factoring in 10% wastage that is 1770 doses expiring by the end of June.

An estimated 1412 persons over the age of 50 years received a first booster between November 2021 and February 2022.

Council:

- 1) thanked the health team for their continued hard work;
- 2) noted the health teams recommendation to retain arrival testing for those persons arriving with pre-arrival tests that are more than 48 hours old, however, this recommendation is not to be taken forward at this time;
- 3) noted that in respect of the future COVID-19 vaccination programme, there is a need to secure vaccine supplies. Accordingly, instructed the health team to forecast future vaccine stock requirements;
- 4) noted that with regard to testing supplies, there is a need to secure rapid tests and RT-PCR tests. Accordingly, instructed the health team to forecast future rapid test and RT-PCR test requirements;
- 5) noted that the health team and Treasury continue to work to establish a payment system to collect revenue, as required, at the ports of entry;
- 6) further to Ex Min 22/120, instructed the health team to prepare a paper with recommendations concerning the discontinuation of day passes for persons taking day trips, to be presented for Council's consideration;
- 7) agreed that second booster doses shall be offered to persons that have received a first booster 4 to 6 months prior to the end of June 2022. Persons aged 50+, with underlying conditions (diabetes, cardiovascular disease, cancer etc.) immunocompromised persons and front line workers shall be prioritized;

- 8) agreed that as Anguilla moves more towards “normalizing” and living with COVID-19, especially given the agreed additional changes to the protocol, it is appropriate that the visibility of the Ministry of Health is lessened in some respects; and
- 9) approved the following changes to the COVID-19 Exit Strategy, commencing May 1, 2022:
 - a) pre-arrival tests (PCR, RNA, NAA or antigen) for everyone, as per the current protocol will be maintained;
 - b) there will be no testing on entry for anyone;
 - c) unvaccinated persons shall quarantine for 5 days and will need a negative test to exit quarantine;
 - d) persons arriving without a pre-arrival COVID-19 test will be required to quarantine for 5 days and will need a negative test to exit quarantine; and
 - e) the portal shall be discontinued on June 1, 2022.

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 22/135

EX MEMO 22/93 APPOINTMENT OF AN AUDITOR FOR THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2021

Financial Specialist remained.

The Hon Minister for MICUHT briefed Council.

Council:

- 1) noted that there are insufficient auditors in Anguilla to establish a competitive market, and the costs associated with

mobilizing other auditors in the region to travel to Anguilla to complete the audit may not result in significant cost savings. Accordingly, agreed that for next year's audit a competitive process must be adopted;

2) noted the following:

- a) section 18(4) of the PUC Act states: "*the accounts shall be audited by such person as may be appointed in respect of each financial year by the Governor in Council*";
- b) letters to H.E. the Governor from the PUC Executive Director, dated July 19, 2021 and April 14, 2022;
- c) that in 2021 the appointment of BDO LLC was extended for three further years and Council did not approve of same, as a competitive process is to be adopted; and
- d) engagement letter from BDO LLC dated March 18, 2022 concerning the audit of the PUC's accounts for the year 2021; and

3) confirmed its approval to appoint the firm BDO LLC to conduct the audit of the Public Utilities Commission's accounts for the year ended December 31, 2021.

Action: PS, MICUHT; HON, MIN MICUHT

EX MIN 22/137

EX MEMO 22/95 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION WEST END, BLOCK 17810 B, PARCEL 201 SL F401A BEING 991 SQ. FT. AND F401B BEING 648 SQ. FT.

Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold on a freehold basis luxury condominium units being 991 sq. ft. and 648 sq. ft. respectively forming part of the Resorts & Residences of Anguilla Home Owners Association Ltd., a Condominium

development at Four Seasons Anguilla Ltd., described as Registration Section West End, Block 17810 B, Parcel 201 SL F401A and F401B being Unit No's. 425 & 426, subject to the following:

a) Stamp Duties payable are as follows:

(i)	under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$3,900,179.27	EC\$195,008.96
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(ii)	under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 5% of EC\$3,900,179.27	<u>EXEMPT</u>
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TOTAL	<u>EC\$195,008.96</u>
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- b) Regulations to be issued for Exemption by the Attorney General's Chambers;
- c) the Licensee is exempted from the payment of Stamp Duty under the Aliens Land Holding Act and in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Anguilla and SOF-VIII-Hotel II Anguilla Holdings, LLC signed on 17 September 2010 and further agreed in First, Second, Third and Fourth Amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding;
- d) the Licensee shall rent the unit that forms part of Four Seasons Anguilla Resort;
- e) the Licensee shall fully comply with the Memorandum of Understanding dated 17 September 2010 and further agreed in First, Second, Third and Fourth Amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding, signed between the Government of Anguilla and SOF-VIII-Hotel II Anguilla Holdings, LLC and in particular Part IV Sections 4, 6 and 7 and Part V Sections IV (a) (b) (c) (in keeping with Use Restrictions and Accommodation Tax for Luxury Real Estate Products);
- f) the Licensee shall place its unit in the rental programme/pool of the hotel for the first two years on receiving ownership of the property;

- g) the Licensee may opt to continue the placement of its unit in the rental programme/pool after this initial period;
- h) if the unit is **NOT** included in the rental programme/pool, annual levies will be charged at US\$6.50 per square foot per annum. Such levies shall be payable on the first day of January in each year that the levy is due. The annual levies will be subject to increase in accordance with Part IV, Section 5(d) of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Government of Anguilla and SOF-VIII-Hotel II Anguilla Holdings, LLC on 17 September 2010 and further agreed in First, Second, Third and Fourth Amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding;
- i) additionally, the annual levy payable by the Licensee will be zero for the first five (5) years following the purchase of the unit. Commencing five (5) years after the purchase of the unit, if the unit is included in the rental programme/pool, annual levies payable by the Licensee will be charged at US\$5.00 per square foot per annum on the covered area of the unit;
- j) the Licensee shall fully comply with the laws of Anguilla; and
- k) any breach of any of the conditions of this Licence shall result in all the estate and interest of the Licensee in the land being liable for forfeiture to the Crown.

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